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John Tomkins of Koorinal
Mary Dunlop of Gobbagombalin
Joseph Monks of Wandoan, Qld

Current member who has passed away
Peter Carn

Past members known to have died in the last year

Betty Hush
Ronald Tye
Patrick McLavin
Lex Foley
Terence Culhane
Alice Mason



President's Page

Rob Walker – Member No. 696

One of the items I brought up in my last report in February was the matter of there being a dearth of speakers for meetings for the remainder of the year. Well, I'm pleased to report that our program has been filled through to our November meeting with a range of interesting topics. Some speakers from the past are making welcome return visits and while the inevitable changes have been required to the calendar, other ideas have been incorporated. So, look forward to a range of topics as foreshadowed in our regular newsletter.

We are slowly coming to terms with the quantity of books that we are offering for sale, to raise income for the Society. As mentioned previously we have received collections from several external sources and it would be excellent if we could obtain the services of a dedicated member, not otherwise doing any duty, to be involved in collating this goldmine and helping Geoff Burch promote it through our Facebook page or through the Website. This requires a continuity of involvement.. We are still going well with our indexing projects but always benefit from new members being involved.

The first half of the year has shown how vulnerable we are when some key members are absent through illness, pressing family commitments or the like and it has been necessary to close the rooms early as we have run out of the required number of members to safely operate the premises. Unfortunately, this is a sign of the times with an ageing population.

On a positive note, we seem to be seeing a steady stream of new members and visitors with requests for help with research in the rooms or through emails to Leanne Diessel, our special Research Officer. However, some people are still not prepared to pay full price for the detailed research carried out.

I've just realised that this will be my last report for the Journal as I am stepping down as President come the September AGM.



Editor's Page

Marcia McIntyre—Member No. 840

Our Society is a member of the N.S.W. & A.C.T. Association of Family History Societies and as such we received an invitation from Mel Woodford, the Secretary of the Association, to attend an online Zoom meeting for Journal Editors to be held on Wednesday, 26 February this year. I registered to attend but knew that I would not be able to contribute a great deal to the meeting, as I do not have a camera and microphone on my desktop computer. But I did find the meeting to be helpful and informative. It was interesting to hear of the different processes used to produce their journal by different member societies. Discussions were held on number of journals posted or emailed; some journals are printed in-house; some have 6 to 8 people assisting the editor. There were 22 journal editors participating with only one of the participants being a male!

As usual this edition of *The Murrumbidgee Ancestor* has a mix of interesting articles, which I hope members will find a good read. Heather Parkin, on page 13, has told the story of her aunt, Doris Golder, who enjoyed a very productive and interesting life. Diana Thompson has Huguenot ancestry and was inspired to tell the history of her Huguenot ancestors, after our Society received details about the Huguenot Society in Australia. Diana's article can be found on page 16.

On page 19, Gwenda Kenyon gives details about her close relationship with her cousins and how valuable that connection is. Neil Dallinger, on page 20, tells of his pioneering Dallinger family and the trials and tribulations of the early generations of this family.

10 Questions NOT to ask a Family Historian

1. Don't you already have enough books?
2. Have you finished your tree yet?
3. Didn't you already tell me that story?
4. Shouldn't you be doing housework or some thing else?
5. Didn't we already go to this cemetery?
6. How much did you spend on that subscription?
7. So, do you have all your research organised yet?
8. Do you really need all those binders and folders?
9. Where are you going to put all this?
10. Didn't you say "one more website" hours ago?



SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Jan Hurcum—Member No. 32

Our speaker at the February meeting was member Neil Dallinger, who told us about “Rex’s Database”, and how to operate it. This was set up by member Rex Stanton, and consists of an index of thousands of local surnames, and gives details of where to find them in different places in our collection. These include Neil’s CD “Births, Deaths and In Memoriams etc from the newspaper, The Daily Advertiser”, our newspaper cuttings file, cemeteries, our journal “Murrumbidgee Ancestor”, and local history books which have been indexed by members. After the meeting, several members had a little test drive. This database expands each week and will grow in the future as more names are added.



Above: Neil Dallinger’s Presentation at the February meeting

Member Marcia McIntyre was guest speaker for the March meeting, her subject being Clan MacIntyre (her husband’s ancestors being direct descendants of the Chiefs of the Clan, direct descendants of the 17th Chief of Clan Cameron and direct descendants of various English and European royalty). Also Rob Roy McGregor happened to be a cousin! Marcia told us about Clan Chiefs, septs, based in Argyllshire, and that she discovered that it was very helpful to find several clergymen in the family recorded in a very old book *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae* (biographies of Scottish clergymen over three centuries) found at the State Library of NSW. This book, as a starting point, was the key to proving all these lines of descent. The original McIntyre to come to Australia, Marcia’s husband’s great-great grandfather, Duncan Alexander McIntyre, migrated on board the ship ‘Hooghley’ in 1836, sponsored by the Campbell family of Duntroon, in the present day Canberra area. Three of his grandsons came from the Canberra district to the Gundagai-Nangus area in the early 1900s working as shearers. Marcia had old photos and prints from books to introduce us to Clan MacIntyre.

Our April meeting was a fun one, with members bringing photographs of their much younger selves for people to try and identify. There weren't very many correct guesses as we have all changed over the years, but there was lots of laughter. One member (who shall not be named!) had the most beautiful curls when very young, but now has no hair at all!!



Above: Marcia speaking about Clan MacIntyre at the March meeting.

Member Will Kember was our guest speaker at the May meeting, and he told us all about his ancestors and life on the land. Will's family has been in the Ganmain area since about the 1880s, and are still there. Will was active in many sports in his younger days, and has also been involved in rural activities like Junior Farmers, Show Societies, the Royal Easter Show and has been awarded life membership of several, as well as an OAM. All in all, he has lived life to the fullest, and is still going strong. Well done, Will!

Several years ago, one of our members, Susan Weisser (now unfortunately deceased) helped Will publish his book "Memoirs of Will Kember OAM, Pine Farm, Ganmain", where you can read all about Will's many exploits

Right; Will Kember speaking of his experience of life at the May meeting.



NOTES FROM WAGGA WAGGA

Compiled by Leanne Diessel - Member No. 412

OBITUARY

The death occurred at the Wagga District Hospital on Thursday morning of Mr. Reginald Moore-Holtman, of Urana Road, aged 37 years. He is survived by his wife and young family. Burial took place yesterday in the Church of England cemetery, Wagga.

The death took place this afternoon of Audrey Joan, aged 12 years, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McFarland, of Morundah Street, Wagga. She had been ill for some weeks, pneumonia eventually intervening. The funeral will leave St. Michael's Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow for the Roman Catholic portion of the Wagga cemetery.

Source: Wagga Wagga Express, Saturday 5 January 1935

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Digger's Annual Dinner

The annual dinner and re-union of the Wagga district Diggers will be held at the Elizabeth Café on January 28 (Anniversary Day), at 7 p.m. Invitations have been sent to returned soldiers in neighbouring towns and it is expected that there will be large parties from those centres. A musical programme is being arranged and a happy evening is expected.

Alleged False Pretences

Before Mr. R. Solling, J.P., at Wagga Police Court on Thursday, Jack Wallace Robinson (30) was charged with false pretences in that he obtained £3 from T. Edmondson & Co., Ltd., Wagga, by telling them that he had authority to obtain goods and charge them to the proprietors of "Kimo", Gundagai. At his own request, Robinson was remanded until February 4, bail being fixed at £20.

Gored By A Bull

Charles Fitzpatrick, a labourer, was admitted to the Wagga District Hospital this afternoon suffering from a badly gashed leg. He was endeavouring to yard a bull on a property at Tarcutta when the bull charged him, ripped his leg badly and pushed him and his horse over a 10ft embankment. Fitzpatrick was treated by Dr. Howie of Tarcutta, and brought to Wagga by the Ambulance.

Source: Wagga Wagga Express, Saturday 19 January 1935

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Fall Whilst Playing

Richard Blake, aged 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blake, of Gurwood Street, sustained a fractured left wrist when he fell from a horizontal bar in the playground of the Gurwood Street Public School on Thursday.

Honoring The Late Mayor

A public meeting has been convened by the Mayor, for Wednesday next, at the Town Hall, to arrange a presentation to Ald. E. E. Collins, M.L.C. and Mrs. Collins in recognition of their public services to the town and district, and ladies are specially invited to attend. This movement should have the support of all towns people, for there are no more worthy citizens. Ald. Collins has been Mayor of Wagga for many several terms over many years, and has always taken the keenest interest in the progress of the town and district, and its institutions, and has been instrumental in inaugurating many of the services of the town. Mrs. Collins also has been a great worker for wartime and public movements.

Caught in Chaffcutter

Mr. Darcy Kendall, of "Wattle Grove" Henty, met with a serious and painful injury on Wednesday. He was feeding a chaffcutter when his left hand became caught between the revolving feed rollers and was drawn towards the knives. Before he could reverse the rollers his left hand was cut off in sections up to his wrist. He was taken to Henty and admitted to hospital, where an operation was performed.

Source: Wagga Wagga Express, Saturday 2 February 1935.

PERSONAL

Mr. John Riddell, whose death occurred in Melbourne, aged 83, was a pioneer of the Walla and Walbundrie district, and for over 40 years owned Walla Walla Station. He was the first to introduce power farming and also introduced the first motor car to Walbundrie.

Having been transferred to Orange after nearly nine years in Wagga as a railway official, Mr. Charles Woodbridge was farewelled by members of the Wagga staff on Thursday afternoon. On behalf of those present, Mr. Webster, stationmaster, presented Mr. Woodbridge with a toilet outfit in solid leather. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbridge left by the mail train for Orange.

Source: Wagga Wagga Express, Saturday 9 February 1935



RESEARCH

Compiled by Leanne Diessel - Member No. 412

Information required on the following places & people:

For privacy reasons contact details cannot be published. If you can help with research, please email wwdfhs@yahoo.com.au or write to the Research Officer (C/- PO Box 307 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650) and information will be passed on.

James Christopher & Elizabeth MIDDLETON nee **HART** & family who lived at Wagga c1870-1900. James died at Goulburn in 1901 & Elizabeth died at Redfern in 1920. Children include **James Patrick, Margaret, Ellen, Elizabeth, Sarah, Martha, James Christopher & Joseph**.
Contact: John DUFFY

Kate WALL born 1875 Wagga, daughter of **William & Ellen WALL** nee **WARREN**. Kate had a daughter **Muriel** born 1911 in Sydney, Kate then died 1914. Muriel was brought up by the **LENEHAN** family. After **William WALL** died Ellen married **Samuel DAVIS** at Wagga. **Ellen DAVIS** died at Wagga in 1946.
Contact: Kerry WALLACE

George LEWIS stabbing at Romanos Wagga Christmas Eve 1956.
Contact: John BELL

Thomas Francis MURRAY who married **Amelia Anne BEST** at Wagga in 1880. Children: **Francis Wilfred Pearson MURRAY, Clara Agnes MURRAY & Edward Charles Oswald MURRAY**.
Contact: Kim ADAMS

James ROSE Snr, Annie ROSE & the WILD Families of Wagga.
Contact: Graeme ROSE



Photos below of the very entertaining April meeting where members attempted to guess who the subjects were in the childhood photos on display.



Cousins

Gwenda Kenyon – Member No. 19

Cousins have represented a big part of my life, as I had no brothers or sisters. Fortunately my Dad's two brothers and my Mum's three sisters with their families, remained living nearby, and provided me with a total of fourteen cousins.

As we all lived in close proximity, there was a natural progression towards knowing and caring for each other. We really enjoyed ourselves and had great fun.

Of the total of 14 cousins (three on my Dad's side, and 11 within my Mum's family) only one was older than me, and I felt I could "look up to him". Whilst we all related well to each other – we were varied in shape, size and talents – tall, short, skinny, nicely plump, shy and bold! All very sporty, valuable sports team members – football, cricket, basketball or hockey, running fast, roller skating, dancing, jumping high, (even me)! **But I could never roller skate!**

During our working lives we enjoyed success with a variety of skills in the world of banking, teaching, technology, commerce, motor mechanics, dressmaking, hairdressing and Defence.

Only two cousins have passed away – in 2012 and 2024, both having succumbed to a contracted illness. I am the 2nd eldest, therefore 2nd in charge!

I am grateful for all the happy memories and friendships shared. It is pleasing to still be in contact with my cousins!



Doris Golder (nee Scott) **Gifted Hands – Gracious Heart**

Heather Parkin – Member No. 811

We all have memories of relatives that are fondly remembered, and that influences our lives positively, and my mother's younger sister Doris (nee Scott) Golder certainly had a great, positive influence on myself, our family and countless others.

Auntie Doris was born 3 October, 1925, at Narrandera, NSW, the third of four children to Alexander "Alec" Mickel Scott, and Margaret Louise Scott, nee Muntz.

She was raised on *Glenishlia* farm near Boree Creek, NSW, with her parents and siblings – my mother Glenice Margaret (born 1923), William Alexander, "Lex" Scott (born 1924) and Robert Mickle Scott (born 1928). Doris, after her school years, went to work in Albury in the office of the flour mill there, and after the War, she married, on 4 September, 1948, a farmer, Geoffrey Edmund Hopwood, from Yulumba, which is west of Boree Creek. Geoffrey Hopwood had been a flying officer in the R.A.A.F. from 28 February, 1941 to 4 January, 1946, and had served in the European Theatre of War, and in Burma.

Mandalay farm was run at Yalumba by Geoff and Doris, who loved one another dearly, and when Doris became pregnant, they were so happy to know that they would soon become parents. One day, when Doris was about six months pregnant, Geoff stood at the doorway to ask how she felt the pregnancy was going and enquired about the child within her, and expressed hope that all would be well. Several days later, Geoff was cutting firewood with a Hargen saw, and a piece of wood flew up and hit Geoff on the head, and 24 hours later he had passed away.

So Auntie Doris had to continue her pregnancy to full term alone, with the support of her parents and extended family and friends, and Geoff's relatives. She bravely did so, and gave birth to a son – my cousin – Geoffrey Edmund Hopwood Jr. on 31 October, 1953. Doris continued to run the farm with Geoff Snr's brother's help, and then on 19 November, 1960, she remarried a bachelor farmer from Yulumba, George Charles Golder, and they lived on his farm. They built their new home from native pine, cut on their property and milled at Narrandera.

Their home became a home of amazing hospitality, with relatives, friends, other farmers and others popping in for a "cuppa" and chat. Auntie Doris was renowned for her excellent cooking, and one always had fresh scones, cakes, biscuits, apple pie etc. whilst there for a visit..

Not only was Doris a good homestyle cook, but she won countless prizes and awards for her entries in the district shows, and won first prize at The Land Cookery Contest at Sydney's Royal Easter Show several times.

Whenever a local young woman needed a wedding dress made, and/or the dresses for her bridesmaids, or a ball dress made, then Doris would volunteered to make it (just as long as the woman helped around the kitchen/dining area to cook, clean, sweep, to help for Doris while she was sewing the garment for the lady). No payment was asked – just kindness of help for Doris while she served others. As well, she made several evening outfits for me.

Once again, prizes were won in local shows, awarded due to her sewing experience. She also found time to belong to the Boree Creek C.W.A. and to play golf at the Boree Creek Club and tennis at the Boree Creek district competition round-robin.

Auntie Doris never forgot anyone's birthdays. Faithfully she would post off a post-card (with a lottery ticket inside most times) and send the recipient her love and care. She would do humble acts of service to support and care for others– always quietly, gently and lovingly. Many times I have been on the receiving end of this wonderful lady's care and support (especially when her sister, my mother, at almost 46 years, died of cancer when I was eighteen and a half.). In 1989 there was another sorrow for her only child, Geoffrey Hopwood, aged about 36, a commercial pilot flying a Talair passenger plane in the New Guinea highlands near Mt. Hagen, when cloud obscured his vision. He and his co-pilot were killed when the plane crashed, but the passengers survived. Doris had to go to New Guinea to bring him back to Boree Creek to lie beside his father Geoffrey Snr.



Above: Doris Golder with the former Federal Member for Farrer, Tim Fischer. Mr Fischer being the subject of one of her wool art portraits.

Then in 1969 at the age of 49 she added another string to her “gifted hands” bow, and started with the Boree and District Art Group. She created many oil paintings during this time, and attended Heather Bell’s art classes in Wagga in 1980, which led her to try natural wool art after being shown a newspaper article about it. She had learnt to spin wool as well, and then began to experiment using natural wool to create landscapes, portraits of prominent people and animals. These could often take up to three months to complete each picture, laying down minute pieces of natural coloured wool on to a white wool stuck-down background on a hardboard backing. Many of the subjects contacted her to display the “painting” at various exhibitions, including one being hung on the wall of Parliament House, Canberra.

The art works weren’t created for profit, but to benefit charities and projects, such as the Urana Aged Hostel, and the Riverina Cancer Care Hostel in 2000, when her wool landscape raised over \$10,000. She retired to Lockhart, nursed her husband George, who passed away from cancer, then donated her comprehensive wool art collection to the Lockhart community, which is displayed to this day at Green’s Gunyah Museum, at the Doris Golder Wool Art Gallery, which can be viewed at the Lockhart Museum.

Auntie Doris never complained about the trials or sorrows that she had endured. She continued forward with hope, love and trust in God and Lord Jesus as her Savior, being cheerful, helpful and an inspiration to countless people. I was at a church service at Lockhart one day when she preached the sermon to the congregation. It was wonderful and encouraging.

She was awarded an O.A.M. at the Queen’s Birthday, on 4 October, 2016, regarding her artistic talents, the day after Doris celebrated her 91st birthday. She passed away on 4 February, 2023, aged 97 years and four months, loved and respected by everyone. Her legacy lives on.



My Huguenot Ancestor

Diana Thomson - Member No. 461

In February, our Society received a letter from The Huguenot Society of Australia¹ seeking promotion of their aims in order to create further interest in the group.

The Huguenots, French Protestants in a predominantly Catholic France, had a long history of religious persecution and exile. Some French kings were sympathetic to their beliefs and other were not, so many Huguenots fled France between 1550 and 1770, especially in the late 17th century. The countries they migrated to included England, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland and South Africa². Many Huguenot descendants have come to Australia.

I read the letter pinned on the notice board and it made me consider writing something about my Huguenot ancestor. One of my thirty-two 4xgreat-grandparents, Elizabeth Reynells³, descended from Huguenots who settled in Dublin, Ireland. The fact that she is six generations removed from me does make my Huguenot ancestry somewhat diluted. The information relating to her life and family has not come from my research but from that of different English cousins and, in particular, from a family history⁴ by Robert Colquhoun, a 4th cousin.



Elizabeth was born in 1738 in Dublin to Charles Reynells and Esther La Pierre who married 10th December 1737 in St Bride's Church. Her paternal grandfather, John Reynells, had come from the Palatinate⁵ and had become a naturalised citizen in 1700. Her maternal grandparents were Etienne La Pierre, a Dublin merchant whose father had been born in Le Vigan, Cévennes, southern France and naturalised in 1729 and Prudence Hierome whose father, the Rev Jacques Hierome was born in Sedan, north-east France.

Elizabeth was the eldest of five children. She had three sisters, Mary, Esther and Prudence. Her only brother, Stephen William Reynells, was born two years after her and years later in 1798 was murdered by rebels at Vinegar Hill at the age of 58.

Above: Elizabeth (Reynells) Crosthwaite

He owned one of the three gold watches, known to exist at the time, made by Elizabeth's husband, John Crosthwaite, a clock and watch maker of Dublin. Elizabeth had married John in 1769 when she was 31, some seven years older than her husband. They had seven children, Charles, Philip, Gertrude, Eliza, Mary Anne, Esther and John. Of these seven children four died young leaving their eldest son and daughter, Charles and Gertrude, and youngest child John to grow to adulthood. Charles is one of my 3xgreat grandparents.

Elizabeth was a milliner before she married. When she and John moved from Dame Street, Dublin, where her husband first set up his watch making business, to 27 Grafton Street she advertised her own business. "Elizabeth Crosthwaite, formerly Reynolds, who lately transacted Business for Miss Metcalfs', milliners, in Dame-street, begs leave to inform her Friends that she has laid in her house, the Eagle and Watch the East side of Grafton-street, a large and elegant Assortment of the most fashionable Millinery goods, and flatters herself that the lowness of her prices and quality of her Goods, will merit the Approbation of her friends and the Public. N.B. An apprentice is wanting."

Both of Elizabeth's sons married and had families of their own. John actually married his cousin Sarah Davenport, the daughter of his mother's sister Esther. Gertrude never married and kept house for her father after her mother died. She died in 1823, six years before her father.

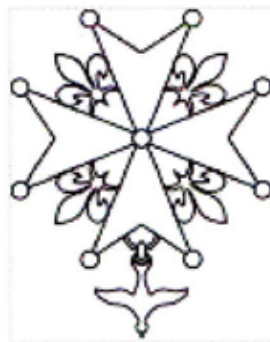
In about 1791, Elizabeth's husband had a house called *Vergemount* built in extensive grounds at Clonskeagh, now the southern suburbs of Dublin. Elizabeth died in 1815 at the age of 77. However, she would have enjoyed the comfort of this home and its surrounds before she passed away. The house and grounds were described in 1853 when put up for sale by her eldest grandson, the Rev John Clarke Crosthwaite, the son of her eldest son Charles. This description would give some idea of what the house and garden were like in earlier times. "*Vergemount* House is well situated for a comfortable Villa residence. The lands are beautifully situated and tastefully laid out, and there are several valuable and ornamental trees on the grounds, consisting of Ash, Oak, Elm, Walnut and Horse Chestnuts, besides Evergreens and blossoming shrubs. The House consists of Dining and Breakfast Parlours, Drawing Room, seven Bedrooms with two dressing rooms, Kitchen, Coal Vaults, Wine Cellar, and all the conveniences required for a Gentleman's family. There is a lock-up yard with a stable for three Horses, Coach House, Harness Room, Boiler, Laundry, Dairy and two Bedrooms for Servants. There is also a lock-up Farm Yard, with a cow-house, lately built on the modern approved System, a Box Stall, a Cart and Piggery. The garden is stocked with all kinds of Fruit Trees and tastefully laid out."

Elizabeth and her husband had had their portraits painted at some stage. These portraits were handed down through family who'd moved to England. In the 1930s Betty Hall, another 4th cousin, found out who was in possession of the portraits and organised to have photos taken. This was fortunate because the son of the portrait keeper, who died in 1952, could only get to his father's funeral and left the sale of the house in the hands of the housekeeper.

Betty later wrote to another Australian cousin that she “did not discover until long afterwards that no one seemed to know what had happened to the portraits. It is sad to think that they were probably destroyed, as at that time they would not have been considered of any value.”

When Elizabeth died in 1815, she was buried in St Ann’s Churchyard where her son Philip had been buried years earlier. To-day the family graves are no longer to be seen as the area has been redeveloped.

The Huguenots were refugees fleeing persecution and like most refugees became good and industrious citizens in their new homelands, and that is how I like to think of Elizabeth Reynells and her refugee ancestors.



Above: Huguenot Cross

Notes

¹ The Huguenot Society of Australia’s website: <http://huguenotsaustralia.org.au>

² see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huguenot> for a detailed account of the Huguenots in France.

³ The family name later became Reynolds instead of Reynells.

⁴ Crosthwaite of Cumberland and Ireland – Ancestry and Descent of John Crosthwaite (1745-1829), clock and watch maker of Dublin, and of Elizabeth née Reynells (1738-1815) his wife, Robert Colquhoun, London, 2002. This is a self-published spiral-bound book and copies were only printed for family members. However, Robert did give a copy to the Society of Genealogists, London.

⁵ see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electoral_Palatinate



The Dallinger Story

Neil Dallinger – Member No 352

Konrad Dallinger: A Pioneer of Albury and His Lasting Legacy

Konrad Dallinger, a German immigrant, played a vital role in the early settlement of Albury, New South Wales. Born on March 29, 1822, in Grosachsen, Baden, Germany, he arrived in Australia on October 25, 1852, aboard the ship *Peter Godeffroy* from Hamburg with his father, Georg Peter Dallinger. Like many of his contemporaries, Konrad fled his homeland during a political uprising, seeking a new life in Australia.

Before leaving Germany, Konrad married Katharina Plaicher on February 13, 1849, in Grosachsen, Germany. Katharina was born on February 27, 1823, in Grosachsen. Tragically, she passed away during the voyage to Australia.

Upon arriving in Sydney, Konrad purchased a bullock dray and embarked on a long and arduous journey to Albury. He eventually settled at *Mungabareena*, just outside the town, where he established himself as one of the area's most respected pioneers. On January 6, 1855, in Albury, he married Maria Katharina Knobel, who was born on July 4, 1833, in Ziegelhausen, Germany. Together, they had five children, with their firstborn, Jacob Dallinger, arriving on January 3, 1856, in Albury.

The Homestead and Agricultural Contributions

Konrad built a homestead beside the Sydney Road near what is now the entrance to Albury Airport. Constructed from mud and straw within a wooden frame and topped with a shingled roof (later replaced with iron), the homestead remained largely unchanged until its demolition in the 1930s. The Dallinger family cultivated fruit and vegetables, selling their produce to passing teamsters and travellers en-route to the goldfields, contributing to the local economy.

A Tragic End

Konrad met an unfortunate and sudden death on April 28, 1884. While travelling alone to collect a load of wood, he fell from his dray while descending a bank of the Murray River. Stunned and entangled in the reins, he was dragged into the river and drowned. The wheel of the dray passed over his head, marking a tragic end to his pioneering journey.

Jacob Dallinger: A Legacy Continued

Jacob Dallinger, Konrad's eldest son, carried on his father's pioneering spirit. He married Mary Ann Barbara Carroll on May 14, 1878, in Albury. Born on May 22, 1861, Mary tragically died in childbirth in 1892 after bearing eight children, two of whom died young. Faced with raising six children alone, Jacob remarried Katharina Dick on November 22, 1892. They had six children together, including Joseph Dallinger, the father of this story's contributor..

Jacob was instrumental in the region's agricultural and equine industries. He bred



The Dallinger Homestead

remounts at *Mungabareena* for the Indian Army and owned a string of racehorses, including *Whackawal*, which finished fifth in the 1888 Melbourne Cup.

His property, known as *Plumpton Paddock*, was later proposed as the site for Albury's military centre. Jacob also endured personal hardships, suffering a severe accident while sawing a tangled root at his home. His right hand slipped under the saw, resulting in the loss of his thumb and the amputation of three fingers.

Joseph Dallinger: An Athlete and Innovator

Joseph Dallinger, born on June 11, 1900, in Albury, carried on the family's tradition of resilience and achievement. He married Alexis Edna Joy Ferguson on April 25, 1931, and they had two children, Robert (born 1940) and Neil (born 1945). Joseph excelled in sports, captaining the undefeated St. Pat's seconds football team, winning numerous trophies in swimming and tennis, and making a name for himself as an A Grade cricketer. He also became a pioneer in business, introducing frozen foods to Albury for the first time.

The Dallinger Legacy

The Dallinger family's contributions to Albury's development are undeniable. From Konrad's early struggles and establishment in *Mungabareena* to Jacob's equestrian and agricultural successes and Joseph's sporting and business achievements, the family left an indelible mark on the region. The Dallinger name remains synonymous with pioneering resilience, community contribution, and progress.

Continuing the family legacy, the contributor of this story married Noreen Ann Chessell on 29 April, 1967, in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. They had two children, a girl and a boy, ensuring that the Dallinger name carries on for another generation.

The family's history is a testament to the pioneering spirit that shaped rural Australia, ensuring that their legacy will continue to be remembered for generations to come.

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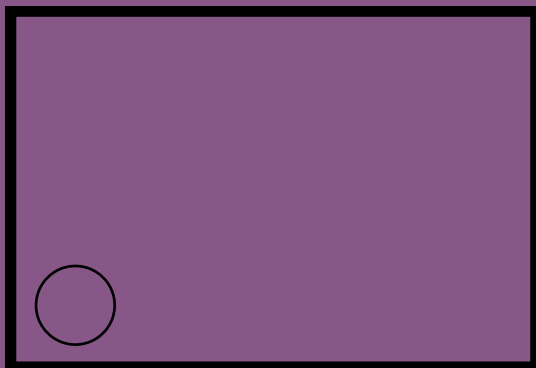
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