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Contributions for publication in the journal are welcome. Electronic copies are preferred, in Word and Times New Roman font. Paper copy is welcome if electronic form is not possible.

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New members of our Society

Colin Earnshaw of Wagga

Maureen Allen of Wagga

Fiona & Stephen Jaques of Wagga

Jennifer Stephenson of Blacktown

Gabrielle McIntyre of Downside

It is hoped that our new members will find being a part of our Society a very productive and worthwhile experience, with a chance to meet new friends and to further your research interests, using the Society's many resources.



President's Report to the Annual General Meeting, September 2025

Rob Walker – Member 696

Sadly, this annual report begins with the news of the passing of our beloved member Neil Dallinger on 11 September at Wagga Base Hospital after a prolonged hospitalisation. Importantly he was our Treasurer at the time of his death, and he will be sorely missed in that office and many other areas of the Society. An expanded obituary will be published in this edition of the *Murrumbidgee Ancestor*.

We have retained an acceptable membership base for the 2024/2025 period, which pleasingly continues into the current 2025/2026 period. Diana Thomson, our Membership Secretary, has enthusiastically kept these records and provided print labels for mail outs, new member packages, Society flyers and blank pedigree sheets which we make available to members and visitors to the Rooms.

Financially we are in a sound position, many thanks to Neil's skills with finances, but are now faced with the dilemma of finding a new Treasurer from within our ranks, or do we consider a contracted person.

Fundamentally our Rooms are a library and resource centre focused on history as well as family history. Therefore, we have many hundreds of books which need to be kept in order, so that we, members and visitors, can make use of them for research. Periodically we need a stocktake. In the distant past this had been a monster project but we are currently doing a similar process to 2018 the last time it was done, as a bay/shelf project with the great assistance of Fran Payne, Peter Gissing and Anne Traynor and as expected we are finding books missing/misplaced, errors in the Library Guide etc, so it is important to remind members using the library to make sure books go back in the appropriate place. We have a book borrowing system in place if members need to borrow a book Check with the duty officer and if you need to borrow a book out of the library make sure it comes back!

Indexing projects, under the direction of Wendy Bellany, continue each day the library is open with a solid group of members compiling these indexes, the majority of which will be included in Rex's database, our magic reference software for surnames.

One of my projects in the past year was to deaccession the Quee collection to free up shelf space and this was completed by early May in time for the Rotary Book Fair in Wagga. The space cleared has since been taken up by incoming collections from the Wal Fife Room, Dorothy Fellowes and others. Some of these books have been added to the library and some have been found to be duplicates of what we already have. In August, once a catalogue of saleable books was made up with the help of Geoff Burch, we circulated that to our members not realising how many quickfire purchases would be handled within minutes of the list being advertised. The remaining unsold books, plus additions, will be going into a revised catalogue to be listed on the webpage and on Facebook, but we might need to put a pause on this until we appoint a new Treasurer and find a webpage manager.

The Society was approached by Wagga City Library to provide Family History workshops for the public. We were pleased to comply, and Geoff Burch, Leanne Diessel and Meri Stewart ran two workshops in late 2024 and Leanne Diessel and I did two workshops to coincide with Family History month this past August at which 30 people attended. We are hopeful that some of these people will take the opportunity to use our rooms and our expertise.

The closure of the Wal Wife Room in November 2024 finalised our direct involvement at Mt Erin, except for the book collection we brought back into our rooms, as well as ongoing input for the Wal Fife Website.

I thank Jan Hurcum, who as our long-standing Secretary, continues to put in the hours so that the system works and members are kept up to date with events.

I thank Leanne Diessel, our expert researcher and E-mail secretary, who maintains a very high level of investigation on enquiries submitted by members of the public and our own members, even in times of her own family disruptions, and raises significant income from the contract research carried out.

I thank also the other members of the Committee in general, for their continued good management of the Society. Wendy Bellany, Helen Lubke, Geoff Burch, Marcia McIntyre and Sharon Wheatley have been regular attendees and contributors, so my thanks go to them as well.

Marcia McIntyre, as Journal Editor, continues to produce a consistently good journal three times a year, but comments that it is getting harder to find contributors. I believe we are now facing a difficult period of restructuring, but I trust that the incoming Executive and Committee will find ways to keep building on the strength of the Society.

Addendum: Due to an oversight of mine I missed reporting on the work Leanne Diessel, Jan Hurcum, Wendy Bellany, and others did on indexing the Small Debt records of Goulburn from the 1860s, a project on behalf of NSW State Records (Digivol). It involved transcribing an online image followed by a validation process and was a slow and difficult exercise (Archives for Everyone).



Editor's Page

Marcia McIntyre—Member No. 840

Welcome to another edition of the *Murrumbidgee Ancestor*. It has been a sad few weeks for our Society, with the passing of our friend, Neil Dallinger. Neil was one of my proofreaders for the *Murrumbidgee Ancestor* and was very meticulous in carrying out that task. He had a great eye for detail. As Jan Hurcum records in Neil's Vale, on page 15, he was a very valued member of our Society.

I would like to thank my remaining proof readers, Rob Walker, Leanne Diessel, and Robyn Jessiman for their invaluable assistance in helping to compile the *Murrumbidgee Ancestor* throughout the year.

At our recent Annual General Meeting we welcomed three new committee members—Anne Traynor, Fran Payne and Alison Wiese and I am sure that all three will make a great contribution to our society.

A former member, and our former President, Gary Croker (who with his wife Wendy, had moved away from Wagga so were no longer members) recently visited our Society and re-joined as a member. Gary intends to contribute many articles to the *Murrumbidgee Ancestor*, which is very pleasing. His article in this edition (which mentions his maternal grandmother) can be found on page 13. The family tree of Gary's maternal grandmother is recorded in a book that I donated to the Society about 10 years ago, titled *Cameron of Waterholes, Micilago*. It is the story of a Cameron family, early pioneers in the Queanbeyan-Micilago area. Our McIntyre family are also in this family tree, cousins to Gary's family.

I have also written an article which can be found on page 16, featuring two 4th cousins of my late husband.

Australia Post has recently increased their postage charges and on the "Publications for Sale" on the back page, Wendy Bellany has updated the postage charges for any publications purchased which need to be posted. Thank you Wendy.



SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Jan Hurcum—Member No. 32

There was a very good attendance of members at our June meeting to hear member Meri Stewart speak about DNA. She was guest speaker about five years ago when she was first trying to trace her grandparents on her mother's side of the family. Her mother and twin aunt were abandoned as babies on a Sydney railway station, but Meri has been able to confirm relationships with the help of DNA.

At this meeting, Meri gave us her hints on which company to use (she recommends the larger ones who have the biggest database), and advises watching out for 'specials' for a cheaper price. Also, don't believe everything, and always double-check before adding information to your own family tree. As with everything, there are advantages and disadvantages (you may not wish to accept some relationships, but they are fact!). A number of our members have had their DNA done – some who have found lots of relationships and handy details, and quite a few who haven't benefited at all.

We have had some welcome visitors to our rooms recently. Firstly, one of our older members, Sister Noela Fox, came for morning tea. Then we had a visit from Member No. 1 Doug Thomas who was President for a number of years in the early days, before he moved to the Central Coast of NSW. Lastly, Wendy and Gary Croker came for morning tea a couple of weeks ago. They now live just south of Newcastle, and Gary has promised to write some articles for the journal. It was lovely to catch up with all our visitors, and we hope to see them again soon.



**The Society's display at the Wagga Wagga Library,
Commemorating Family History Month in August**

Michelle Maddison from the Museum of the Riverina was our guest speaker in July. She has written her second book on woman of Wagga Wagga (and is planning a third), and told us about some of the most interesting characters she has researched. Roughly half of the women are historical and half are contemporary, so members recognised some of the more notable women. The tale of the twin Fletcher sisters, Lilian and Florence, and their missionary exploits was fascinating. Michelle is also interested in women who were railway gate keepers – they really had hard lives in those days.



Above: Michelle Maddison speaking at the July Meeting

August was National Family History month and we had our usual celebratory morning tea on Monday 4 August, which was not very well attended but Mayor Dallas Tout gave us interesting insights into traffic problems to come with the building of the Edmonstone Street bridge, and also on Council grants. Thank you to members who brought goodies to eat.

Leanne, Sharon and Wendy put together an interesting display of photos and information on old houses in Wagga to draw attention to National Family History Month. It is in the cabinet on the left-hand side of the Library entrance. Well done girls.

President Rob and Research Officer Leanne hosted two sessions on “Beginning Family History Research” at Wagga City Library.

Our guest speaker for August was Barbara Barclay who has a good knowledge of Ireland and researching there, as she lived there for 25 years. Her subject was “The Famine Orphan girls: Irish Emigration to Australia 1848 to 1850”, and this was the first time Barbara has spoken on this subject in Australia. We learned interesting

facts about the girls (from workhouses), how they travelled and the conditions they found when they arrived in Sydney and Melbourne. The girls were aged between 14 and 18, were accommodated at Hyde Park Barracks when they landed, and were selected as domestic servants on a 'hiring day'. There is a memorial to the girls at Hyde Park Barracks, and another in Williamstown, Victoria. Barbara also gave us hints on provinces, parishes and townlands; and some helpful websites (irishgenealogy.ie/ and www.johngrenham.com).

Our long-time Treasurer Neil Dallinger died 11 September. He had health problems for years but always seemed to bounce back again, so his death with a shock to everyone.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in September with a fair attendance of members. One Committee person didn't seek re-election because of health problems, but we had three other volunteers. Welcome to Fran Payne, Anne Traynor, and Alison Wiese. We are without a President and a Treasurer, but a nomination from the floor has provided us with an Assistant Treasurer – thank you very much Alison Wiese. See list of Committee at the front of the Journal.



Meri Stewart speaking about her adventures with DNA at the June meeting.

NOTES FROM WAGGA WAGGA

Compiled by Leanne Diessel - Member No. 412

PERSONAL

Mr. J. W. M'Gilvary, of the Australian Air Force, son of **Mr. and Mrs. J. M. M'Gilvary**, of Wagga, is spending his Christmas holiday with his parents. While here he has received word that he has passed his second year in science at the Sydney University with credit. He will probably sit for his degree this year.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that **Mr. P. Manley**, who is a patient in Lewisham Hospital, is making very satisfactory progress. It will be remembered that Mr. Manley, who is the manager of the Murruguldrie State forest, was extensively injured owing to the limb of a tree falling on him a few weeks ago. It will be several weeks before he will be able to leave his bed.

On learning of the death in Sydney on December 22 of **Mr. Joseph Bailey**, who for many years was in business in Wagga as an engineer, Mr. R. Hurst wrote, on behalf of the draught players of Wagga and district, a letter of condolence to Mr. Bailey's relatives. Mr. Hurst has now received a reply from **Mrs. T. Hayton**, of Ashfield, a daughter with whom Mr. Bailey lived while in Sydney, stating that death came very suddenly, the cause being acute heart failure. On December 22 he had visited a son, taking to the home Christmas gifts. He was cheerful and apparently in excellent health. At 9.30 o'clock, as he was waiting for a bus, he collapsed and died immediately. The body was cremated on Christmas Eve.

Source: Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser Wednesday 1 January 1930.

PERSONAL

Richard Giltinan of Wagga, has been awarded a Teachers' Training College scholarship from Wagga High School, and **Alice M'Intyre**, of Junee, from the Junee Intermediate High School.

It was learned from the Wagga District Hospital last night that the condition of **Mr. Charles Sander** was satisfactory. Mr. Sander received severe injuries to the face through being struck by a gate when a bullock charged him at the slaughter yards on Urana Road.

Constable H. C. J. Walsh, lock-up keeper at Wagga, is on his annual leave. Accompanied by Mrs. Walsh he will spend his holiday motor touring through Gippsland and along the coast to Sydney.

Mr. John Campbell, of the staff of Messrs Bush and Campbell, Wagga, is to be married at Mosman on Saturday to **Miss Margery M'Kay**, of Mosman. Mr. Campbell has been the guest of honor at several presentation functions arranged by friends.

Source: Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Thursday 27 February 1930

MURRUMBIDGEE BRIDGE

The choosing of a site for a bridge across the **Murrumbidgee River**, between Wagga and Narandera, will again be considered to-morrow. All persons interested are asked to meet the engineers who are to inspect sites at **Jones's Reserve** at 9.45 o'clock in the morning. And later at **Wagingoberembe**.

Source: Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Thursday 29 May 1930

STREET NUMBERING SHOULD BE COMPLETED

An advantageous work was undertaken some years ago when the **Wagga Municipal Council** accepted a proposition placed before it by **Mr. Victor Lynch** for the numbering of shops, offices, residences, and vacant allotments in the streets of the town. It is unfortunate that the council did not have the task completed. As far as it went, the work was excellently carried out by Mr. Lynch in the satisfaction of all concerned and at a comparatively low cost. Before Mr. Lynch left Wagga he submitted an offer to the council for the completion the work, but the council declined to accept it. The result is that the work is only half finished and, like most uncompleted tasks, it is most unsatisfactory. The numbering of some streets is complete, some of the houses in others are numbered and remainder unnumbered, and in other streets again there has been no attempt at numbering. For business purposes, and to facilitate postal deliveries, if for no other reasons, it is essential that the numbering be completed without delay. Wagga is a large growing town, and the absence of numbers in certain streets is a reproach. It certainly should not be necessary for a person to wander up and down a street, making enquiries from householders and passers-by, in order to locate a particular house. We strongly urge the Mayor and aldermen to put the completion of the work in hand. It is really urgent, and there should be no delay in giving the requisite authority for its performance.

Source: Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Wednesday 25 June 1930



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.

Location of **Joseph MONKS' O'Brien Creek** property circa 1900-1920s

Contact: Joseph MONKS

The **Tarcutta Road Wagga Wagga Gatehouse** Gatekeeper **Sarah HOUGHTON** & her daughter **Charlotte PRATT**.

Contact: Garry & Lesley GALVIN

Bridget WAGDON (previously MAGUIRE) (1839 IRE-1865 Wagga) & her daughter **Elizabeth** (1861 Wagga-1927 Albury) who married **Charles James REDMAN** at Wagga 1885. The families lived at North Wagga c1860-80s & **Elizabeth & Charles REDMAN** later at Lake Albert. **Charles REDMAN** died 1892 at Lake Albert.

Contact: Graeme ROSE

William 'Bill' & Irene ROSE & family (William, Janice & Iain) who lived in Wagga after immigrating from Scotland in 1963. The family later moved to Canberra.

Contact: Rhona MANZI (Montrose, Scotland)

Edward WILSON (1887 Murrumburah-1920 Cowra) also known as **Teddy WHEELER** son of **Thomas & Matilda WILSON (nee GARBETT)**. Edward's father, Thomas, was an African American negro.

Contact: Pamela BEXLEY



Another Interesting Book.

Gary Croker – Member No. 469

I love books! I buy books, I borrow books, I find books, I exchange books, I collate books, and I have been known to write books. I find Big W the best place to buy books although sometimes I just have to pay top dollar for a book I want. I like biographies, memoirs, and local histories. Sometimes I can't find anything in my preferred categories, and I am relegated to fiction. Shock, horror! Recently I bought a book direct from the author and he sent it, signed, to my address. An advertisement came up for the book in a newspaper, and I saw it and took notice, even though the subject was far from both my location and that of the author.

As an aside, don't you hate that often authors write a book and call it by a name that gives no indication of what the subject is about! I think a journal article should be written called "books I have found" despite the fact that the name of the book didn't help me see that it was worth reading. I'd better start writing such a story.

Why did I buy this book, despite the fact it was a bit expensive? Well, the name helped a little bit I suppose. The author, who I had never heard, also intrigued me. The author was Cameron Archer, and the book is called '*Highlands to Limestone Plains*'. I knew immediately that Limestone Plains was an early name for the region around modern Canberra and the ACT. I had ancestors who lived in part of the Limestone Plains, perhaps this book would add to my knowledge of those people.

My maternal grandmother, Helen Mildred Mary Cook was born in 1890 to George Cook and Rebecca Sewell Rayworth. George had emigrated from England and he farmed land around Boro in NSW. George and Rebecca had nine children all born at Boro. (Boro is between Goulburn and Braidwood.)





Neil Dallinger with his faithful friend, Max.

VALE NEIL DALLINGER

Jan Hurcom—Member No.32

We knew our Treasurer Neil had had health problems for years, but his death on 11 September was still a great shock. He has been an important part of our Society for many years, and we will greatly miss him.

Neil joined our Society on 8 March 1995 (member number 352). He must have kept a low profile for a while, as he was not elected Treasurer until 1998. He also had a break from 2004, but served as President from June 2016 to June 2020; President/Treasurer then Treasurer from February 2021 until he passed away.

Neil has always been very active in our Society, with online purchases of resources and organising the lease of our present photocopier. He collected Order of Service booklets from Wagga Funeral Directors, and helped with the filing of newspaper cuttings. His Births Deaths Marriages and In Memoriam index from the *Daily Advertiser* newspaper was published as a CD and sold to benefit our finances, and the index is still being added to today. Member Rex Stanton and Neil also developed the structure of “Rex’s Database” which allows us to search 200,000 name records in seconds. This is of great assistance to members, and also visitors to our Library.

If you read our Journal *Murrumbidgee Ancestor* No. 145 for June 2025, you will find Neil’s story of the Dallinger family, beginning with German immigrant Konrad Dallinger arriving in Sydney in 1852 and eventually settling near Albury. Neil also had other articles in our Journal, including his experiences as a young Bank employee being moved around the Riverina.

Neil was a roster person for our rooms, and always arrived early to turn on heaters ready for members and visitors to enter nice warm rooms on cold winter mornings. Morning tea and lunch discussions were enlivened by Neil’s research on his mobile phone with SIRI; and by tales of his mate Max the dog who was good at running away and also stealing socks.

Farewell, Neil! We will always remember your dedication and friendship.



4th Cousins – The Brave and the Bad

Marcia McIntyre—Member No. 840

The Brave – Richard Leslie Norden was born in Gundagai, NSW on 24 August, 1948. He was the son of Walter “Wally” Norden and Rita nee Crane. Richard’s father, Wally, served in the AIF in WW2, and was posted to New Guinea and Borneo, as a member of the 7th Division, 25th Infantry. Richard’s grandfather, Frederick Norden, served in WW1, 6th Light Horse Regiment, seeing action at Gallipoli, where he was wounded in the right shoulder and left leg on 12 July, 1915.

Richard Norden enlisted in the Australian Army on 24 April, 1966. After military training in Australia, he was deployed to Vietnam in 1966 with the 1st Australian Reinforcement Unit. After combat training in Vietnam, he was assigned to the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR) on 31 January 1968. Richard served with this regiment for more than two months before transferring to 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR).

On 12 May 1968, Australian and New Zealand forces set up Fire Support Bases (FSBs) Coral and Balmoral in Bien Hoa province. On 14 May, Richard’s platoon came under heavy fire during one of a series of contacts outside the FSBs. These contacts were part of the larger Battle of Coral–Balmoral. Using his initiative and demonstrating care for his mates, Richard, aged 19 years, rescued a wounded soldier and recovered the body of another, with little cover and under intense enemy fire. His actions prevented the enemy from inflicting further casualties. In this battle, Richard was wounded but reported to be in a satisfactory condition.



Private Richard Norden, DCM, VC.

He served in Vietnam until 13 August 1968. He continued serving with the Australian Army back home in Australia. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) on 20 August 1968 for his actions on 14 May 1968. The Distinguished Conduct Medal ranked second only to the Victoria Cross, the highest possible award for courage and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy.

The full citation for his DCM reads: *Private Norden, a member of the leading section, asked for covering fire and ran forward — under heavy enemy fire — to the wounded section commander. He killed one Vietcong while moving forward and, having expended his ammunition, recovered the enemy's automatic weapon which he used against further Vietcong while assisting the wounded section commander back to the section. Due to this initial action the life of the section commander was saved under intense enemy fire. Although wounded in his initial move forward, Private Norden again advanced to the forward scout. He was fired on by an enemy soldier but pressed forward and reached the scout, killing the Vietcong who had been using the scout as a shield. Private Norden, having determined that the scout was dead, returned to the section, collected grenades and cleared the area so that the body of the scout could be recovered. His three attacks into the enemy position on his own resulted in the enemy position being secured. Private Norden showed a complete disregard for his own personal safety, and by his courage and devotion to duty ensured the evacuation of a wounded man and the recovery of the body of the forward scout.* Richard attended the investiture for the Distinguished Conduct Medal at Government House in October, 1969 with his wife and mother.

Richard Norden was discharged from the Australian Army with the rank of Private in April 1969 after 3 years of service. He married Robynn Lenon in 1969, and they settled in Canberra. Robynn was also from Gundagai, the daughter of Marie nee Hourn and Jack Lenon. Richard and Robynn moved to Canberra and he joined the A.C.T. Police Force in 1970. He remained active in the veteran community. Richard was also a member of the Gundagai RSL Sub-branch (NSW Branch).

Tragically, Constable Richard Norden passed away at the Canberra Hospital on 30 October 1972, aged 24 years. He died from injuries received in a motorcycle accident in Canberra on 26 October while on police duty. Soldiers who had served with Richard and members of both the Gundagai RSL Sub-branch and the RSL (ACT Branch) attended his funeral at St John's Church in Reid on 1 November. Richard was buried in the Anglican section of the Canberra General Cemetery (now Woden Cemetery) with full police and military honours.

Richard was survived by his wife Robynn and their sons, Scott and Shane. Many of Richard's army mates, and his relatives and other residents of Gundagai, including members of the Gundagai RSL, campaigned for years for him to also receive the Victoria Cross, for his brave and courageous actions in 1968. As the result of this campaign, the Government finally decided that he was rightly deserving of the Victoria Cross and on 15 July, 2025, (57 years after his bravery in Vietnam), the Governor General, Sam Mostyn, presented this award to Robynn and their sons, at a ceremony at Rockhampton, Queensland (where Robynn now lives).

Through his mother, Richard Leslie Norden was a great-great-grandson of John Crane, a convict from the county of Shropshire, transported on board the *Clyde* in 1832. John Crane married Mary Fuller at Gundagai in 1847 and they had a large family of 20 children. Mary, her parents, William Fuller Snr and Mary nee Fielder, and their children, were free settlers from the villages of Beckley and Peasmarsh in Sussex, who arrived on board the *Royal George* in 1839, sponsored by the MacArthur family of Camden. The MacArthurs also held Nangus Station, near Gundagai, and many Fuller family members ended up in the Nangus-Gundagai area, working for the MacArthurs.

One of Mary Crane nee Fuller's siblings was George Fuller, who was 14 years old when he arrived on board the *Royal George* in 1839. George was the great-great-grandfather of my late husband, Barry McIntyre. So Barry would be a 4th cousin to Richard Norden.

The Bad - Recently I donated to the Wagga Wagga Family History Society, a book written by Travyn Rhall (published in 2018) - ***Longford to Bong Bong And Beyond; Christopher Rhall and Mary Cathleen Cassidy - Their Story and Their Children.***

Christopher Rhall and Mary Catherine Cassidy were the great-great-great grandparents of my late husband, Barry's great-great grandmother (daughter of Christopher and Mary) was Catherine Rhall (born 1820). Catherine was murdered at Snake Valley, near Beechworth, Victoria, in 1855. Her father, Christopher Rhall, was also murdered at Bong Bong, NSW in 1832. The details of these two murders can be found in an article I wrote for the *Murrumbidgee Ancestor*, June 2016 edition, page 19.

Another 3X great grandson of Christopher Rhall and Mary Catherine nee Cassidy was **Stewart John Regan**. His 2X great grandfather was Peter John Rhall (known as John). John Rhall was a brother to Catherine Rhall, the murder victim. Stewart John Regan was a psychopathic criminal, one of the most notorious gangsters in Sydney at the time. He was not a very nice person.

S.J. Regan was born in Young, NSW on 13 September, 1945 and was gunned down in a grimy back laneway in Marrickville, NSW on 22 September, 1974, aged 29 years. He was shot with a .38 calibre bullet, fired from three or four separate firearms. This calibre pistol was used by NSW Police detectives in 1974. No one was ever charged with the gangster's murder. It was long rumoured that S.J. Regan was the first victim of the corrupt NSW detective, Roger Rogerson.

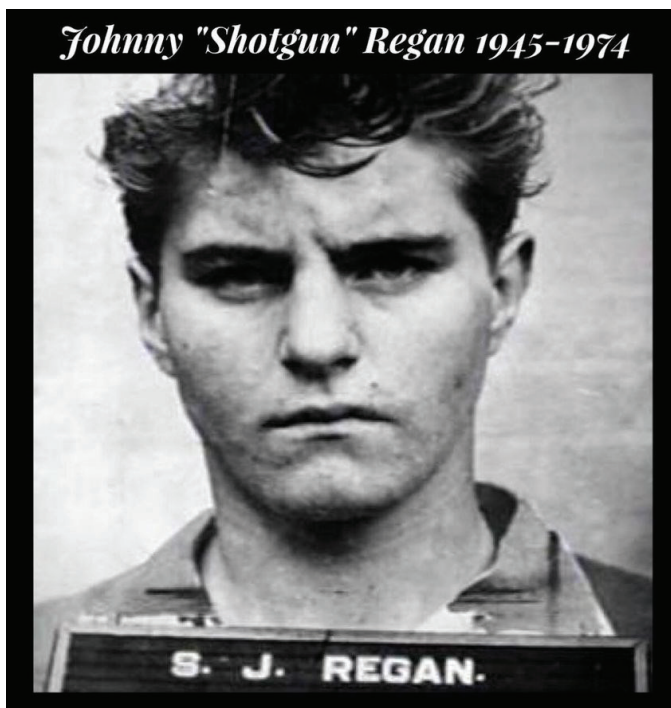
When inmates at Long Bay Gaol heard of Regan's murder they clapped and cheered. He was detested by everyone, and at the time the most feared man in Sydney. He was known as "Shotgun Johnny", or "The Magician", because he made people disappear! Stewart John Regan was a rapist, a murderer (including killing a three year old child), a pimp and a standover man.

He was working as a pimp for a brothel madam in Sydney at aged 17 and later himself controlled a stable of prostitutes. The gangster was a 4th cousin to my husband.

Google “Stewart John Regan” and all will be revealed!!

Stewart John Regan’s Line of Descent

1. 3X great grandparents – Christopher Rhall and Mary Catherine Cassidy.
2. 2Xgreat grandfather – Peter John Rhall (known as John). Born Bong Bong, NSW in 1831- Died Young, NSW in 1914. He was a brother to Catherine Rhall (Barry’s great-great grandmother) who was murdered in 1855.
3. Great grandfather: John Joseph Rhall (1856-1922).
4. Maternal grandfather: John Patrick Rhall (born 8 September, 1875 at Young, NSW. Died in 1917).
5. Parents: Clare Mary Rhall (1913-1988) and Alfred Frederick Regan Jnr. S.J. Regan’s paternal grandparents were Alfred Frederick Regan Snr and Margaret McAlister. Margaret’s father was Hugh McAlister. A brother to Hugh was Thomas McAlister, who eventually settled in Gundagai and the present McAlister family of Gundagai is descended from Thomas McAlister. Descendants of Thomas McAlister would also be cousins to Stewart John Regan.



My late husband, Barry McIntyre, was a 4th cousin to the Victoria Cross winner **(the Brave)** and a 4th cousin to the notorious and feared Sydney gangster **(the Bad)**.

National Family History Month in August.
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speaking at the morning tea.



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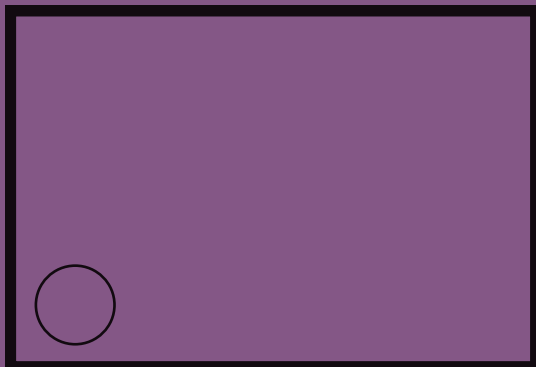
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