

AUSTRALIAN WAUGH FAMILY SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow Members,

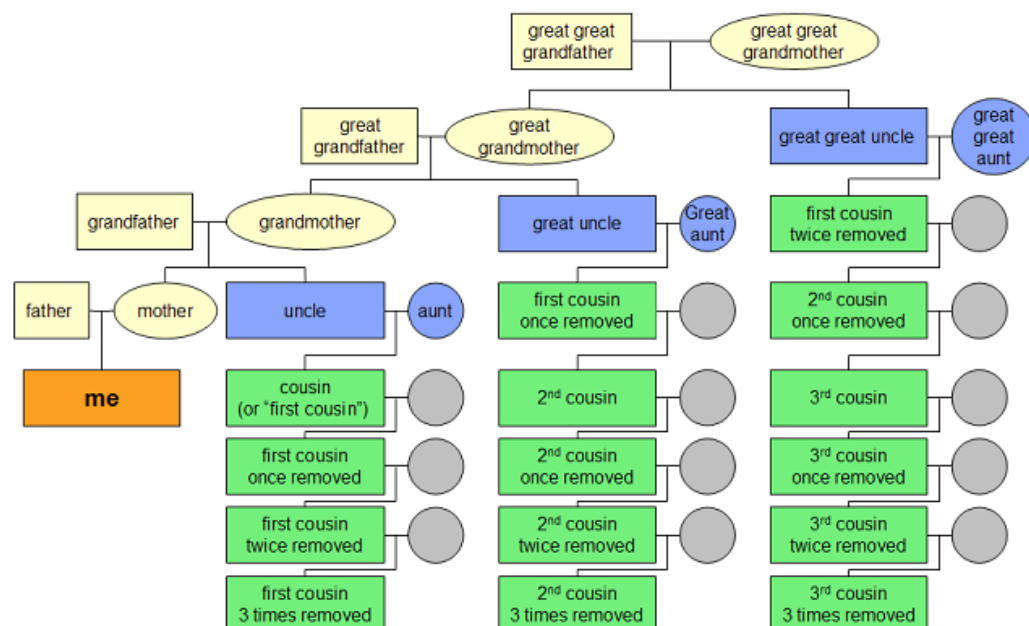
The last few months have been quite inspiring with distant family members getting in touch and especially new ones coming in from near and far. Some new links mean a whole new line of the family has been rediscovered.

In setting the context of who we all are in the Waugh Family Society (and because we have some new members sponsored by their parents and grandparents) I am going to describe some connections and detail the story of one of those ancestors – my grandmother.

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that it may be an idea to nominate a younger family member who has an interest who may like to continue to receive the newsletter into the future and some member have taken up the offer and sent me address details of their children and grandchildren. It can provide you with a common link of interesting stories. Anyway the offer stands so just drop me a note if you want to nominate one or more of your family.

Our line, the Waugh group that we -The Australian Waugh Family Society - are, and there are many “other” Waugh lines that we simply cannot find connections to us, starts with **Thomas Waugh** who was born in **1630**, and his wife **Janet Hunter**. Their son **Adam Waugh** was born **1670** (we do not know his wife’s name or if he had brothers and sisters) the common ancestor of all in our family group (apart from Adam and Thomas 1630) is Adam’s son another **Thomas** born in **1706** and who died in July 1783. (I should mention that our family group also contains members in England, the family who “stayed at home” and it is from them that much of our information about the family came for us to be able to link ourselves together.

I provided a detailed story of Thomas Waugh 1706 and his wife Margaret Johnstone in the last newsletter. They had 3 children **Elizabeth 1740-1809**, **Thomas 1750-1820** and **Alexander 1754-1827** and it is from



these 3 that we have the members of our Waugh Family Society. The relationship today of members can be as distant as 5th, 6th or 7th cousins. The relationship of cousins can be explained somewhat by a few charts. I have included one here for you to do some working out for yourself to understand some relationships. A 5th cousin has a common ancestor as a Great, Great, Great, Great Grandparent.

Mary Waugh 13/11/1882 – 05/04/1948

Mary's father was **Alexander William Waugh (1850-1907)** and his parents were **William Waugh 1808-1854** (who came to Australia as a free settler and was killed by a convict near Newcastle) and **Frances Thorpe** (the daughter of **John Oxley**, the surveyor general of NSW). William, Mary's Grandfather, was the son of **Thomas Waugh (1750)** listed above as one of the 3 children of **Thomas Waugh (1706)** and **Margaret Johnston**.

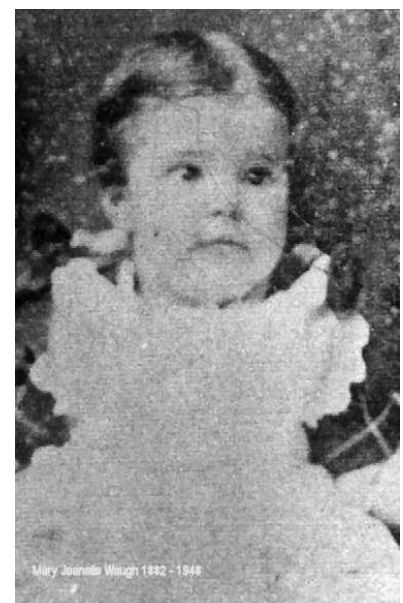


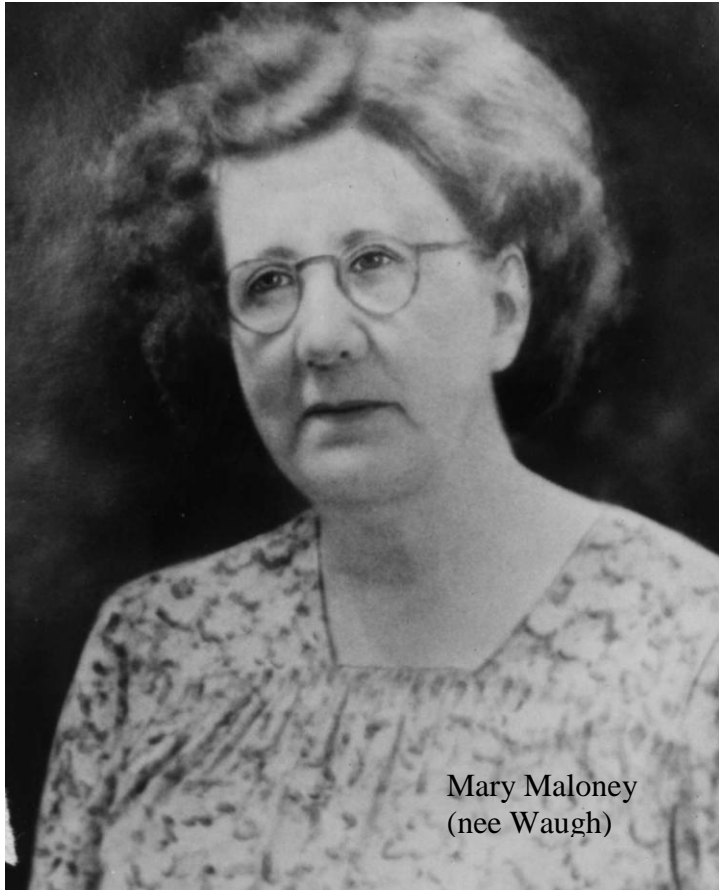
The children of Mary Waugh. Abt 1925

Mary married John Maloney in 1905 and had 8 children: Gladie 1906, Jessie 1907, Linda 1908, Dulcie 1910, Elsie 1912, Nita 1915, Marion 1916 and Jack 1918. Her husband died in 1922. With 8 children, the eldest 16 and youngest, her only son, just 4 years old Mary found a way to support and raise them all. In 1920 they had moved from Grafton and were following work north. John

and his brothers were contractors/share farmers who built fences and worked on farms. When he got another bout of glandular fever in 1922 he died. Mary continued to work on farms and being an obviously enterprising woman she realized that the hands of her young daughters could milk many cows and she moved further north share farming on dairy farms. The front page of the papers in the 1920's carried classified advertisements by farmers offering share farming of their dairy herd. Mary's first move was not far just 30 kilometres north but to move then was a task. The furniture, everything she owned and the 8 kids went onto a bullock wagon for the journey.

Over the next 14 years Mary moved from farm to farm throughout the Tweed area in northern New South Wales, as she left a farm she left behind a daughter who married the son of the farmer. Her life can't be imagined today. No welfare, no help, her family disowned her because she married a catholic. By all accounts she was a lovely woman. Her home, in Murwillumbah, was the centre for the family to gather with her daughters visiting and bringing their children to stay with her.





Mary Maloney
(nee Waugh)

When her husband was in Ballina hospital Mary purchased a gramophone player as a gift for her daughters who were working on the farm, the eldest getting the little ones ready for school and all helping to get through the busy days while she made trips to Ballina 30 kilometres away. In those days the journey was by a "sedan car", no bus or taxi service existed and a horse trip was simply not possible over that distance but the latest in rapid transport was a local person who owned a car and made the trip each day and carried paying passengers. Each week Mary bought a new cylinder to play on the gramophone and the children waited with great anticipation for her return home on that day.

After a fall in 1948 Mary died. Her youngest a son had not long returned from army service in WWII. All of her children were married and had children. I'm left to wonder what she must have thought at various times in her life: a young girl living in Grafton, a growing and expanding town on the frontier during the 1890's, the thrill of love tempered by family rules and religion, the wonder of life as a woman of 30 with 5 children, the plans as they moved far away from friends and family with 8 children and then the despair of losing a husband.

Mary's son Jack Maloney 1918-1999 was my father, little did I ever think that one day I might know the family history well enough to be able to trace a line back to 1630.

Correspondence

Ron Main informed me as did Sandy Waugh that Sandy's twin sister Merron Matthews (nee Waugh) died in February this year (19/2/2006). Merron was an enthusiastic supporter of family history and a helper who encouraged Ron to continue his efforts.

The messages read Dear Neville, Well Merron's gone...Last Saturday after a couple of days in hospital...She was a lovely lady and sorely missed by many people and the Society...She and Bryan were a great help to me when I was editor... & from Bryan Merron's husband I regret to inform you that Merron died peacefully at 1015 this morning at Caloundra after spending only 1 1/2 days in hospital. At her insistence there will be no funeral - she loathed them with an unbelievable intensity & made it quite clear that she did not want to impose one on her relatives and friends. She also wished that people remember her as she was.

Merron Elsa Matthews; 29/9/1934 -19/02/2006 the

Daughter of **Arthur John Clarence Waugh 1895-1981**

Grand Daughter of **John Neil Jameson Waugh 1859-1944**

Great Grand Daughter of **Alexander Waugh 1814-1894** ("Aussie" the tag by Ron to distinguish him from all the other Alexander's).

Great Great Grand Daughter of **William Waugh 1788-1866** ("Wealthy" William was the name Ron gave him).

Great Great Great Grand Daughter of **Alexander Waugh DD 1754-1827** (Doctor of Divinity)

Great Great Great Great Grand Daughter **Thomas Waugh (1706-1783)** and **Margaret Johnston.**

Great Great Great Great Great Grand Daughter **Adam Waugh 1670-**

Great Great Great Great Great Great Grand Daughter **Thomas Waugh 1630-** and **Janet Hunter**

A new member to our society Richard Clarke alerted me to this.

There was a death notice in The Courier -Mail for 25/10/06 as follows:

"Waugh, Jean Oxley, aged 93. Former Sister-in-Charge of Maternal and Child Welfare Centre, Sandgate. Late of Masonic Home, Wakefield Street, Sandgate. Passed away 21st October, 2006. Body willed to University. Lovingly remembered by all."

Does anyone know who Jean was and where she fits into our extended family tree?

Richard was also responsible for the inclusion of an extensive new line of Waugh's previously unknown to me and the lists that I have of the family lines. The new line is related to us via **Thomas 1750-1820** and his wife **Isabella Crosbie** it was their son **William Waugh 1808-1854** (he is detailed in the story on Mary Waugh above) who came to Australia and married John Oxley's daughter. Another son a brother of William named **Alexander 1803** (there are so many William's and Alexander's) stayed in Scotland and married Margaret Middleton they had 6 children the 5th one was **Margaret born in 1841**. Margaret married William Green in England. He was a school teacher. In 1865 they were in Colorado USA where she gave birth to the first 13 children and they are the line we now have contact with and some detail of the extended "American" family.

"The History of the Waugh's" CD

While I have had a very busy few months and the next year is looking that way I have had time to edit the book "The History of the Waugh's" into a form that is available on CD. The new digital version has many more photos and a lot more information including the details of the "American" line I just mentioned. For the technical among us the CD run from a exe file but also has all the information in both pdf and Word document format. All of the photos are in a separate folder as well.

I intend in time to include photos and details on the reunions that were held in 1994 and to provide a copy of "Brothers Keeper" a genealogy program with many of our ancestors included.

For those of us to whom computers are a mystery I have available a CD that can be put into a computer and it will just work automatically. I thought what a good Christmas item it might be but can offer absolutely no guarantee I will get them out to anyone in very short order in time for Christmas. Ask around the children and grandchildren who might be able to run the program. It can all be printed out and it can all be edited by you so you can update your line information at anytime in the future.

The funds from the CD will go into the Family Society account to maintain the newsletter and membership. As I have mentioned previously there is no need currently to request membership fees and I am more than happy to extend membership to your younger family members so they will receive a copy of the newsletter themselves. Simply let me know.

If you have ideas or suggestion about what we can do as a group to preserve our common heritage please contact me. Recently I spent the day with Rosemary Waugh-Allcock one of the matriarchs of our clan who has been gathering family history for decades her knowledge is encyclopedic and her interest unbridled. We discussed the idea of a grave register and a restoration program for tombstones any further thoughts are welcome.

Neville Maloney

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