

# AUSTRALIAN WAUGH FAMILY SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow Members,

Another 6 months and I'm caught between I can't believe it comes around so fast to get another newsletter out and goodness I can't remember what was in it and what has happened since last December it was so long ago. I'll blame a trait in the Waugh ancestry for forgetfulness and being disorganized and assume we are all like that.

Contact with the family far-a-field (England) continues and brings with it information and some confusion.

Information from Nicola Laurence *(For members who have the book or CD "A History of the Waugh's" you will be able to see much of the work of Mary White and Hester Cattley that is mentioned in this email from Nicola. NM).*

Thank you for your newsletter. I know nothing about the Waughs other than what I have seen in my Mother's great work on family history, which I think you have read as Rosemary must have had it. I do, however, have the dates of death of the last two generations in my branch.

Margaret Isobel Drew 1888-1990

Edith Mary White 1892-1998

William Robert James Macwhirter 1917-2005

Yvonne Burrows 1912-2006

Elizabeth Burrows 1912-2006

My mother Hester Cattley, aged 96, and Pam Drew, are still alive, both in Care Homes. They are the last surviving grandchildren of Margaret Harvey, nee Waugh (1823-1906).

*This line of the Waughs make a habit of living into their 90's and beyond (NM)*

Confusion from Peter Waugh *(Confusion because I have not as yet taken the time to redo my genealogy program with the correct history as Peter lays it out. For those interested in the earliest recorded history of our family Peter's information will clarify and correct information from the 1600 and early 1700's when the Waugh's lived in the English/Scottish border country. I will sort that next issue. NM). (Peter is my 5<sup>th</sup> cousin. His relationship within the family is in his words NM)*

*"My line is much the same as Alison Shoobridge and her sister - my great2 Grandfather was James Hay Waugh the fifth son of Alexander Waugh DD - great1 was the Doctor from Midsomer Norton (nick-named The Brute!) Alexander - Grandfather was Arthur the publisher and critic - Father was Alec Waugh the writer and brother of Evelyn the great writer!"*

## **Jessie Aileen Tate 15/7/1907 - 13/04/2007**

Daughter of **Mary Jeanette Waugh 1882-1948** & John Maloney (1876-1922)

Grand Daughter of **Alexander William Waugh 1850-1907** & Frances Thorpe (Frances was the daughter of John Oxley)

Great Grand Daughter of **William Waugh (Aussie) 1808-1854** ("Aussie" a to distinguish him as the ancestor who came to Australia).

Great Great Grand Daughter of **Thomas Waugh 1750-1820**

Great Great Great Grand Daughter of **Thomas Waugh 1706-1783**

I have some sorting of the history before here to get right so will leave any more greats of her ancestors.

Jessie was my aunty (my Dad's sister) she died 3 months short of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. What can you say? Getting her lineage right it struck me at the close 100 year links; she was born in the same year her grandfather died (1907) and that was about 100 years after her G Grandfather was born (1808) and her GGG Grandfather was born 100 years before that in 1706. In her lifetime the world changed and she observed and remembered much of it. Her fabulous memory provided me with stories and an insight into another world, she put character and life into people that I only had listed as names she clearly remembered people she met as a young girl. Stories of her father (he died in 1922) bought him to life for me. Jessie was something of an inspiration, she often said to me "Give it a go" and she started sentences with "I can I tell you something about that..." and of course she could. For a long time Jessie was the matriarch of our line of the family knowledge and that's a sort of glue that keeps us together. Her ability to remember and her desire in life to do her own thing were points mentioned by her son John at her funeral, his suggestion was they were inherited from her mother, Mary Waugh, who had to raise her 8 children alone at a time when it meant doing just that without welfare. A daughter, a wife, a mother, shopkeeper, an artist, a grand and great grandmother, a gardener and an aunty to many cousins Jessie will be missed by many.



From the last newsletter the following: *(I asked if we had information on Jean)*

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."

Gwenda Andersen, who was a cousin of Jean, sent me the following story of her life.

Jean was born at Inverell 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1913 her early life was at "Rockwell" Daymar on the sheep station. Education was through correspondence and later Presbyterian Girl's School at Warwick. In 1939 she began nursing training at Brisbane General Hospital. With preference for children's ward, she transferred to Women's Hospital and in 1944 to the Maternal Child Welfare centre (her badge no. 481). As a member of the Qld Health Department she worked in major coastal towns. Transferring to the rail car based at Townsville she serviced the inland west to Mt. Isa. In 1950 she was stationed in Mt Morgan and with the purchase of a house was able to care for her mother who had separated from her wayward father. When her mother died of cancer Jean was transferred to Bundaberg where her known activities included golf at Bargara and Presbyterian Church activities. She was appointed sister-in-charge of Maternal Child Welfare Centre with the Dept. of Health. Having purchased a house at 88 Wakefield street, Sandgate, she transferred to take over work at the Sandgate Centre. Here golf at Redcliffe, Presbyterian Church activities and later when she retired Senior Citizens activities filled her life. While in the care of "Blue Care" she suffered a fall at home necessitating hospitalization. Eventually she enjoyed 3 years as a nursing home resident at the Masonic Home, Sandgate. She died as a single lady a few days after her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2006. In a lifetime of helping friends and relatives as well as those through work, she willed her house to the Presbyterian Church to help others and other assets to the Sandgate Ambulance brigade who transported her in later years. Her body was accepted by the Qld University to help educate others.

Jean's lineage: Her parents were JOHN BERNNARD OXLEY WAUGH 1890-1956 & Jessie Isobel WEIR 1888-1953.

Her grandfather JOHN OXLEY WAUGH 1847-1926 (Elizabeth Muir) and she was therefore the great grand-daughter of "Aussie" William Waugh and Frances Thorpe. Frances was the daughter of John Oxley 1783-1828 (Surveyor General of NSW).

## John Oxley's Napkin Ring!!

In 1988 Jean presented to the Redcliffe Historical Society a tortoise shell ring. She understood that on John Oxley's death each surviving descendant family was given a ring to hand down to following generations. Do any other members know of any more of these rings in existence? *I assume it would be the only one in the Waugh family it having been given to Frances Thorpe. (NM)*

I have been highlighting an ancestor each newsletter and this time it is:



### **"Aussie" Alexander Waugh 1814-1894.**

The grandson of **Dr Alexander Waugh DD** 1754-1827, the son **"Wealthy" William Waugh 1788-1866**. **"Aussie" Alexander** had 15 brothers and sisters!

**"Aussie" Alexander** and **"Aussie" William Waugh** were first cousins once removed. That is William's father was **Thomas Waugh** 1750-1820 who was the brother of **Dr Alexander Waugh DD**. A reminder the "Aussie" tag was not something they were ever know by in their lifetimes, the names in inverted commas like "Aussie" & "Wealthy" were tags used by Ron Main to help identify various members of the family more easily especially because there are so many Williams and Alexanders in the family lists.

The following is a brief outline of Alexander's life in Australia. It comes much edited from The "Words of Waugh" by Chris Honeyman.

In 1848 Alexander Waugh came to Australia with his second wife **Elizabeth Gallone** and a young daughter **Annie** from his first marriage to **Isabella Grieve Smith**, they were married in 1838 in England but sadly, Isabella died six months after Annie's birth in 1840

Annie Waugh married James Johnston in 1858, she died on 28th July, 1919, and James fretted and died

of a heart attack less that three weeks later. They were buried side by side in the Presbyterian section of Frederickton Cemetery (which is below the dividing road.)

As became the son of a wealthy merchant in England in the 19th century Alexander was well educated and fortunately so, as he turned School Master in Australia for some years.

After landing in Sydney, Alexander accepted an appointment as Superintendent of Mr Eales Berry Estate on the Hunter River - to learn the way of the land in the new country. Later he accepted an appointment under Bishop Tyrrell of Newcastle, as teacher of the Church of England School, and landed at Port Macquarie in 1849. He subsequently opened a 'private academy' in Horton Street, Port Macquarie, and then removed to Beach House on the Harbour. The birth of a son, Harvey, was followed by the birth of Reeve, in 1852, and the family lived in Port Macquarie until 1856.

When he left Port Macquarie he went for a short period to the Upper Manning on a property called "Bungay Bungay" into tobacco growing, but this was a failure and he moved up to Walcha to a property

which he called 'The Lagune'. Here he and his growing family of sons raised sheep and pigs and grew potatoes. It was a struggle in the early days.

Eventually they sold 'The Lagune' for a good price and moved 6 miles to the other side of Walcha where they again set up 'free' selections and the property was called 'Spring Creek'. There they stayed 7 years and then the family all shifted to the Barwon River and again settled on the land, near Walgett.

Alexander and his wife Elizabeth retired to the Macleay River after the family all left the Barwon River. Alexander died at Clybucca on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1894 both he and Elizabeth are buried at Frederickton, NSW.

The children of **"Aussie" Alexander Waugh**

**Elizabeth ANNIE I G Waugh** (1839-1919) m James Johnston

**William Alex HARVEY Waugh** (1849-1901) m Lucy Symonds Nicholas

**William Napier REEVE Waugh** (1853-1945) m Marie (MOLLIE) Caroline Schrader

**William (Will) Waugh** (1854-1924) m (1) Rosa Spencer (2) Nellie Agnes Johnston

**Mary (Manie) Waugh** (1857-1943) m Charles Spencer

**John Neill Jamieson (JACK) Waugh** (1859-1944) m Louisa Justine Agnes Schrader

**Eva Alexandra Waugh** (1863-1956) m Fredrick (Frank) G Panton

**Laura Elizabeth Waugh** (1867-Abt.19??) m Frank Robinson

**Alexander Gordon Waugh** (b.1867) m Francis Nicholas

### **A Birth**

And on the other "Aussie" (William Waugh) line a 6<sup>th</sup> generation of the family to be born in Australia in December. His genealogy is his mum Lalande - 1973 her mum Noela - 1945 & her dad was William Gordon Waugh - 1919 and from there back through Gordon Lindsay Waugh 1885 - 1961

John Oxley Waugh 1847 - 1926

"Aussie" William Waugh 1808 - 1854

And who is this new member of the family? Well I don't know the email listed his date of birth 26/10/06.



I wonder how many generations we have now completed in Australia let me now any advances on 6.

### **Adding the generations to our society.**

Some of you have sent me emails other letters/cards with lists of names and addresses of children and grandchildren who would like to receive the newsletter. Email addresses are helpful and I'm adding them to our database so if you have one let me know send me an email: [neville@cottonsoft.com.au](mailto:neville@cottonsoft.com.au)

**"The History of the Waugh's;" CD** is still available if computers are still a mystery 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.

Neville Maloney

May 2007

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Use this form or simply send a letter to order the "The History of the Waugh's" CD

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