

AUSTRALIAN WAUGH FAMILY SOCIETY

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Dear Cousins,

A year since I managed to get a newsletter out but things have been happening. I have made a start at getting us online and now the contents of the book "A history of the Waugh's" can be accessed by anyone (the CD copy is still available for those who request it). The website will eventually enable me to make available much more information like copies of all the previous newsletters and updates or notes from other members.

The website is currently located at <http://www.cottonsoft.com.au/waugh/>

Last Newsletter I had a series of research notes from Julie Martin. One of her offerings was

"Andrew Scott Waugh surveyed Nepal and Northern India, and when with Sir George Everest, calculated that Everest was the world's highest Mountain and named it after his friend... I personally will refer to it as Waugh Mt from now on."

So often with our researches some things just need more evidence and a reply from Peter Waugh in England provides an entertaining and interesting story regarding Sir Andrew.

Email from Peter Waugh Dec 08

Dear Neville - Many thanks for the latest News Letter. Can I make just one correction? I would dearly like Sir Andrew Scott Waugh to be of our family but alas it cannot yet be proved! He was Sir George Everest's successor as Surveyor General of India and having "measured" the tallest peak in the Himalayas named it after his predecessor. My cousin Christie Gosse did the same for his predecessor Ayer when he named the glorious rock after him. There's only a "Bluff" named after Gosse!!..... I just thought I'd add to what I wrote about Sir Andrew Scott W. His brother - Colonel William - was a bit of a character. He decided that the clay on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour (Dorset) was ideal for making high class porcelain! So having bought the island and built both a mansion and a church he discovered he was wrong and it didn't! So he fled to Spain where he died in poverty! In his church there are numerous Waugh Armorial. The family descended from the Waughs of Shaw who held their lands from the Douglas family. Subsequently they moved to Selkirk. Unfortunately the arms they used were not registered at the Lyon Office and leaving no children there's no one left to do the right thing and get their use regulated by the Lyon. The arms were - in layman's language: A blue shield with two golden stars side by side at the top - a golden wheatsheaf at the bottom and a golden bar across the shield dividing them - the crest a golden wheatsheaf with the motto: Industria ditat - except that he got the latin wrong and had "debit" rather than "ditat" - rather suitable for him in a way!! Best cousinly wishes - Peter

One of the problems, interesting issues, or fun things depending how you view it, of family history research is that there will always be mistakes, errors and omissions, confused memories and lots of suppositions

about people and events. It is great that we have the opportunity where other members help each other out and our tangled histories become a little clearer.

The following is an account of a fellow AWFS member Laura Blackburn and her husband Philip Shaw's recent trip to discover some of her family history. Laura has only relatively recently "found" the Waugh Family that the Society represents. She brings enthusiasm and careful research to add to the talent and resources of our group. Laura lives at Bli Bli in Qld.

First, some background. I'm descended from "Aussie" Alexander Waugh (1814-1894) and Elizabeth Waugh (1822-1896, nee Gallon) through their second son Will Waugh (1854-1924). My interest in the New England area is because my grandfather was born in the Armidale district. His parents, Will and Rosa Waugh, owned Guy Fawkes station, Ebor, NSW, in partnership with his brother Harvey and my Gt.Grandmother Rosa Waugh (1859-1892, nee Spencer) is buried on the property.

My partner Philip and I arranged to meet my Aunt Jan (nee Waugh) and Uncle Wayne Miller in Armidale, NSW, and spend a week or so on the family history trail in the places where our ancestors lived. Uncle Rod Waugh and his son Rick and family also joined us for a few days.

On the way to Armidale, we visited the Glen Innes cemetery to look for graves of the Doyle family. I'm interested in the Doyles as there are two Waugh-Doyle related marriages in our family.



The main purpose of visiting the Armidale district was to find my Gt Grandmother Rosa Spencer's (1859-1892) grave on Guy Fawkes station at Ebor as the family only recently learned of its location from the AWFS book "The History of the Waughs". We met up with Ron Main who kindly came out to Ebor with us and showed us exactly where the grave is. It's located on a hillside under a shady gum tree.

Also called into the UNE Heritage Centre to locate and photograph a bundle of family correspondence written by Richard Waugh that we found on an internet search for material on Guy Fawkes station. While we were there, to our surprise and delight the Archives Officer, Dr Philip Ward, showed us a rather large metal box. It was three quarters full of letters, documents and other material from Chris Honeyman, including original handwritten letters from Alexander and Elizabeth Waugh, Laura Robinson (1865-1957) and the Schrader family. No doubt these were the source documents for her book, "The Words of Waugh". What a find!

Afterwards we went across the road to the Armidale Family History group in Kentucky St, Armidale, ph: 02-6772-0450, where we met Robyn Turnbull whose family bought Guy Fawkes station from the Waugh family.

On our way home via Port Macquarie we called into the Walcha Local History Centre (in the Walcha library) and met Vic Galvin who is very knowledgeable about the history of the area. He had a three page letter written by Richard LH Waugh in 1971 which I photographed. Vic knew quite a lot about Dr Schrader's family and showed us a map of where the Schraders lived at "Spring Creek" but he wasn't sure where Alexander & Elizabeth Waugh lived and wasn't familiar with "The Lagune".

In Port Macquarie we took photos of the very beautiful, very old (1824) St Thomas's Anglican Church which I believe "Aussie" Alexander and Elizabeth Waugh attended. We also took a nostalgic walk down Waugh St and Horton St, Alexander's old stomping grounds. He certainly picked a beautiful spot in which to live.

At Frederickton Cemetery we found the graves of "Aussie" Alexander and Elizabeth Waugh (nee Gallon), my G.G.Grandparents, who are buried in the Anglican section. And right beside them is a grave inscribed: "CHARLES SPENCER, Died 7-6-1878 at Kalybucca, Macleay River Aged 65 years". This is most likely Rosa Spencer's father Charles (also my G.G.Grandfather). Can anyone verify this?



The grave of Frederick Panton (1855-1897), Eva Alexandra Waugh's (1863-1956) husband is just a few metres away and three graves to the right of Alexander and Elizabeth Waugh is Thomas Henry Oakes' grave. The inscription says "Died 26th Feb 1928 Aged 73 years" and I believe he was the husband of Annie Johnston's daughter Margaret Emily Johnston.

Across the road from the Anglican section is the Presbyterian section where we found the graves of Annie Johnston (1839-1919, nee Eliza Annie Isabella Grieve Waugh) and her husband James Johnston (1833-1919). She was "Aussie" Alexander Waugh's first child with his first wife Isabella Grieve Smith.



Next stop was Nambucca Heads. I remembered my mother telling me that her Uncle Bob (Hugh Gordon Harvey Waugh 1892-1967) had a hardwood sawmill there many years ago. Just on spec. we looked in the local phone book to see if there were any Waughs listed and found a Harvey Waugh. I knew that Bob had a son called Harvey so I rang the number and yes, indeed it was Bob's son who answered. We met Harvey and had a great chat and he's happy to help fill in some gaps in our Waugh family history.

Our next stop was Bangalow to meet Neville and Barbara Maloney. We had an enjoyable morning discussing family history and then set off for home, having met some wonderful people and collected more family history material than we could have ever dreamed of.

My thanks to Laura for her contribution.

I am hopeful of making our website a hub that members can use to deposit research notes and link up with each other when ever time allows. Laura made the mistake of calling in and seeing me and left with a bundle of folders and notes that she volunteered make of sense of and scan. The results will be available at www.cottonsoft.com.au/waugh sometime.

Therese Tate (nee Bonnyman) wife of Brian Tate died on Feb 11th 2009

Brian's sister Del provided the following information

Brian & Therese met whilst Brian was in the RAAF at Williamtown and Therese worked in one of the local chemist shops. They married at Stockton NSW in 1957 and lived at Edgeworth, then at Swansea for approx 28 years. Brian retired in 1994. Anne, Steven & Michael were all born in Edgeworth. Anne (deceased), Steve lives in Sydney & Michael moves from place to place enjoying the life of a nomad and travels between Cairns, Alice Springs & Darwin.

Brian had numerous jobs around the area, including heavy earthmoving equipment and at an Open Cut

Coalmine at Maitland. In the middle of winter Brian would ride his motorbike to work and nearly freeze to death - I think it was a journey of 60 kilometres there and back. Therese was a 'stay at home' Mum whilst her children were small and became an invaluable Mum who was always there for the children and never returned to paid work - for her the children were more important than any paid job.

A few years after Brian retired they moved to Banora Point to be near their Grand-daughter and the two great grandchildren Emma & Zoe. Therese enjoyed the great grandchildren immensely.

On 11th February, 2009 Therese suffered a massive heart attack during the night and Brian found her deceased the next morning (Therese was 71).

Brian has had a testing time himself this year with pancreatitis and a stay in hospital with a slow recovery.

Marlene Mary Baggaley (29 Feb 1939 – 18 Aug 2009)

Without warning, without any notice of impending illness Marlene died while attending to a minor medical matter. So it was with surprise that the news of her death reached most who knew her. Marlene is the eldest daughter of Marion (19/09/1916 – 12 Dec 2002) and Bob Palmer (Bob died in 1984). Born in Mullumbimby she never ventured far away. Her "double wedding" in July 1962 was the talk of the town when Marlene and her sister Jean married George Baggaley and John Gassner respectively. Marlene and George lived at The Pocket (just near Mullum) and during her children's school years she was actively engaged with school functions. Her chief entertainment was golf and she for quite a few years in the 1990's did the catering at the Mullumbimby golf club. Marlene has two children Stephanie (1963) and Paul (1967). Stephanie is married to Nick Oxley and has two children of her own Jemma (1997) and Lucus (1999) and I understand that Nick is a descendant of John Oxley making their children doubly related to him on that line of the family.



Marlene

Jean

All the best for this year's festive season.

Neville Maloney
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