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Next meeting dates & Guest Speakers

Aug 16: 'The Rajah Quilt'-Alice Lindsay & 'The Fabric of Family History'. Members Show & Tell - bring your most loved textile/ fabric heirloom.

Sept 20 AGM and 'Family History on the House' -Mark Grealy

Oct 18 'Kiwis can't Swim'- researching Across the Ditch-

Research area:

The WFHS Research Area is open at Hyphen Wodonga Library Gallery for members and visitors on:-

Tuesdays - 1pm to 4pm;
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OUR SOCIETY'S NEWS from President Pat



The past three months have certainly provided a variety of experiences and it is very pleasing to see an increase in the number of members attending these activities. The cold days of winter are being replaced by wonderful sunny days so, hopefully, even more of you will venture out and attend our monthly meetings and visit Hyphen. You will be pleased to know all our resources are available and there are enthusiastic research assistants willing to have a chat about your research. An **Open Day** is planned for **Saturday 13th August from 11am** so you can see what our new home looks like. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat and renew your involvement with our society.

Janette organised informative speakers for our monthly meetings. In May, Suzanne Allen, gave us ideas on how to use old photos in our family stories and how to preserve them for the future. Meg Bate, from GSV, provided an update on what's available on the web for Scottish and Irish research. The Family Tree Maker workshops proved very popular and, hopefully, Jan will be able to have a follow-up session next year. Janette made contact with TROVE and was able to present a very informative talk on basic research using this wonderful resource. There is always so much to learn and it is sessions like these that help us understand the ins and outs of the site as well as providing possible shortcuts. Like everything, the more we use it, the more adept we become.

We have a number of wonderful things to look forward to. The Big Day Out at lake Moodemere and Rutherglen offers a good opportunity for us to get together and

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Membership Benefits:

- ✦ Access to all the resources in the Society's library.
- ✦ Quarterly newsletter
- ✦ Access to other family history news through shared newsletters from other family history groups
- ✦ Monthly meetings with family history tips, news and guest speakers
- ✦ Contact with other family historians, researchers and members who share your interest in family history

Subscriptions:

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 Full transcripts of Unrelated Certificates \$6.00 each

learn more about our area. The August meeting promises to give us an insight into the Rajah Quilt, the work of the female convicts on board the ship to Tasmania in 1841, and how textiles can play a part in preserving history. We will welcome Mark Grealy in September to give us hints on who owned our homes in the past and, in October, we are expecting Pauline Weekes to talk about New Zealand research. Another social visit is planned for October. This time to the Chiltern area. Details will be on Facebook and on our website.

Your help is needed for our fundraising venture at Bunnings on Saturday, 10 September. Come to the August meeting and add your name to the Roster or contact Wendy to let her know you are available. Janette is planning the activities and speakers for next year and would welcome your suggestions. The AGM is in September. All committee positions will be declared vacant so, if you feel you would like to be on committee, please don't wait to be asked and fill in the application form.

Tarryn Firman, City of Wodonga, attended our June meeting and presented us with a certificate acknowledging our volunteers' contributions to society. It is on display at Hyphen.

We are delighted to welcome new members – Richard Patrala, Linda McKenzie, Elizabeth Crawford and Vince Aitkin. Please make them feel welcome and assist them in any way you can.

As you are aware we are trying to update our website. I would like to personally thank Janette for the hours she has spent on this Project over the past three months. Unfortunately, the outcome wasn't what we wanted - so it is still a work in progress. Finally, let's celebrate. We have just finished our 35th year. Many thanks to all our members, past and present, who have contributed to our society over the years. Best wishes.

Pat Hopkins

AGM - COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Please note this is an attachment at the end of the newsletter. Complete and submit to Secretary by 12th September, and Proxy votes by 19th September.

Program Report

Hello all - We have had good feedback about how varied program this year especially the Family Tree Maker Workshops attended by 30 people. Do not worry if you missed out - we are planning the **2023 calendar** so if you have any ideas or requests please speak to anyone of the committee at our meetings or email Wendy Cooksey.



Family Tree Maker workshop with Jan Parker held 18 June 2022

In the meantime we look forward to our big day out at **Lake Moodemere**. Places still available - book and pay with Wendy by 10th August.

Save the date: for our Big day out on 19 October for our trip to Chiltern. Our recent talk on Trove was well received - one member said they learned more in that hour than they had in numbers of years. If you want more ideas the National Library Trove video will be out in the next few months with more tips and tricks for getting the most out of Trove.

Janette Griggs

Fundraising Effort

Our Society is running a barbecue outside Wodonga Bunnings on 10 September from 9am until 4pm.

Volunteers will be needed for two hour sessions during the day. Please keep the date in mind and be ready to respond to the request for volunteers which will come by

email from the Secretary in the next couple of weeks.

We look forward to a successful event. If you cannot help on the day please offer your support by promoting the event or purchasing on the day.

Pamela Nulty

Library Report for August 2022

We now have enough cupboard space in the Research area of the Wodonga Library to house all of our book, magazine and newsletter collections. They have all now been moved from storage to the WFHS cupboards in the Wodonga library.

We have over 500 books to browse through covering subjects such as Australia; Convicts; Family Histories; Postcodes throughout NSW and Vic; Shipping; plus many more subjects.

We have acquired another 10 books, either through purchase or donation, to add to the collection covering family histories; mining around Bethanga; pastoral pioneers of the Port Phillip district plus more.

Come in have a browse during our opening times [you will find the times on our website].

Our library is well worth a visit as not everything is on the Internet.

Christine Young
WFHS Librarian

Upcoming conferences:

Riding the Waves - 37th Annual Conference of NSW & ACT Family History Society Inc.

Sept. 16-18 All presentations via Zoom and Youtube.

See <https://ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au/>

Family History Downunder 2022

8-11 November 2022

Castle Hill RSL Club, Castle Hill NSW

See <https://www.fhdu22.com/>

The Tooth Fairy - Dianne Boyd

In 1923 Yarrawonga was a small town dotted with miner's cottages, a police station and school. The Corowa Free Press (the Pioneer newspaper of the District) promoted the Studebaker car and the telescopic hamper traveling case but there was little chance my family had of owning a car or travelling afield. At the time my father lived with his family in a three bedroom cottage adjacent to the lake and not far from the police station. Their very old weatherboard cottage, in poor condition, was bursting at the seams with his two parents and their eight raucous children. In spite of the overcrowding, my father's grandmother came to stay from time to time.

Later in life my father told me about one of Grandma's visits. It seems that his older brother, who was about seven years of age, lost a few teeth. Back then the tooth fairy gave a halfpenny per tooth. The said brother wanted to make more money. He spotted his grandmother's dentures resting in a glass of water. He took the teeth outside and used a hammer to break them up. He put the handful of teeth in his pocket, threw the remaining pieces in the grass and put the teeth under his pillow for the tooth fairy.

Later there was a frantic search when Gram could not find her dentures. Finally, when the broken dentures were found in the yard, the culprit - the entrepreneur - was duly spanked. Come nightfall he did not get any money from the tooth fairy for his own missing teeth. And, poor Gram she had only been visiting for a few days when this happened.

Finding Family - a Surprise from Ancestry DNA matches and 'ThruLines'

Heather Touzel

Regularly I use the [ancestry.com.au](https://www.ancestry.com.au) family history site and occasionally check my ancestry matches using the "Common Ancestor's filter option. I have found this to be helpful in allocating a new or existing match to one of my family groupings. These family groupings can aid in enhancing,

confirming or adding to your family tree. There is also the option of viewing the relationship between you and the match with the common ancestor using the "ThruLines" facility. This provides the ability for you to discover from which branch-line (ie siblings of your common ancestor) the match has arisen.

Recently, this type of filtering led me to a forgotten piece of family history with regard to my maternal Great Grandparents and their adoption in 1896 of an infant great-niece, Agnes Matilda, following her mother's death.

Firstly, some background... My Great Great Grandparents in Ayrshire, Scotland had 12 children and my Great Grandfather - Andrew Richmond 1849-1916 (pictured right)- was their youngest. Andrew and his wife, Agnes, migrated to Australia shortly after their marriage in 1870 and settled in Melbourne, where he was a lithographic printer. Andrew's next older sibling, Janet, had married a Thomas Richmond in 1860. Their eldest son, Hugh, migrated to Queensland, and later married a Matilda King in Ipswich in 1886.



Andrew Richmond
1849-1916, Family
collection.

Hugh and Matilda had four children between 1887 and 1893, with their fifth and youngest, Agnes Matilda, born in July 1895. Sadly, within months of baby Agnes' birth, Matilda died in May 1896, leaving Hugh widowed with five young children, including his infant daughter - there were 2 sons, 3 daughters, aged 9 and under. Although Hugh did remarry some years later, baby Agnes was adopted in 1896 - whether formally or informally - by my great grandparents (ie, Hugh's uncle and aunt) who lived in Melbourne. Thus, Agnes was raised within my Great Grandparents' family, with my grandfather being like an older brother. As an aside, it is interesting to note that in the same year that Agnes was born in Queensland, the Victorian BDM site records my Great Grandparents had had a daughter, unnamed, who had died. Thus, this leads me to wonder if Agnes' adoption was a solace to both families - one widowed husband, and one set of grieving parents.

When researching my grandfather's history, I became aware of this Agnes from electoral roll information when she was older and her links with my grandfather's family - but not the fact that she

had become part of my grandfather's family from infancy. This was until very recently through the process outlined above using the Ancestry filtering option. In fact, in writing my grandfather's history, I had included details of my grandfather's older brother's wedding in 1902 (discovered using the TROVE search engine). This article described the outfits worn by the two family bridesmaids, with one bridesmaid listed as "little Miss Aggie Richmond". Now knowing that Agnes Matilda, who would have been about 7, was part of the family makes a lot more sense to that reference to "little Miss Aggie". I had assumed it was a reference to my great aunt Maggie, whose first name was also Agnes, but I had been confused as she would have been 21 at the time, and in fact died a year later from a TB related illness.

This Agnes Matilda grew, married and had two daughters, with both subsequently marrying and raising their own families. One of these daughters, Dorothy (b 1924), still lives and her son, John, has provided two photos of my great grandfather Andrew that I had never seen before, (see previous page). I have now gladly distributed them around our family.

One day I hope to meet John and maybe his mother, Dorothy. My grandparents, upon moving to Melbourne from Canberra in the mid-1920s, lived near Agnes and her family and although my grandmother, mother and aunt probably knew the background, there was little said about the relationship or adoption. After making contact with John, and his interest in the wedding story, his mother Dorothy remembered that Agnes Matilda actually hated being called Aggie! John and I have since clarified the "who" and "where" of a family photo taken in the late 1970s at my home which included Dorothy and her sister.

So, you never know where those Ancestry links will take you and what surprises may await you!!

The Beresford Family

Wendy Cooksey

My maiden name is BERESFORD, which means bears crossing water. It is a very old name. A black bear with a gold muzzle and chain with red claws standing in an aggressive stance is the Beresford symbol, and appears on many coats of arms. The correct technical description is "Argent a bear Salient Sable armed gules, muzzled and chained"—or simply a black bear with red

claws sticking out, gold chain and muzzle (see picture in the column on the right).

In 1980 a society was formed named 'The Beresford Family Society.' I am member 407. Ten years later the Beresford Academy was founded with the remit to research every aspect of Beresford history. To this day, a small team researches Beresford for no cost and endeavours to link all Beresfords to the main line back to Thomas and Agnes Beresford.



Thomas and Agnes had 21 children. Their alabaster tomb is in the church of St Edmund at Fenny Bentley in Derbyshire. Their shrouded effigies are on top and 21 small shrouded effigies, representing their 21 children, surround the tomb. The stained glass windows represent the Beresford family and include the Beresford Bear. This work was completed 100 years after the deaths of Thomas and Agnes.

On the River Dove there is a fishing hut that was owned by Charles Cotton, whose grandfather was a Beresford. The weather vane is a cod. Inside was a table made from limestone from a specific mine close by. When I visited, it was broken and the Beresford Society was looking to source the same material to create a replica. I have a small piece of it.

When I first joined the society, I was told that anyone with the Beresford name could fish in that part of the River Dove for no cost—normally the cost was several hundred pounds a year. You need an escort to access it as there are high locked gates. A Beresford could also go for afternoon tea with the Marquis of Waterford in Ireland. I didn't take up either of these offers.

As in most names there are many spelling variants due to pronunciation and interpretation, but the spelling I have has survived from the 1200's.

I have the right names in the right places at the right times, but so far I have not been able to prove that I have a link to the main line going back to Thomas and Agnes.

Maybe one day!!

August is Family History Month:

How will you celebrate Family History Month?

- ✿ Take an intergeneration photo for future family historians, then using a soft blacklead pencil list the names, date and location on the back. Remember you will not be there in the future to point out who is who!
- ✿ Pull out the old box of photos and add as much detail (as described above) on the back with the soft blacklead.
- ✿ Create a family memory - a letter from one generation to the other.
- ✿ Visit 'the old house' and tell the family some to its' story and yours as well.

For more ideas see:

<https://www.facebook.com/FamilyHistoryMonthAU>

<https://www.thoughtco.com/ways-to-celebrate-family-history-month-1422044>

The Gamekeeper- Walter Curry Younger 1880-1941 - Ian Smith

A character in my family history who I find particularly interesting is my great grandfather Walter Curry Younger. Walter was born at Greta, Victoria, in 1880. This is the same year as the death of a notable resident of Greta, who most would be familiar with; Ned Kelly.

Walter was the son of John Curry Younger, who was born at Coldstream, Scotland, in 1840, and Emma Blood, who coincidentally was born at Coldstream, Victoria, in 1848.

Walter is my father's maternal grandfather. When I first embarked on tracing the family tree, I asked my father what he could tell me about his grandfather. I was somewhat surprised when he

couldn't tell me very much at all, other than stating that Walter had a degree of success as a racehorse owner, which apparently contributed to the purchase of the family farm. As I eventually discovered through on-line sources, Walter had died in August 1941, which was the year after my father was born, so obviously my father had no direct personal memory of Walter.

Through the researcher's new best friend, Trove, I managed to locate an obituary which revealed that Walter died in an accident on the family farm. While the exact details of what happened are unclear, it seems that Walter was somehow run over by his own horses and cart.

The Benalla Ensign - Friday 22 August 1941 - states:

"The late Mr Younger was engaged in carting some bricks and other building material from Moyhu to his property at Hansonville, in connection with the removal of a house from Moyhu. At about 5.30 on Saturday afternoon, he was unloading some of the material, when he called to two men to assist him. It is thought that possibly the horses took this as a command to move, for they started off. The men were on the opposite side of the house, and it is thought that Mr Younger made a grab for the reins, and possibly he was struck by the swingle-bar or one of the wheels, was dragged some distance, and then fell to the ground, the wheels passing over his back, killing him instantly."

Somewhat ironically, the obituary goes on to state "Always a lover of a good horse, the late Mr Younger, bred several good horses and raced them with success." and "Mr Younger donned the colours on several occasions, and a few years ago had his last mount as an amateur rider, at Greta West races." Former Greta local, Ned Kelly, also apparently had an eye for a good horse, which eventually led to his demise as well.

**Genealogy is about chasing
your own tale**

What's in a Name?

Graeme and Jennifer Langshaw, nee Martin
Recently my husband and I looked at our family name origins. This is what we found:-

Last Name: LANGSHAW

The Surname Langshaw is of Anglo-Saxon Origin. It may have been applied to someone from the United Kingdom village "Longshaw" in Derbyshire, alternatively it may be a topographical name applied to a person who lived by a copse (clump of trees).

Last Name: MARTIN

The Martin name came to England after the Norman Conquest in 1066. The name comes from the Latin name Martinus, a derivative of Mars, the Roman God of fertility and war. The name spread quickly following the good works of Martin of Tours who came over with William of Normandy in 1066. He acquired by conquest a large district in Pembrokeshire, which he governed as Lord Marcher.

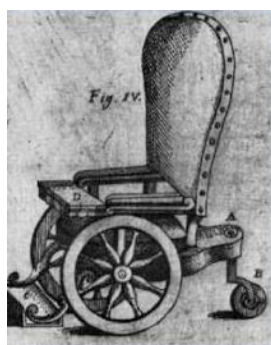
Graeme and Jennifer Langshaw, nee Martin

"I Made up My Mind"

By Susanne Black

The following story features my great grandfather George Norris Gale. This adventure was documented in one of his journals, in which he freely admits to the good and bad decisions that he made in his childhood whilst growing up in Warminster, Wiltshire England.

George was the second youngest son of nine children born to William Gale and Susanna Norris in Pound Street, Warminster, 17 April, 1939. When he was only four years of age his father William died. Without the support of her Sawyer husband, Susanna and the Gale children eventually had to move. Although they only moved across town, George had to attend the National School which had over 300 students and two teachers. This school



'18th Century wheelchair'

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/cd/18_century_wheelchair.jpg

would be ingrained in his memory for two entirely different reasons.

The Principal School Master who taught the upper class students was Mr. Francis. He was married and had a family of six young children. George felt that was the reason he was a fair and just man. The lower school, where George was placed, was under the control of Mr Godfrey. He was a cripple and had the use of two wheel chairs, one for travelling to and from school and the other with smaller wheels he used in the classrooms. His place of residence was some distance from the school, and another obstacle was Boot Hill which was quite a steep climb. Mr. Godfrey overcame these obstacles by selecting a boy in his class throughout the day imposing the punishment of pushing him home. This lot often tell to George.

Sweet blue eyed fair haired George made up his mind that 'enough was enough' he would not push Mr Godfrey home anymore. The task was strenuous, time consuming and with the punishment completed he still had three kilometres walk back to his home. George knew that if he refused Mr Godfrey he would be beaten, so he put another plan into action. The following February day was cold and snowing and once again George was chosen to accompany Mr Godfrey on the trip home.

The common practice was to wrap Mr Godfrey in a blanket, while he was seated holding his crutches, so that he was snug and warm. Then the sound lad pushed him in the chair up the steep hill. Once they reached the flat top, Mr Godfrey would guide himself down the hill with the boy running beside him, ready to push him again at the base.

This particular trip Mr Godfrey only achieved getting a little more than halfway down when a wheel came off with the result that Godfrey, his chair, crutches and blanket rolled down the hill. George ran down to the wet, angry, snow covered school master; found and replaced the errant wheel on the chair and reseated Mr. Godfrey. George was made to look for the lost wheel-pin up and down the hill for a very long time, shoes soaked and very cold. George knew where the pin was. It was back at the school where he had hidden it after removing it from the wheel box. Tired, cool and miserable George made up his mind to

go home. He left to the sound of Mr Godfrey yelling and screaming at him, telling him that he would get full satisfaction when he attended school again.

Upon reaching home he told his mother about leaving Godfrey on the hill. She didn't give her son any credit for leaving him, although she thought that with the many passers-by in the area Mr Godfrey would have been taken care of. George did not sleep too well that night, he kept think of the threatening language of his Master, and dreading the next morning.

Being her usual habit Susanna brought breakfast up to her two sons George and Frederick . George told her he was fearful of returning to school. After they had eaten Susanna returned to wash and dress her sons for school and informed George she would speak with Mr Francis, the Head Master. Susanna told Mr Francis that her son's education was paid for and he was not a 'chair pulling boy'; however she would not interfere if a teacher thought George was in need of punishment, but it must be fair and just.



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Mr Godfrey did not attend the school that day. George was relieved. The following morning as George entered he had a look under the school arches and sure enough Mr Godfrey's chair was there. He kept out of the way until a few minutes before starting time. The class sang morning praise then the books were given out. George thought he was safe until he heard his name called; he was summoned to the front of the class. George was asked several questions about him leaving Mr Godfrey and with each question the teacher's temper increased. He sentenced him to six cuts across the hands. George refused to hold his hands out and told Mr Godfrey his mother had spoken to Mr Francis about it. His Master then ordered another student to hold George; as soon as Mr Godfrey got a grip on him he laid him across his lap and commenced to flog him. George could not escape the strong hold so he *'tried what virtue there was in his ivories'* and bit into Mr Godfrey's thigh and held on as long as he could. The class erupted. The noise brought in Mr Francis who saw Mr Godfrey flogging George, the pupil teacher trying to pull George off him and the students jumping about and screaming.

George was taken down to the coal store and locked in. There were a lot of wood shavings piled up. He lay in the warmth and soon drifted off to sleep. About two hours later an assistant teacher woke him by twisting his ear and dragging him to his feet by. His ear hurt. George pleaded with him to release his hold resulting in an extra twist - George's only defence was to kick the assistant which he did with all his might. With the assistant on the floor, now yelling for help George grabbed a stick and gave him a few good wacks. Soon a crowd surrounded George and he dropped his stick for he had not the inclination of hurting anyone who had not given him any provocation.

He was then escorted to Mr Francis who chastised him and sentenced him to clean up duties after school as punishment. The next day he was thinking that all was well however, Mr Godfrey informed George he was not to leave the classroom , depriving him of his lunch. George spoke to one of his mates and asked him to go and tell his older brother Enoch, who was a pastry cook and baker, that his younger brother was held prisoner at the school and not allowed to have lunch. Before Enoch could give

George his meal Mr Godfrey saw him. An argument developed. The result of this dispute was that Enoch gave George his lunch, which had been wrapped up in a towel. Mr Godfrey sent for Mr Francis.

Mr Godfrey's temper increased again as Mr Francis agreed with Enoch that George should not be deprived of his meal. Mr Godfrey left, yelling that he would see that the young George Gale would have to leave the school as he would not be taught by him. George had the last laugh, for on this very day, the quarterly examination results meant George was promoted to the Upper School which had five classes under the instruction of Mr Francis.

George recorded the following in his journal:

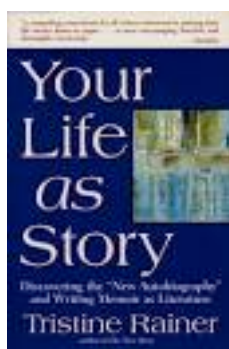
"Godfrey turning on me ordered me out of his class and into my new one. Of course I was the envy of many of my old class mates that stood in for promotion a great way in front of me, for writing a thing I never was good at, and I am afraid that I never shall as many has tried to teach to form my letters

more tassel, but I could never alter my hand. But in geography and spelling there was not my equal in the school amongst the scholars, this was the only thing I could boast of. I was very dull at arithmetic and ciphering, but still did not despair, I was determined to try my best to get the goodwill of my benefactor, Mr. Francis.'

This was one of many entertaining stories written by George. My Husband is adamant that George's traits have passed down through many of the Gale family descendants, especially the 'I made up my mind' attitude.

Book Review

Your Life as Story: Discovering the "New Autobiography" and Writing Memoir as Literature. Tristine Rainer, 1997, NY: Jeremy P. Tarcher/Putnam



This detailed and at times weighty book is worth a study for anyone really keen in crafting their life story into something memorable. The writer's style is at times academic but she provides enlightening examples of how to write so as to avoid the pitfall of writing family history as a report.

In Chapter 3 she asks 'what are the features of a story' and then describes the key elements: A beginning, a middle and realisation. And that within these she writes there is a desire, a struggle which leads ultimately to the final realisation. She explains that by including your feelings and reactions to the events that happened in your life you chart 'the emotional, moral and psychological course, which gives meaning to those events.'

Rainer, in chapter 5, outlines the nine essential elements of story structure:

- 'Beginning** Initiating event
 Problem
 Desire line
- Middle** Struggle with adversary.
 Interim pivotal events
 Precipitating event

Conclusion Crisis
 Climax
 Realisation'

In Chapter 17 she writes of the anatomy of a scene and outlines how to include dialogue to reveal a character, and how to use direct and indirect dialogue to show emotional and power struggles in relationships. She outlines the 'dos and don'ts of writing vivid descriptions'. In other chapters she addresses finding your voice, portraying yourself as a hero, portraying others, how to write what you dare not say with final tips about publishing.

There are many gems in this book including pointing out that your family history needs to include 'the character of you' - your emotions, your struggles and your progression through the story. Rainer is a skilled teacher and through this book she will guide you you how to craft great scenes from your life story. After all, the author points out, only you have this story to tell.

This book is highly recommended for the writing enthusiast considering writing a memoir or biography.

Maureen Cuskelly

Family Tree Maker tip:

Collect information about siblings in each generation. Knowledge of brothers and sisters is important, especially as you study immigrant ancestors of pre-20th-century generations. Siblings sometimes moved in groups and witnessed legal documents for each other. For more tips see:

<https://familytreemagazine.com/>

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NOMINATION FORM

I nominateM'ship number

for election to Committee/ President/ Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary (please select office required).

Name.....M'ship number.....Signed

I second the nomination

Name.....M'ship number.....Signed

I consent to nomination

Signed.....

Date.....2022

Nominations must be **received** by the secretary by COB, **Monday 12th September 2022.**

Election to the Committee of the Wodonga Family History Society Incorporated: If necessary, voting is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20th September 2022.

PROXY VOTING FORM

I (full name in block letters) M'ship number.....

of (full address)

being a financial member of the Wodonga Family History Society Inc, hereby appoint (full name in block letters)

..... M'ship number.....

of (full address)

Being a financial member of the said Wodonga Family History Soc Inc, or failing him/her, the Chairman of the meeting as my proxy, to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday 20th September 2022, and at any adjournment thereof.

Dated this.....day of

.....2022

A member is entitled to attend and vote and is entitled to appoint a proxy and vote. A proxy **must** be a financial member of the society. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit.

Completed Proxy forms should be **received** by the Secretary **before 5pm Monday 19th September 2022.**