



# Reflections

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 1 December Family Tree Maker User Group** 1.30pm – 4pm at our rooms  
With Bernie Billman and Doug Elms.

Topics to be discussed include:

- FTM Back-up. When, Where and how?
- Your questions on backing up and general housekeeping of FTM
- Changes for 2019

To help with catering, please RSVP by Thursday 29 November 2018 to  
[piadgs@gmail.com](mailto:piadgs@gmail.com) with 'FTM User Group' as the subject

**Saturday 8 December End of Year Lunch at the San Remo Hotel** at 12 noon  
Hope to see you all there – partners are welcome

We need to know approximate numbers. To confirm, please RSVP by 5 December  
to [piadgs@gmail.com](mailto:piadgs@gmail.com) with 'Xmas lunch' in the subject line.

**The Research Rooms will be closed for the Christmas break from 4.00 p.m. Friday 21 December, re-opening 10.00 a.m. Thursday 3 January 2019**

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Best wishes for a very  
merry Christmas  
and a safe and happy  
(and genealogically successful)  
2019



## WE ARE REMEMBERED BY OUR STORIES

A colleague wrote a blog post earlier this week in which she recognized that she is someone's ancestor. I remember when my dad's last remaining sister passed away, my cousins and I made the recognition that we are now the older, wiser generation (Heaven help the younger generations!). And in time, our generation will fade.

As we fade, we become memories and stories. Our hope is that these won't in fact fade over time but that they will remain vibrant and will continue to get shared. Of course, these can't be remembered if we don't share them now. It is our job as someone's ancestor to make sure those stories are accessible for future generations.

Making sure the stories I grew up listening to were available for my children was my impetus into genealogy. I shared some of those stories in family history books. In the most recent version of the Crawford book, I added pages in at the end where stories can be easily accessed. Future generations don't need to read through everyone's bio to get to the stories. They can simply turn to the end of the book and access them from there.

I shared the special relationship with my maternal grandfather and how he was heartbroken at my mum and dad emigrating and taking me with them.

I shared a story about my mum and her brother from their teenage years. It was a story often shared at family gatherings. And now it is accessible for my children, their children and future generations.

I shared a comical story about a rivalry between my grandpa and his neighbour. Again, a story that could easily be forgotten, but one that truly shows my grandpa's character. As mischievous as it was.

What about you? What stories will you include in your family book to ensure they are remembered by future generations?

<http://createfamilytreasures.blogspot.com/2018/08/we-are-remembered-by-our-stories.html>

## THE TWELVE DAYS OF A GENEALOGY CHISTMAS



On the Twelfth day of Chistmas  
 My true love sent to me  
 Twelve Deeds and Titles,  
 Eleven Probate problems  
 Ten lost relations,  
 Nine legal letters  
 Eight manorial ecods  
 Seven census searches  
 Six GEDCOM's downloaded  
 Five old wills,  
 Four christening cads  
 Three French connections,  
 Two CD titles  
 And one fully completed Family Tree!!!



<https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/201747258285567137>

**We understand that Mr. Marcus Clarke has in the press a Christmas story, entitled 'Twixt Shadow and Shine. The scene is laid in Phillip Island. Mr. George Robertson is the publisher.**

The Age. Tuesday 2 November 1875

## 150 YEARS OF CLOSER SETTLEMENT ON PHILLIP ISLAND

**THE LAND SELECTIONS.****SCHNAPPER POINT.**

The commission sat here to consider applications for the land at Phillip Island. About one-half of the island had been declared open. A considerable portion of the land which was available for selectors consists of undulating grassy plains, moderately timbered, some of it well watered, and nearly all what may be called fair agricultural soil, whilst some of it is exceedingly good. Up to the present time—with the exception of Mr. M'Haffie's pre-emptive right—the Government has consistently refused to alienate any portion of Phillip Island from the Crown, and it is to be regretted that they have departed from that determination. There is no question that in a military point of view the island occupies a most important position, and for that cause alone, with a view to the future defence of the colony, it should have been retained as national property. Besides this, it formed the best depot for acclimatisation purposes. At present there are on the island nearly 200 deer and a large number of hares. These, however, if the place, as now appears probable, becomes settled, will soon disappear, and the island will for the future be comparatively useless to the Acclimatisation Society. The commission consisted of Mr. Hodgkinson, Assistant-Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Mr. Wimble. In consequence of the number of applicants, it was resolved to adopt a modified system of lot, something similar to that pursued in the case of selections under the 12th section. The commission sat at the Court-house, and all who were there, or inside the enclosure around it, prior to ten o'clock in the morning received a lot ticket, which was subsequently marked with the name of the intending selector and deposited in a box. These tickets were afterwards drawn out indiscriminately, and the parties whose names were upon them were called upon to select in the order in which they were drawn. The difference between the mode adopted in the present case and that followed with selections under the 12th clause is, that in the latter case the party is allowed to select whether he be a dummy or not, there being no power to prevent him, any remedial action having to be subsequently taken. Here, however, if there was any doubt about the matter, the applicant was examined by the commission, and if his answers were not satisfactory he was not allowed to select. There were open 157 allotments, containing from ten up to 160 acres each, the total quantity comprised in the whole being 7,195 acres. At Rhyll (Fisherman's Point) twenty-four lots, and at Eastern Passage thirty-two lots, averaging from one to fourteen acres each, were set apart for persons who for three months previous, during the current year, had held licences for sites for fishermen's residences, or drying nets on the shores of Western Port Bay. The selection scarcely caused so much excitement as was anticipated. A large number of persons, however, was present from the surrounding districts, and several well-known faces from Mel-

bourne were also observed. A good many arrived on Saturday, but still more on Sunday, on which day Rennison's well-known hostelry was crowded. Some few farmers from Berwick and Cranbourne arrived in their own drays, and camped out. They must have been somewhat incommoded by the plentiful rain which fell during Sunday night and early on the following morning, but bearing in mind the great advantage which their crops were deriving, they bore the trifling inconvenience to which they were subjected with stoical fortitude.

Operations were commenced precisely at nine o'clock on Monday morning, and during the following hour 132 lottery tickets were issued—two of them to ladies. The box having been turned round and shaken up in the most approved manner, the drawing was proceeded with, and the applicants were called upon and selected their land in the following order. As each individual came up those present were asked whether there was any objection to the applicant taking up land on Phillip Island. Only two objections, however, were made, which are noted below:—

Thomas Mitchell Fellstead, farmer; James M'Ilwraith, farmer; Thomas Wilson, farmer; George Thorn, road contractor; Wm. M'Kay, farmer; James Chambers, ironmonger; Frederic Poole, farmer; Joseph Cleeland, farmer; John West, market-gardener; Robert Byrne, jun., objected to and disallowed, only seventeen years of age; Robert Fletcher, wood carter; Charles Newport, butcher; John Cheque, farmer; David Reed, sailor; E. C. Amsinck, gentleman; W. M. Mackenzie, storekeeper; John Houston, gentleman; George Beard, farmer; Thomas Kanine, farmer; Daniel Adams, commercial traveller; Anthony Scott, farm labourer; R. C. Miller, spirit merchant; George C. Scott, accountant; Geo. Cox, fisherman; Joseph Richardson, farmer; William Pearson, hotelkeeper; W. S. F. Murray, auctioneer, not allowed, said he owned 1,400 acres already; Chas. Craydon, fisherman; Fredk. Peatling, maltster; William Cochrane, gardener; Richard Craydon, fisherman; Thomas Rennison, hotelkeeper; Edward Phillips, carpenter; John Barrett, storekeeper; C. E. Verdon, cattle-dealer; James Wilson, farmer; Edley North, contractor; William Barter Oat, hotelkeeper; William S. Potts, clerk; Frederic Hollier, marketgardener; Richard Bowman, saddler; John Rogers, farmer; George Morgan, carter; Joseph Taafe, miner; James H. M'Gregor, gardener; Michael Fox, farm labourer; John Whitney, ironmonger; William Turnbull, George Pool; Benjamin Bagster, storekeeper; David Burton, sheep farmer; Alfred Jones, farmer; Murdoch Macdonald, farmer; James Scott, teacher; John Love, farmer; Charles Chapman, farmer; P. Hugo M'Hugh, surveyor; Francis Cleeland, farmer; Malcolm M'Donald, farmer; William Love, farmer; Jas. D. Anderson, mining agent; Samuel F. Bury, quartz miner; John M. Watson, ironmonger; Alexander Ross, farmer; Robert Byrne, auctioneer; Horatio Beauchamp, auctioneer; Samuel Hall, John Sharples, schoolmaster; B. Arundell Hill, farm labourer; Francis Stephens, solicitor; Thomas Smith, boot-maker; W. A. Hunt, farmer; Michael Jas. O'Connor, grazing farmer; Robert



Dunn, maltster; Alexander Watt Bowman, grazier; William Woolley, surveyor; Thomas Warr, farmer; Wm. Smith, bootmaker; Jas. Chas. Hann; Wm. White; Michael Molony, farm labourer; Wm. Power, gentleman; James Broadrick, labourer; Wm. Henry Hobson, boardinghouse-keeper; David Mairs, farmer; Samuel Mann, hotel-keeper; Chas. Young Skinner, fisherman; Jonas Watson, storekeeper; John L. L. Campbell, miner; Preston Parsons, butcher; John B. Lock, farmer; James Murray, carpenter; William Hutchinson, bootmaker; E. J. B. Nunn, solicitor; Alfred Cooper, auctioneer; John Lett, maltster; Henry J. Smith, gentleman; H. S. Skinner, fisherman; Frederic Williams, salesman; H. J. M. Skinner, fisherman; F. A. Jellett, gentleman; Matthew Lang, spirit merchant; Angus Love, farmer; John MacLennan, miner.

The whole of the proceedings passed off very quietly, and the manner in which the selections were conducted appeared to give

great satisfaction. Mr. Murray, of the firm of Greig and Murray, who at first was not allowed to select, in consequence of the large quantity of purchased land already held by him, was subsequently allowed to take up an allotment which was left after all the other applicants had been satisfied. Although it is to be regretted, for more reasons than one, that the island is not be retained as national property, there is this much to be said, —nearly the whole of the land selected yesterday has undoubtedly fallen into the hands of persons who intend to settle upon and cultivate it. Nearly the whole of the applicants were farmers, farm labourers, and hard-working men, or persons desirous of obtaining perhaps one of the best sites in the whole colony for a sea-side residence. In a short time it is rumoured that the rest of the island, with the exception of some reserves, will be sold by auction, and that the township allotments near the mussel rocks will also be disposed of in the same manner.

The Argus. Tuesday 3 November 1868

This article states that 157 lots were open for selection, but lists only 104 names. Another six names have been discovered – C.Chandley, G. Marsh, C. R. Hellier, F. A. Gillett, J. M. Connell and J. McLennan, so we are still missing about 40 names, and we have no lot numbers. A researcher has made several visits to the P.R.O.V. trying to find a full list of the names of the selectors and which allotments they chose – so far with no luck. The search for the elusive list continues.

The 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations have ended. Our contribution was the launch of the 1872-1900 rate books database in August, and P.I.A.D.G.S. was involved in the final two events.

On 3 November Bob Hayes, Duncan McPherson, Malcolm Swaine and David Rathgen represented our group in the street parade.



On November 10 The Phillip Island & District Historical Society staged a re-enactment of the 1868 land ballot, based on the Argus article. The hall was packed - crowded standing room only! The Historical Society also has a display of old photos and we provided maps, and family histories of some of the original selectors.



Christine Grayden & Julie Box, from the Historical Society  
in front of our map display  
photo courtesy of the Phillip Island & San Remo Advertiser

## PHILLIP ISLAND IN THE NEWS

### *A COOL SUMMER RESORT IN VICTORIA.*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—I reached Melbourne from Geelong on Monday, the 8th inst., with the thermometer in the shade at 101; left it by coach at 7 the next morning, and in the afternoon, instead of a temperature of 100, such as you were then enduring in Melbourne, found myself in a pleasant island in Western Port Bay with the thermometer at only 78.

Again, on Monday, the 15th inst., while the thermometer in Melbourne was at 99, here it was only 82, with half a gale of wind blowing.

There are two good family hotels with beds for about 25 persons, so do not rush the place.

Yours, &c.,

H. B. H.

Cowes, Phillip Island.

The Argus. Saturday 20 December 1873

### GRIFFITHS' POINT POLICE COURT.

Friday, 18th January.

Before Messrs. F. Hare, P.M., S. West, H. F. Norton, M. Turnbull, Jos. Fowler, H. Anderson and Reid J. P.

Police v. George Smith; obscene language at Cowes on the night of 26th Dec. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 40s., in default seven days' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

Police v. James Leeson; insulting words on 1st January. The defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined £3, with a caution not to appear again. The fine was paid.

A stage carriage license was granted to Charles Grayden for four-wheeled vehicle to ply for hire on Phillip Island.

South Bourke and Mornington Journal. Wednesday 23 January 1884

Notwithstanding the Gipps Land Steam Navigation Company's steamer not running her usual trip to Phillip Island on Friday, and thus preventing a large number of persons from visiting the island and their friends, a monster picnic got up by the inhabitants was held at Cowes, at which about 400 persons joined and enjoyed themselves to their heart's content, the sports provided consisting of cricket, foot racing, tilting the ring, and various other amusements, which lasted till six o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the party broke up highly pleased with the day's pleasure. This was the largest gathering of people ever collected together on Phillip Island.

Leader. Saturday 31 December 1870

The 31st October 1871, may fairly be considered as a red letter day in the annals of Phillip Island, the occasion being no less than the first election of members of the Phillip Island District Road Board, which took place at Cowes on that day. Although a small community as yet, it is worthy of remark as a proof that the Islanders can fully appreciate the value of local government that for the six seats no less than eleven candidates contested the election, and almost every individual on the Island entitled to a vote came to the poll, and to the honor of both candidates and voters be it said that no spirit of rowdiness or ill feeling manifested itself throughout the contest. Amidst loud cheering the successful came forward, and in a few appropriate words thanked their supporters. Mr. William Sunderland who headed the poll, and Mr. S. West who was second in point of numbers, moved and seconded a vote of thanks to the returning officer, which was carried by acclamation.

Leader. Saturday 11 November 1871



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## MORE FREE INTERNET SITES

- West Cork graveyards database <http://www.graveyards.skibbheritage.com/>
- Cavan, Ireland <http://www.from-ireland.net/county-cavan-genealogy/>
- Graveyard photographs <http://www.historicgraves.com>
- Cooper Pedy Historical Society  
<https://ehive.com/collections/7823/coober-pedy-historical-society>
- Irish trials <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogygenealogy-records/ireland-australia-transportation-records-1791-1853>
- Changed Hobart street names [http://www.hobart.tasfhs.org/Changed\\_Streets.html](http://www.hobart.tasfhs.org/Changed_Streets.html)
- Scotland's places <https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk>
- University of St Andrews, Scotland, archives  
<https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library/specialcollections/collections/archives/>
- Long term workhouse inmates survey 1862 - England & Wales  
<https://www.madaboutgenealogy.com/long-term-workhouse-inmates-survey-1861/>
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## NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

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| Scotlands People       | Scotland's civil parish maps and index   |
| Garden, Don            | Hamilton. A western district history   |
| Rasmussen, Geoffrey D. | Digital imaging essentials   |
| Symonds, Sally         | Healesville. History in the hills  |
| Vines, Jack            | Morwell's Sacred Heart. One hundred years of Parish life 1892-1992                       |
| Rothfield, Pamela      | At home on the hill. Stories of pioneers in the first thirty years of the P. I. cemetery |
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"Not a creature was stirring...and that's why the sauce burned.  
Nobody offers to help me in the kitchen on Christmas!!!"

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## IGA COWES

Anyone shopping at the IGA Grocery store in Cowes, please give our **Shopper Number 595** and all credits will go to the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc. It would be most appreciated by the Committee if you could spare a few points.

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