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who would be
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ing to the newsletter.***

**Views expressed by mem-
bers are not necessarily
those of others or of the
committee.**

Dear Members,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

2012 is proving to be a great year for the Society. Following our successful Sundowner and AGM last December, we formed a very strong and dedicated committee with some new blood that have brought fresh energy and ideas to the table. This is what our newest Committee members have been up to over the past couple of months:

- Roger Elmitt has flagged improvements and consolidation of our database of historical data and photographs to a single source. With Roger's guidance, this project will deliver a wonderful resource that we will be able to share with our members and greater community through our website.
- Christina Gustavson is our new assistant treasurer to help John Wreford with our day-to-day running of the business side of the Society. Christina brings a ton of enthusiasm and energy to our Committee meetings.
- Andy Ross, together with long serving committee member Ian Merker, have done a stunning job in tackling the Carrington traffic issue in a sensible and diplomatic approach. The successful community meeting at 49 Clotilde Street on Sunday 15th April (attended by around 200 members of the community) was a major milestone in this endeavour.
- Following our first Committee meeting for the year in February, Bruce Wooldridge very professionally updated and consolidated our demolition register which now combines recent history of demolitions with our "Demolition Watch" register.
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Together with John Wreford, Patron Barrie Baker, Ian Merker, Georgina Hurst and of course our ever-dependable secretary, Beth McKechnie, we hope to be able to deliver more projects to preserve our heritage, promote our local history and build community spirit.

This March marks my fourth complete year as President of the Society and at this point I have decided to step aside. During our April Committee meeting, the Committee nominated and appointed Mr Bruce Wooldridge as our new President. Bruce is a passionate family man who brings his measured and practical leadership style to the Society. The Society is fortunate to have Bruce in this role and I am sure he will do a wonderful job. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and I look forward to working with Bruce and the other Committee members in 2012.

Kind regards,

Paul Hurst



Welcome to MLS's new President; Bruce Wooldridge

Bruce is a chartered accountant. Bruce has been a resident of Inglewood and Mount Lawley since 1997, with the exception of six years living and working abroad in London and Jakarta. Since purchasing a "renovators delight" in Rookwood Street in 2011, Bruce, his wife Lauren and two young sons have embarked on a full restoration and extension, which will continue to see them busy over the next couple of years!

Bruce is a recent member having only joined late in 2011. Bruce is passionate in respect of the retention of character homes within the Mount Lawley, Menora and Inglewood Heritage Protection Areas. One of the reasons for Bruce joining the Society and to accept the nomination as President is his dismay over the increasing number of "demolition by neglect" properties within the areas. Bruce is looking forward to continuing the superb work of outgoing President Paul Hurst and the Committee in ensuring the protection of the areas' heritage buildings and the amenity they provide.

Calling all Volunteers! Roger Elmitt

Your Society is embarking upon an ambitious historical archiving program and invites members to volunteer to assist.

Presently Roger Elmitt, Christina Gustavson and Beth McKechnie are sorting and filing many years of articles ,newspaper cuttings and documents as the Society has, over its 30and more years of existence, accumulated a large amount of historical information concerning the people and properties of Mt Lawley. In order to preserve this valuable data and to make it more easily available to members we need to collate, concentrate and concatenate this data into a single online presence.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in joining our group on a Friday morning in the cellar /dungeon of the MLBC or helping from home or just interested in providing assistance. Computer experience or access to the Net is not required but also can be utilised.

if you have any free time, are interested in preserving Mt Lawley history and would like to join our group the please contact Beth, for details.



AMAZING STORIES: INNOVATION AND INVENTION

18th April - 18th May 2012 From the ingenuity of Aboriginal life on the land, to examples of resourceful 'make do' in hard times and the creative use of heritage places in the 21st century, the 2012 WA Heritage Festival celebrates Australia's heritage - past, present and future.

The National Trust invites you to experience the festival by taking part in one or more of the amazing events in the **WA Heritage Festival Program**.

The MLS is presenting Learoyd St **SOME SECRETS OF LEAROYD STREET**

MLS proposes to present that Learoyd Street is more important to the history and heritage of Mount Lawley than its se-date aspect today might lead one to suspect. The project will incorporate photographs, anecdotes, historical data and re-enactment of a famous protest event. Features will be:

- Learoyd Street and Guildford Road
- Turning a major road into a minor road.
- Bad smells and how they were received.
- The 'Battle of Learoyd Street'.

WATCH the WA Heritage Festival Programme and email out for further information

GWEN WILBERFORCE - nee Bandy, Gwendoline Constance (continued)

b20 JUL 1913 Perth .Oral history taken in 1999, courtesy of Peter Bandy, son of Lawrence Henry Bandy.

Martha Elizabeth (**Aunty Dotty**)(1882-1972) She was always Aunty Dotty and I don't know why. My very vivid recollection of her was when Harold Colley, her husband, came back from the 1st World War minus an arm. I was down at Cowles Street and saw this man with only one arm and I was terrified. I ran out of the room screaming. They bought a very nice house in Bulwer Street not very far from Cowles Street. They had one son, **Albert (Bert)**(born 1920). He was always known as Bert but Aunty Maude christened him Shiny because he had very light auburn hair and it was always very shiny. We never called him anything else but Shiny. He now lives in S.A., and I've completely lost contact with him. Betty Bruce tells me he's still alive. Aunty Dotty was a very hard lady - very severe. We kids kept very much away from her because she wasn't an easy person. She was a wonderful wife, mother and daughter. She was always all right when we were at Cowles Street but you could never get close to her like you could to Aunty Maudey, never. Her house in Bulwer Street was just immaculate - you were frightened to tread on the front doorstep it was so highly polished. She was a wonderful housekeeper - fantastic. Uncle Harold Colley liked to hop over the road to the Hyde Park Hotel very often - perhaps to "get away". She devoted her life to Bert "Shiny" until he married a girl called Connie strangely enough - a girl who lived over East Perth way - can't remember what her surname was, but they had several children and moved over to S.A.



Aunty Dotty used to drive a car - a little 2 seater - it was very high off the ground and she'd sit up like a duchess driving this car - very austere type of lady. But she kept the car like a new pin just as she did her house. She was very kind in lots of ways - I remember she made a most beautiful shawl and baby clothes for me when I had Judy. She brought them to Glenroyd Street and there was nobody home so she came up to First Avenue where Aunty Maddie and Grandma Hartland (who was still alive then) lived. That was about my last recollection of Aunty Dotty I think. She was very, very slim and very straight laced - beautifully groomed always, but she used to sit in this car as though she were aristocracy almost. No, no, she was a very good living woman. Harold would have got an army pension having lost an arm. I don't know what his work was. She died in 1972. She had the same house until she died.

Albert George (1885-1963)- we didn't see much of Uncle Albert as he was a postman and spent a lot of time in the country. Balingup. I can remember your father going down to Balingup very often for his school holidays. He spent quite a bit of time with Uncle Albert. They played cricket matches down there. He would have had a lot of interaction with Rex as a boy, but then, as they got older, Rex was a schoolteacher in the country and your father was up here. We didn't see very much of them at all.

Aunt Dotty with her husband Albert Colley

Albert was a very nice man and his wife was a lovely lady - Olive "**Elsie**" **Langmaid** (1892-1956)she was. They always only had a small home attached to the post office. When he was in Perth, he was in Aberdeen Street - I think that's where the post office was then for that area. From there he went to various places in the country. I know he was at Balingup a long time and was very well known there. Albert was a bit like Dad in build and features. Aunty Olive was a pretty lady of average build and height. We saw very little of their children when we were growing up as they were away so long.

I had a very happy childhood. I can't remember any undue unpleasantness in the family at all. Mum and Dad were just wonderful parents. Dad was strict in a way that we had to toe the line if we did anything wrong. We had to do our homework after school and obey the normal rules of household chores. My parents were both very happy together. Mother went to a lot of social "do's" with Dad especially in the Freemasonry in which he was very involved. They had their ladies' night and I can remember mother being beautifully dressed - she always had a lovely new evening gown and was always a very well dressed lady. She took a great pride in her appearance always and that set a good example to we kids because we always did the right thing in that respect. Dad was always very well groomed and he became Electoral Officer at Fremantle. In his early days he was a schoolteacher at Perth Boys' down in St George's Terrace. Then he went into the government and I can't remember the first position he had. Then he became Electoral Officer at Fremantle and he used to travel by train and tram every day. It would have taken a while in those days, but he had 3 other gentlemen also working at Fremantle that he knew, and they would all sit together in a carriage, spread newspapers out and play bridge all the way from Perth to Fremantle, and they'd do the same at 5.00 pm or whenever they finished. We nearly went to live in Fremantle because of the travelling and I had horrors of leaving all my friends in Mt Lawley, because I'd joined a tennis club and the church. Church was a great part of our lives. We went every Sunday; especially when we lived in Raglan Road, we'd go to Sunday School - we'd never miss. The church was only 2 doors away

and the minister lived next door to the church. Then there was a laneway, one house where the Jury family lived, and we were next door to them. At night, Mum and Dad would go to the night service and from then on, Sunday School was moved to the afternoon and we'd go then, as they'd always have proper services in the morning. Even when we moved to Glenroyd Street, I, in particular, took a great interest in the church - I was a Sunday School teacher. We used to have an anniversary at the end of each year when all the children used to sing. They erected a platform in the church. We'd all sit upon this raised platform and the head of our Sunday School would conduct us in all these songs. We were lucky enough to have Mr and Mrs Howard (later Sir Harry Howard - Lord Mayor of Perth) in those days as members of our church. They were wonderful, musical people - she had a glorious singing voice - just beautiful. He had the firm of Wiper/Howard in Hay Street. He was our Sunday School conductor and we used to have rehearsals for this anniversary on Friday nights. Dad had a lovely tenor voice - he was in the senior choir at night. Smoking did not harm his voice. Mother played the piano beautifully and Dad sang. We had a lovely piano at Glenroyd Street. I learned piano for 5 years, but I didn't keep it up or practise. I concentrated more on my singing. Lawrence was most upset when Mum sold the piano to a dancing teacher - she thought it was taking up too much room in the lounge room. He played banjo - he had the music in him, but it didn't come out properly until the AMP. He and Jack Kelly and others got together and they used to provide quite a lot of the music and entertainment at our affairs at the Bowling Club.



A group photo probably taken by Aunty Maddie in the garden of 17 Glenroyd St. Back Row. Uncle "Goo" Harold Elsegood, Aunty Gwen Wilberforce, Grandpa Bandy, Uncle Bob Wilberforce, John Beckwith (Aunty Maddie's husband) Front Row Susan Wilberforce, Judy Wilberforce. Crouching Down - Uncle Bill Bandy or just "Billy".

My grandma Hartland and Aunty Maddie lived around the corner in Grosvenor Road, just off William Street. The church was on the corner of Raglan Road - the next street was Grosvenor Road and they were just around the corner. Mum and Dad waited there while we kids were at the singing practice for the anniversary.. I think I was the only one singing. I don't think Lawrence was in that. I was about 12 or 13, and I'd gone around after the practice had finished, and I wasn't there very long when one of the kids (I forget who) came running around and said: "Mr Howard wants you - you left too early - he wants to see you". So I had to go back to the church and he wanted me to sing a solo at the anniversary. I was lucky enough to have a bit of a voice in those days and when I was 15, I can remember him coming to our house in Glenroyd Street to ask Dad if I could join the Senior Choir. It was the year I was studying for my Junior and Dad was a little sceptical. Mr Howard said it would only be Thursday nights for practice which shouldn't be too demanding. So that's when I got into the Senior Choir and I enjoyed every minute of it. I used to sing a couple of solos in the church and I thought I was very clever doing that. I sang at Aunty Maddie's wedding. She was married in June/July 1932. I was about 18. Then I did a lot of choir work because Mr Howard was very involved with the first ABC. He had an entrée into the

music world and our church choir was invited to join other choirs to do big concerts etc. We would travel to the country. I remember when they were building the Wellington Dam in the South West, we went down for a weekend and stayed in a hotel at Harvey. We went out and sang to all the workers on the construction site. I think we travelled down in private cars. In those days a lot of men had cars of their own.

I remember singing under the conductorship of Sir Thomas Beecham at the old Capitol Theatre. We did the Messiah, and at the rehearsal he was ranting/raving mad because the acoustics were so terrible. He said: "We can't possibly sing The Messiah in this place, it's useless." So they had to put a false ceiling in over the stage of the Capitol to improve the acoustics. He was a tyrant - gee he was hard - very hard, but it was a wonderful experience. We just thought it was heaven to sing under a conductor like that. Sir Malcolm Sargent also came to Perth and we sang in St George's Hall in Pier Street, next to St George's Cathedral. Hiawatha's Wedding Feast. We girls all fell madly in love with him because he was the most divine looking man - tall, beautifully dressed with his dark hair all slicked back. They were great experiences. Later on, Dudley Bastien - I was in his choir for years and we did lots of wonderful things. We did Elijah. He was a funny chap but the concerts we did were very popular. Sue was born in 1947 and I was still in the church choir then. Bob used to mind the two girls when I went to practise. I was also still in Dudley Bastien's choir. We did Elijah in the Temple David's Church in Clifton Cres. We did it 3 nights running to packed houses every night. We had a good orchestra. After a few years I found it too much with the children and I couldn't keep it going, so I gave it away. Then Harry Howard went on to be knighted and Lord Mayor of Perth. He was a great guy. He liked the girls and he used to often give us a ride into work. His wife Thelma knew all this. She used to say: "You girls are the bane of my life. He leaves his breakfast sometimes to go and pick you up." Another friend of mine lived in Clifton Cres and we used to go to work on the tram every morning. Harry would know the time we left for work! They were a lovely couple - wonderful people. They did a lot for our Congregational Church - made it quite famous really. It's gone now.

BRICKS & MORTARS Renovation of 98 First Ave by Marcus Liley (Vol 33/4Dec 2010)

Marcus emailed the editor in March to say that the Robert J Frayne who owned the house 98 First Ave in 1966-1972 dropped by unannounced and asked if he could look through the house. He was very pleased to see the original part of the house relatively untouched and was impressed with the character features of the extension. He sent some photos taken by him in 1966 see below:



RJF-5: Dec. 1966, with FB Holden



1966-1972 RJF-1



1967 RJF-2



98 First Ave today

Crossing the line: early policing around Mt Lawley #12

By Peter Conole, Police Historian

One of the pleasures of researching and writing a series such as 'Crossing the Line' is the discovery of patterns from one era to another: patterns of social and economic changes often beyond the control of officialdom, but later requiring official intervention to help with community building. A good example is the need to make provision for crime prevention and crime detection, as explained in previous issues. Mount Lawley is an unusual place to study from that perspective. No police stations were ever located within the confines of the suburb, but it has always been 'covered' by a swirl of policing activity from the late 1890 onwards. Almost always unobtrusive activity, but subject to constant changes in the way it was done.



The James Street police barracks, early 1900s

The story began with railways - the opening of the Fremantle-Guildford line in March 1881 - followed by the spread of industry and population north of the line and the establishment of suburbs like Mount Lawley. The WA Police were already on their way north and in the early 1900s a police complex in Northbridge emerged as the hub for their decision making, action planning and training. In earlier times the area up to the corner of William Street and Francis Street was the focus of a regular foot patrol or 'police beat'. A police duty roll of 1869 showed it extended from the Waterside Police Station in what was called Bazaar Terrace up through the centre of Perth. The police commissioner had his offices in the Terrace.



The James Street police barracks, early 1900s

A complete refocus of direction and activities came in 1897 when the first police station north of Perth began operating at Highgate, while police reserves also appeared in Roe, Beaufort, and James Streets. In September 1901 a police lockup at Roe Street was completed and Central Police Station - the main one in the Perth metro area - opened alongside it in 1902.

Also in the early 1900s, as part of this general move into the Northbridge area, new stables were established between the Roe Street station and William Street. The concentration of police administration in the area ended when the Beaufort Street Court of Petty Sessions received other occupants besides court officials. During July 1905 the offices of Frederick Hare, Commissioner of Police, were moved to the first floor of the Beaufort Street Court building.

The James Street building, the elegant structure currently facing the State Museum from the South, may have had room for the Criminal Investigation Branch offices as well when it began life as a police barracks at around the same time.

From Hare's time onwards until the 1960s this Northbridge precinct was the epicentre of the most important changes in the history of the WA Police. The commissioner was there - giving direction to the entire law enforcement establishment. The senior Roe Street officers monitored the situation at 'ground level', notably the ebb and flow of social change and law enforcement issues. Frederick Hare was a dynamic figure and rather good at getting financial commitment from State governments. The Maylands (1906) and North Perth (1908) stations appeared on the map - staff based in both establishments supplemented the work of colleagues from Highgate and Roe Street stations in and around Mount Lawley, Inglewood and other emerging northern suburbs.

Throughout the 1910s and 1920s there was fairly solid pooling of resources, with mutual support between stations in conducting horse patrols and then motorised patrols. Additional cars and motor cycles were added to the police vehicle fleet in the 1930s despite Depression Era cutbacks and squabbles over finance. Radio and telephone communications also became more effective.

A critical change came in 1940, when the WA police decided that it was time to give up direct centralised control of the suburban belt around Mount Lawley. Inglewood station opened in 1940 as the capital of a new police sub-district, with a high degree of autonomy and direct control over North Perth and Maylands stations. Bayswater Station (opened 1956) also came under the ambit of Inglewood. The early records of Bayswater are a revelation, as they reveal much about social change in post-World War II Western Australia. As was the case with some other suburbs, a fair proportion of new residents were from central or eastern Europe and our local police were a 'culture shock' element for many. Constables were not armed and tended to be friendly and helpful towards them – in glowing contrast to some of their horrific past experiences in other countries.

Another interesting aspect of Mount Lawley's experience of policing has been discussed outright, or hinted at, in more than one previous article. The suburb was a fashionable residential one and nicely connected to Perth city by assorted roads and a railway link. Quite a few police officers made their homes there, especially rather senior men, although we can be sure they were remained pretty unobtrusive



Chief Inspector Michael O'Halloran

Chief Inspector John McKenna, a famous WA citizen in his own lifetime, was discussed in *Crossing the Line#9*. Another figure to conjure with was Chief Inspector Michael O'Halloran, in office as second-in-command of the WA Police from 1928 to 1932. O'Halloran had been a power behind the throne for many years; he became a particularly valuable ally of Commissioner Robert Connell in the great era of police reforms from 1913 onwards. He was also a personal friend of former premier John Scaddan, who served as Minister for Police from 1930-1932. The Mount Lawley O'Halloran household became quite a social centre for WA power brokers in those critical years - family descendants understand that even Prime Minister James Scullin (in office 1929-1932) put in an appearance.

Residents will have been more aware of the presence of Chief Inspector Thomas Tetterington, a Mount Lawley man who played an important role in both law enforcement and civil defence matters during the critical years from 1940 until 1945. He had to be constantly on the move throughout the suburbs to ensure all was well during periods when large numbers of troops were based in Perth. He helped to recruit and organise special constables to guard road networks and key communication places at certain times. Assisting citizens to plan and build air raid shelters and acquire first aid skills may also have been on his agenda, for Tetterington was a prominent member of the St John's Ambulance organisation.



Chief Inspector Thomas Tetterington

The opening of Morley station in 1965 was another chronological 'sign post' in the suburban march north from Perth and it became the new control centre of the local police district or division impacting on Mount Lawley. We can detect some administrative turmoil underneath the surface over the next couple of decades as the pace of change increased and new plans for urban expansion and development emerged.

By 1987 the over-crowded Morley premises were the command centre for police officers responsible for preserving the public peace in eleven suburbs. The North-West Corridor Review of 1993 doomed the arrangement and in 1996 the Mirrabooka precinct emerged as the centre of a police West Metropolitan Region.

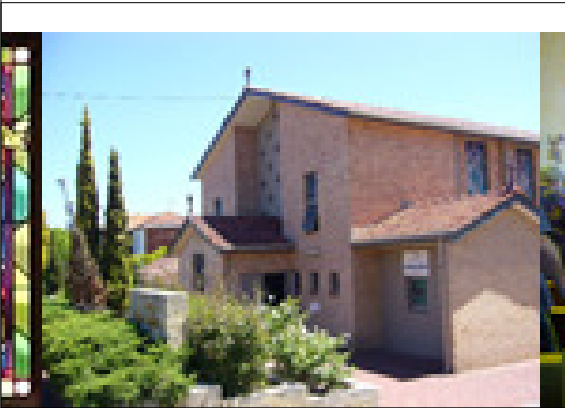
Some previous arrangements became completely redundant. The cosy and practical old system of attaching living quarters for officers-in-charge had already faded out. So did various historic and picturesque police stations over the years, to re-emerge as candidates for restoration work and preservation as heritage-listed buildings. It may well be that the wheel will to some extent turn full circle in the future, for a new police administrative centre is being built near Northbridge, with potential impact on suburbs immediately to the

north of the central business district.

INSTITUTIONS OF MOUNT LAWLEY 1830-circa 1970 (partially adapted form unpublished manuscript on Mount Lawley) by Margaret Hamilton (a former MLS member)

CHURCHES

Most early settlers came from religious homes and to maintain that link with the immediate past was important. The earliest boundary of Mount Lawley began at the Maylands Peninsula and Mr John Gregory the first settler joined with the Hardy family at the Peninsula for weekly prayer meetings of the Methodist persuasion.



St Pauls

Roman Catholics first founded a tin hut church in Mary St ,Highgate, and the Catholic Church in Inglewood was used until the building of St Paul's, Learoyd St in 1957.

Anglicans established St Albans Highgate and Perth College Chapel, St Michaels and All Angels was built in 1926. St Patrick's came next on the corner of Beaufort St and Lawley Crescent. The original wooden church was built on the tennis court of the Hamer family, who built their house in 1901/2. The present church was built in 1936. In the 1960's St Hilda's was built in Bradford St.

Presbyterians satisfied their need for premises in building St Giles on the corner of Glenroyd Street and Lawley Crescent in 1915. Later it became the Uniting Church and was demolished in 1981 starting with the church hall and then developers bought the church replacing it with a block of town houses.



The old Forrest Park Church

The Methodists didn't have premises in the district until 1933 when Forrest Park was built in Walcott St. It ceased being a place of worship in the 1980's and for years was a restaurant. The premises are now being done up again.

The Jewish faith built the first Liberal synagogue in Clifton Street and it was used for worship on July 22 1962. This was followed eleven years later with the Orthodox Synagogue built in Freedman Road in 1973. It is of interest that the Luber family in Beaufort St brought the first Jewish Scroll of Law to Western

Australia in 1886 and that it is housed in one of the Mount Lawley synagogues.

The Quakers built a meeting House in Clifton Crescent, the date of which is not established but it was extant in the 1920's.

Gradually resulting from proselytization, mainly attributed to settlers from the Americas, many of the newer faiths had meeting places, none of which survived into the 21st century in Mount Lawley.

Seventh day Adventists had a place of worship on Walcott Street from 1959 though meetings had been held since 1928. The Jehovah's Witnesses also had premises along with the Elim Four Square Gospel and the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

It is apparent the roots of most pioneers and later migrants belonged to the four main groups- Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist, Jewish and Quakers.

Many convicts claimed to be Quakers.

Western Australia's Founder and first Governor – the City of Stirling Plaque by Sid Breedon, Researcher



Picture of Captain James Stirling and Swan Cup

Over several newsletters we will provide insights to "The Forgotten Grave" of our state's Founder and first Governor, Captain later Admiral Sir James Stirling, the man who laid strong foundations for what became Western Australia. Inarguably James Stirling is the single most important person in the history of Western Australia. If not for his perseverance, the British in 1829 may not have claimed Australia's western third then known as New Holland and today's residents would not be enjoying the freedom, lifestyle and prosperity to which we have become accustomed.

I do not intend covering Stirling's biography because that is well documented by others, however I have concentrated on the post-death phase of James and Ellen Stirling. What I found during my research has both shocked and disappointed to the point it is obvious that steps must be taken to reverse what has become a forgotten site and to accord our Founder the respect he deserves.

Most will know who Captain Stirling was and recognise the many places named in his honour but ask where he was buried or what became of his grave and few will know.



City of Stirling crest



St John's Church at Stoke, Guildford

While I will come back and follow the story from burial to present, this series commences with our Local Government, the City of Stirling, named after our Founder. Our City's Crest and Armorial includes Stirling family components including his Scottish place of birth.

In July 2010 my wife Carole and I made a purpose visit to the place of Stirling's burial, St John's Church at Stoke, Guildford in Surrey, England. This church is referred to as the mother church

and commonly known as "St John's Stoke", a beautiful 1000 years old church mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Currently St John's is a dynamic successful church with a large congregation.

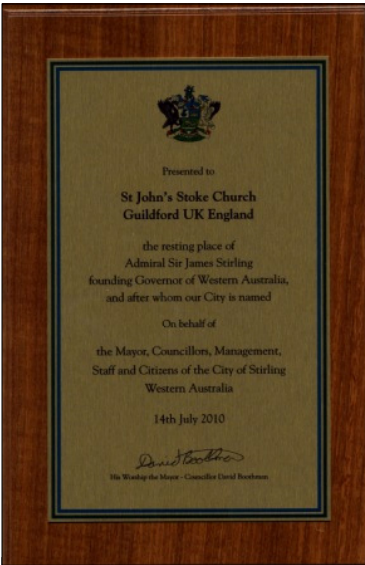
James and Ellen were married here on 23rd September 1823 then on death, buried there. James died 22 April 1865 age 74 then Ellen nine years later on 8th June 1874 age 66.

More about their grave will unfold in later Newsletters.

Prior to our visit, our Mayor, Cr David Boothman, suggested to me that a suitably worded City of Stirling plaque be personally presented to the church in recognition of the ties between James, Ellen and our City, a suggestion I eagerly accepted.



Plaque presentation St John's Stoke 14 July 2010 Sid and Rev Mark Woodward



Close up of the plaque

The plaque, mounted on unique beautiful Western Australian Eucalyptus marginata (Jarrah) timber, plus a framed City Crest and Armorial, were presented and enthusiastically accepted by Rector Mark Woodward on 14th July 2010.

We revisited the church a year later and the City of Stirling plaque hangs proudly in a prominent position at the entrance to the church interior, near a window overlooking the current grave cover stone memorial site.

Alongside is a statuette of Stirling presented to the church by Channel Nine Perth and radio 6KY at the time of opening The Stirling Centre in 1981. Being closely associated with the grave there will be more about that in later articles.

The statuette is a miniature of the statue by sculpture C.P. Somers, unveiled by Prince Charles on 10th March 1979 during Western Australia's Sesquicentennial celebrations.

I recommend a visit to Foundation Park in Barrack Street where the statue is on public display



Sid and Carole with the statuette at St John's Stoke

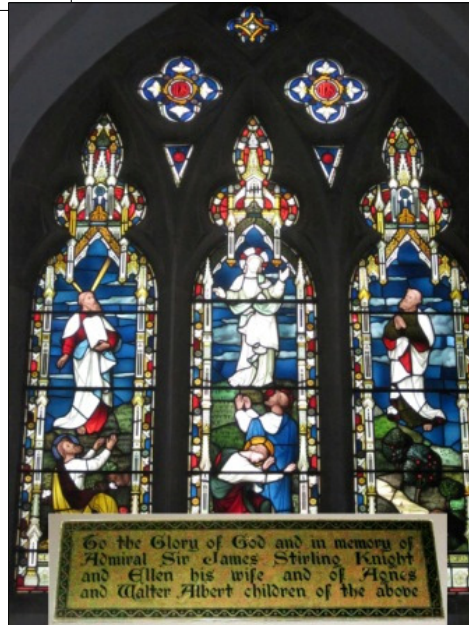
To help with the unfolding story of "The Forgotten Grave" I have included photographs with this initial article. Hopefully now under way is a replacement memorial to be erected in the St John's long-closed graveyard. Once that is achieved I recommend everyone visiting England includes a 35 minute train journey from London to Guildford and pays respects at the site for our Founder and first Governor and his wife. Watch this space.



Stirling grave coverstone current site St John's Stoke



Stirling statue in Foundation Park, Barrack Street,



Stirling tablet and leadlight window inside the church



STIRLING memorial cover



Ernest Edgar Aspinall c 1915 and as a young man below



He came to Perth in 1897 to further opportunities for his career in the Gold Rush boom. He firstly worked as a commercial traveller for A C McCallum & Co, Wholesale Coachbuilders and Ironmongers of 96 Murray Street, Perth. The firm later diversified and became General Merchants and Produce Agents. When the firm closed in 1940, he set up his own business as an Indent Agent and Manufacturer's Representative in the basement of Wellington Buildings, 150 William Street, Perth, operating it until he died in 1947. As the business just teedled along, he had part of the office curtained off so that he could have a snooze as the need arose. After his death in 1947, his son in law, Eric Everett, took over the business until he too died in 1954.

His first home was in Church Street where he lived from 1899 to 1903 . Between 1903 and 1912 he lived at 75 Chatsworth Street, Highgate. After his wife Elsie died in 1940. he sold 536 William St and moved to a flat at 156 Suburban Rd (now Mill Point Rd) South Perth where his daughter Eveline lived.

Earnest was a keen sportsman. He played cricket, being a trophy winner in 1904/5 for the McLean and McCallum Cricket Club, for the highest batting average. He was also an athlete and played football. In later life he played bowls for the Masonic Bowling Club. He started every day with a cold shower.

He was an active Freemason, joining the North Perth Lodge in 1907, was its Worshipful Master in 1913-14 and in 1922 was Junior Grand Deacon. He was a foundation member of the Mount Lawley Lodge in 1923, and was active until his death in 1947.

He was a member of the Commercial Travellers Club.

He and the family were active members of the north Perth Congregational Church, and members of the family taught Sunday School, played the organ or sang in the choir. He was a keen singer with a deep bass voice.

He had a great sense of humour and delighted in practical jokes .

He ensured that his daughters were all given the appropriate advantages. They had lessons in music, singing, elocution and dressmaking. They had business college training.

Eric Samuel Everett: Lived at 10 Robin Street in 1926 and 78 Guildford Road from 1927 to 1938, both in Mount Lawley. On taking over Ernest Aspinall's agency, he traded under the name Everett Agency Service.

Oswald Victor Chisholm: He was a prominent West Australian Architect, and partner in Powell, Cameron and Chisholm, Architects. Note, more on the Cameron and Chisholm families will appear in later issues of 'Lawley Matters'

The Mount Lawley Society is grateful to Harvey Everett, grandson of E E Aspinall for a great deal of the material for this article



*Rear; Eveline, Eric Everett, Kenneth Cameron, Alex Cameron
Front Melva,, Vioet Cameron, Ernest, Eva Chisholm, Elsie*

RENOVATIONS 18 ALMONDBURY RD by Darryl Ryan to be continued next newsletter



The MLS nominated the City of Stirling for the 2012 Heritage Awards for category 5 " Outstanding heritage practices by a local government agency"

The City won the award for this category and the judges' comment was :

A leader in heritage identification and management, the City has integrated the principals of heritage protection into its business processes, resulting in positive outcomes for the cultural heritage and the community.

The City was represented by the Mayor Cr Boothman and Nicole Mitchell Senior Strategic Planning Officer

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF STIRLING

City of Stirling Heritage Awards: You may remember the Society wrote to all members encouraging them to submit nominations for this Heritage Award to those who let the Society know that they has submitted a nomination would go n the draw for a voucher for La Vigna.

Congratulations to the Liley family who have won this voucher

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Nuala Keating
Bev Dawkins
Two feet and a Heartbeat; Ryann Mossny

MLS Committee 2012

Bruce Wooldridge : President
Beth McKechnie : Secretary
John Wreford ; Treasurer
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Barrie Baker : Historian/ reports on City of Stirling/ Town of Vincent matters
John Baas :Represents Ratepayers Assoc
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Christina Gustavson
Paul Hurst

Committee meetings are held 1st Monday of the month at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club at 8.00pm.
All members are welcome to attend.