



Pensioner Barracks & Parade, 1860s.
(WA Museum)

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS

a Special Interest Group of the
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Convenor's Report

Our application to form a Special Interest Group to recognise and research the men who formed the ENROLLED PENSIONER FORCE/GUARD, and their families, under the umbrella of the Western Australian Genealogical Society was approved on 16th February 2000.

A definition of this group of men, taken from F.H. Broomhall's book "The Veterans" follows:-

The Enrolled Pensioner Force consisted of soldiers who came out as guards on the convict ships which, between 1850 and 1868, transported almost 10,000 prisoners from the gaols of the United Kingdom to this colony; many remained as settlers after their military duties were finished. They were soldiers who had served the previous 20 years in Britain's many wars, and who on discharge from the Army, were awarded pensions for long service and good conduct, for wounds or for meritorious service. They were a welcome addition to the labour force as warders, police, postmen or mailmen, tradesmen or agricultural labourers.

After arrival they could choose to continue on military duty, until the next convict ship brought a new contingent of Enrolled Pensioners; or obtaining their discharge, remain as settlers, when however, they could be called upon to uphold civil authority in an emergency.

After serving 7 years in the Enrolled Pensioner Force (after 1880 the Enrolled Guard), they were eligible for a free land grant of some 10 -33 acres.

The Aims of this special interest group are:-

- * **To conduct meetings for members of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. who have a special interest in members of the Enrolled Pensioner Force/Guard.**
- * **To develop a Register.** We have commenced a register of Research Interests - the names of the Guards cross referenced with those researching. At the beginning of March we have 150 guards listed and 169 researchers. It is very satisfying that the register has already put together a number of descendants whose relationships were previously unknown.
- * **To encourage and enable those with common research interests to share information.**

- * **To build a resource file as an aid to member's research.** This is growing rapidly as researchers have been happy to share with us resources they have found useful . We are also endeavouring to identify further resources.
- * **To provide opportunities for persons with the same research interests to share their research.**
- * **To find speakers relevant to our research.**
- * **To provide opportunities for social interaction.**
- * **To add to the information in Broomhall's book and create a file of guards' profiles for perpetuity.**
- * **to provide a quarterly newsletter which addresses members' interests**

Meeting Times for the Year 2000

Saturday 15th April 12noon - 4 pm.

Saturday 15th July 12noon - 4 pm.

Sunday 22nd October 12noon - 4pm

These meetings will be held at unit 4 WAGS

Agenda for Meeting Sat.15th April

Introduction to WAGS Library for Non-WAGS members present

Introduction to "Basic Research", by Bev Iffla, Convenor of Convict Group. She will give a half hour talk on how to get started.

Talk by Jean McDonald who has done extensive research and has written a book about her Pensioner Guard.

Meet Barry Green who has "offered" to edit our newsletter in future.

Time for questions and sharing.

Request for volunteers to serve on committee.

Suggestion that we contribute to the Newsletters of both the Convict Group and the Irish Groups as a resource for our members.

Bring your own lunch along if needed. Tea ,coffee and biscuits available for 30cents.

150th anniversary

The First of June is the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Pensioner Guards and Families to Fremantle aboard the Scindian. It is fitting that we begin this group as the 150th anniversary of the first of these men is imminent. With their charges (the convicts), and some with their families, they arrived on Board the Scindian on the 1st of June 1850.

That first ship carried 275 of which 75 were convicts, 55 Enrolled Pensioner Guards, 29 Women of E.P.Guards, and 79 children of E.P.G.

Those of us who are descended from these men acknowledge with gratitude "The Veterans" by F.H.Broomhall 1989. This book has become "the bible" to those researching these families, and members of this group are dedicated to increasing our knowledge.

The arrival of the Herbert family in Western Australia

Henry and Anne HERBERT arrived in Western Australia on 1st June 1850 on the Scindian. They were accompanied by two sons and a daughter. Henry junior and his sister born in England, Joseph the youngest born at sea on the "Scindian" en route to Fremantle

The original settlers in Western Australia asked the Government for more workers to enable the state to prosper and the colony expand. With many convicts in English gaols they were an obvious choice. The first convicts from Portland gaol England arrived in Fremantle on the "Scindian" on 1st June 1850, the twenty first anniversary of the colony. Ex military men were offered a free one way passage to guard the convicts on the voyage.

They were called the ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS, and Henry Herbert was one of them. Unfortunately the letter advising of their departure from England travelled on a slower ship, arriving some weeks later. This resulted in there being no lock up facilities waiting.

"The Scindian lay at anchor in Gages Roads for over two months. The anchorage was not a good one. It was unprotected from the winter gales that blew up from the South West. Soon after the ship's arrival, a squall had struck it, and had thrown it on its beam, and had its port-holes not been closed, it would have foundered.

This must have been very uncomfortable for the seventy five convicts who were still on board. Each day as they swung at anchor on the heaving waves they must have gazed longingly at the shore. They could not be disembarked as yet for a very good reason. There was nowhere to put them." (*From Unwilling immigrants page 32*)

During this time parties were taken ashore each day to prepare a lock up building in Fremantle leased from Captain Scott, to accommodate the seventy five convicts.

Shortly after this was completed the second ship, the "Hashemy" arrived on 24th October.

Not a promising start for all, including the wives and children of the Pensioner Guards. Eventually they were located midway between Fremantle and Perth, with the only transport being by the Swan River. Pensioner Guards were allocated two parcels of land. A half acre on the Swan River, now Victoria Avenue, and ten acres in Claremont, present site of the golf course.

What happened to these allotments is unknown. Possibly being reclaimed by the Government if not developed. Ex soldiers in those days were not the best at fending for themselves or making good of virgin land, especially when in a very primitive location.

However Mrs. Herbert was a woman of some character, having previously taught the children of soldiers. She formed a school for the children of the Pensioner Guards in her home, which was close to where the Museum on Victoria Avenue is now located. She was the first and for many years, the only school teacher between Fremantle and Perth.

In 1983 a park adjacent to the museum was named "Mrs. Herbert's Park" in her honour. Forty of her descendants attended the opening ceremony, which included some eight Mrs. Herberts

Henry Herbert died in 1885 aged eighty five. His wife Anne died one year later aged seventy six. Both are buried at Fremantle

Thank you to Jack Herbert for his account of his family's arrival in Western Australia.

We also thank Jack for his transcription of the Journal of Her Majesty's Hired convict Ship "Scindian", by Mr John Gibson Surgeon between 28th January and 3rd July 1850, which we now have amongst our resources.

Valuable Resource in the older members of our interest group

We have been contacted by many older members who are descendants of our target group. Many are not able to be actively involved with our Special Interest Group, but wish to share their information, and would like to have the profiles of their Pensioner Guard on record for future generations. Some just wish to be "Friends" of the group and subscribe to the newsletter.

Evaluation of members comments on Registering

Evaluation of that information has shown that members wish to share their research, and particularly to gain knowledge of resources to further their research with particular emphasis on

Shipping, including pictures
Regiments and war service.
Origins of Pensioner Guards and families
Parentage of " " " "
Lives in Australia
Finding other descendants
There were a number who wished to identify persons who could do their research for them.
Marriages, regimental and other.
Land Grants. How to find out about them. What criteria was used in allocating particular areas.
Uniforms of EPG. Badge on headdress.

These identified areas we will concentrate on and ask our members to share their modes of research for these areas

Newsletter subscription

The annual fee for the quarterly newsletter is \$10 and is open for any person to subscribe to. We welcome your involvement

Articles for the newsletter and other contributions, queries etc., please send to The Editor, Enrolled Pensioner Guards, c/o WAGS.

As yet we don't have an editor, but if someone would volunteer we would be grateful. In the meantime we are doing our best.

Ray Hartnett, one of our members who is also the Convenor of the Irish Group has passed on the following information.

Enrolled Pensioner Guards, R.C. Karrakatta Cemetery Headstones

BATLEY	Richard	died	6.10.1887	
BRYAN	Thomas			
CARR	William	died	15.7.1893	89th Reg
CLAFFEY	Patrick	died	12.3.1882	65th Reg.
DONAHUE	Roderick	died	1882	68th Reg.
HALL	Wilson	died	25.10.1879	77th Reg
HOUSTON)	William	died	24. 7. 1892	89th Reg
HOWSTON)				
LILLIS	John	died	30.12.1896	69th Reg

Convenor : Lawrence Doran.

Deputy Convenor : Phillippa Ward



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Convenors' Report:-

By the time of our July meeting, our *Special Interest Group* will be 5 months old, and as at 14th June we have 207 E.P.G. on our register, and researchers all over Australia registering an interest. We thank all those who are supporting us at WAGS and in the wider community. The enthusiasm of researchers to contribute information and learn more about their particular ancestor is exciting.

On the 1st of June, the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Scindian, and the first EPG, was celebrated at the Claremont Museum. The museum staff were very supportive and, with Jack Herbert, organised the event which was well attended - an estimate of 140

We are having discussions with the Bassendean Council and Bassendean Historical Society, about the possibility of using the "Pensioner Guard Cottage" in Surrey Street as a museum for the "Enrolled Pensioner Guard". **The cottage is open on the last Sunday each month between 1.30 and 4p.m. if you wish to visit and support the Historical Society.** There is a very nice park and barbecue area at Point Reserve 100 metres down the road if you wish to make a nice outing of it.

Convenor Lawrence Doran 9478 2962 Deputy Convenor Phillippa Ward 9276 7305

One or both of us will be at WAGS from noon until 2 p.m. most Thursdays.

Meeting times for the year 2000

Saturday 15th July 12noon

Sunday 22nd October 12noon

These meetings will be held at Unit 4 WAGS

Agenda for Meeting Saturday 15th July - Meetings held at Unit 4 WAGS at 12 noon

Speaker Introduction to "Basic Research", by Bev Iffla, Convenor of Convict Group. She will give a half hour talk on how to get started.

Speaker Paul Bridges, (Deputy Curator at Fremantle Artillery Barracks/ Deputy Chairperson of Bassendean Centenary Committee), will bring with him his private collection of a Pensioner Guard's Kit dating back to 1851

* Request for volunteers

* The rest of the meeting will be devoted to sharing information and a "Can You Help?" Session.

Bring your own lunch along if needed. Tea, coffee and biscuits available for 30 cents.

Researchers Slot

- * **Western Australian Genealogical Society has a list of researchers available on request.**
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- * **Recommended by members of E.P.G *Special Interest Group***

A. J. McMillan,
3 Milton Ave,
West Cott,
DORKING,
SURREY RH 4 3QA
ENGLAND
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- * Sue Baddeley,

Sue is a Western Australian, living in the U.K. and is a professional Historical Researcher specialising in pre 1857 British Military history and in particular Military Pensioners.

She is a descendant of the second wife of the Enrolled Pensioner Guard William Gaunt.

Over the past 18 years she's compiled a database recording the names, rank, regiment, date to pension, domicile and ship arrival of 1342 W.A. Enrolled Pensioner Guards and Warders.

Information on the Honourable East India Company (HEIC), EPG.

email her on msjb2@hotmail.com for her fees and terms of business

Speak to convenor if postal address required.
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Research Tips

- * Do as much of your own research through the extensive sources of records available in Australia before engaging a researcher - it's much more fun and cheaper.
- * Be specific about what information you want a researcher to find for you.
- * Be prepared for a researcher not being able to find information.
- * Check, check, and check again information obtained from secondary sources, especially information downloaded on the internet
- * Try to avoid writing to military museums for specific information on an ancestor, as military museums have limited resources and rarely hold information on "other ranks".
- * Not all W.A. Enrolled Pensioner Guards have been discharged to pension from the British Army. Over 200 are EIC (East India Company) Military pensioners and there are also Royal Marines.
- * Get the best quality copies possible of your primary source documents, certificates and photographs, then put your precious originals in a safe place. NEVER let them out of your hands.

BOOKS OF INTEREST TO THE RESEARCHER OF *ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS*

THE VETERANS	By F.H. Broomhall. A history of the Enrolled Pensioner Force in Western Australia, 1850 -1880
DICTIONARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Ericson, Rita
IN SEARCH OF THE "FORLORN HOPE"	Kitzmiller, John M Guide to locating British Regiments and Records
HOW TO TRACE YOUR ARMY ANCESTRY IN AUSTRALIA	R.M. Montague
MY ANCESTOR WAS IN THE BRITISH ARMY	Watts, Michael J. and Watts, Christopher.
HARTS ANNUAL ARMY LIST	
IN SEARCH OF ARMY ANCESTRY	Hamilton Edwards. G.
BRITISH ARMY PENSIONERS ABROAD 1772 -1899	Norman K. Crowder
FAMILY ROOTS	Stella Colwell
GONE FOR A SOLDIER	
CONQUEST AND SETTLEMENT	The 21st Regiment in W.A., 1833 -1840 Blackburn, Geoff
BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES IN THE INDIA OFFICE LIBRARY	Baxter, Ian
TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE U.K.	
CONVICT RECORDS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA A RESEARCH GUIDE	O'Mara, Gillian. Lists surgeons journals available in Perth
DEAD RECKONING	How to find your way through the Genalogical Jungle of Western Australia. Howell, Steve
NATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIP ARRIVALS, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND	Peake, Andrew G
LOG OF LOGS (VOL2)	Nicholson, Ian
PEOPLE OF PERTH	Stannage
THE CONVICT SHIPS	Bateson, Charles
THE UNWILLING IMMIGRANTS	
THE FATAL SHORE	Hughes, R A history of transportation of convicts to Australia, 1781-1868
INTERNET FOR GENEALOGY	Hawgood. David
WEB SITES FOR GENEALOGISTS	Num, Cora

LOCALITIES

Armadale	FIRST STAGE SOUTH	a history of the Armadale/Kelmscott District Popham D.
Claremont	CLAREMONT	A history of Claremont, by Bolton, Geoff and Craig, Jenny
"	JAN DOO	An educational aid by Claremont Museum for secondary school students.
Kojonup	FIRST THE SPRING	Bignel, Merle
Midwest	WOOLHOUSE	Cora Morgan's memoirs.

THE LIBRARIAN AT WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HAS PREPARED A LIST WHICH IS INDEXED TO MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND REFERENCE MATERIAL IN WAGS LIBRARY.

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RESOURCES

Book List

A loose leaf copy of the book list has been included with this newsletter. Please note, WAGS has made up a list of these books and indexed them to make it easier to find them in WAGS library. We have since acquired a copies of "**Jan Doo**", a history of Claremont, and "**Bassendean, a Social History 1829 -1879**" by Jenny Carter.

A Resource File, compiled from your information plus research we have carried out is now in the WAGS Library. Those with a particular area of interest and living in the country, we will copy pertinent sections for you.

Shipping list of Convict Ships - a loose leaf has been included

Military Research List - by Sue Baddeley - a loose leaf has been included

The Register is growing , and there is now a copy in the WAGS Library cross referenced with researchers. All duplications of research interests have been notified to this date

Addenda to the "Veterans". This was noted when WAGS indexed our library list. The items are mainly very small with a couple of exceptions. Please note to check this list as well as "The Veterans"

Jean McDonald , who gave a talk at the 15th April meeting about her **Enrolled Pensioner Guard, Robert Helliwell**, has given us a copy of her paper for the benefit of interested members who may gain some information which will assist in their search for the story of their ancestor

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**Sources for Researching
An Enrolled Pensioner Guard Ancestor
in W.A. and Beyond.**

Sue Baddeley (1996)

Where do I begin in Battye?

1. *The Veterans* by Frank Broomhall.
2. *Dictionary of Western Australians*. By Rica Erickson. 1850 onwards.
3. WABI Card Index.
4. Registrar Generals' Records.
5. Colonial Secretary's Office- Inward and Outward Correspondence. (1850+)
- All subject headings.
6. *Colonial System*. Rare Books section of Battye.

First Floor Alexander Library

7. AJCP Reels-for army records (WO22/248 -Reel No 1302)
- for Ships Logs and Surgeons' Logs.

Further Sources

- * Land Records
- * Wills/Admons Probate
- * Cemetary Records
- * Newspapers
- * Rate Books
- * Post Office Directories
- * Electoral Rolls
- * Private Collections

Major UK Sources

Public Record Office (PRO) Kew

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| * | WO97 | -Soldier's Discharge Documents |
| * | WO22 | -Pension District Returns |
| * | WO23 | -Chelsea Hospital Out Pension Registers |
| * | WO23 | - " " " " " " for EIC Pensioners |
| * | WO12 | -Pay and muster Rolls |
| * | ADM157 | -Description Book Royal Marines |

British Library Oriental and India Office Collections -London

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| * | L/Mil/9 | -Register of European Recruits |
| * | L/MIL/ | -Depot Description Books |
| * | L/Mil/ | -Embarkation Returns- Chelsea Hospital for EIC Pensioners |
| * | L/AG/23/ | -Pension Admission Returns |
| * | N/- | -Ecclesiastical Returns |

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SHIPPING

LIST OF CONVICT SHIPS AND COMPLEMENT OF EPG AND FAMILIES

PENSIONER GUARDS ON CONVICT SHIPS 1850-1868

Compiled from "The Veterans" by F.H. Broomhall and notes by Sandra Taylor.

Enrolled Pensioners, Imperial Servicemen etc.

Ship	Arrival	Total pass.	Total Convicts							Migrants and	Total Free		
				Bond & free	Landed	MEN		WOMEN		CHILDREN		Migrants Servants (fem.)	
						E.N.P.	Others	E.N.P.	Others	E.N.P.			Others
Scindian	June 1850	275	75	55	12	29	6	79	5	14	200		
Hashemy	Oct. 1850	231	100	32	6	24	7	48		14	131		
Mermald	May 1851	299	208	29		23		39			91		
Pyrenees (1)	June 1851	389	293	30		25		41			116		
Minden	Oct. 1851	416	301	40		26		49			115		
Marion	Jan. 1852	309	279		30						30		
William Jardine	Aug. 1852	314	212	29	1	23	2	43	4		102		
Dudbrook	Feb. 1853	311	208	30	4	24		45			103		
Pyrenees (2)	Apr. 1853	387	293	30		24		40			94		
Robert Small	Aug. 1853	399	300	29	1	23		46			99		
Phoebe Dunbar	Aug. 1853	379	286	30		20		43			93		
General Godwin	Mar. 1854	28	15		11		1		1?		13		
Sea Park	Apr. 1854	484	304	30	84	23	?	43	?		180		
Ramillies	Aug. 1854	371	277	30		22					94		
Guide	Jan. 1855	21	6		15			35			15		
Stag	May. 1855	314	225	30		24		42			89		
Adelaide	July 1855	352	259	30		21		40			93		
William Hammond	Apr. 1856	339	250	29		20		40			89		
Runnymede	Sep. 1856	337	248	30		19		43			89		
Clara (1)	July 1857	357	262	29		23					95		
Clty of Palaces	Aug. 1857	4	4								-		
Nile	Jan. 1858	308	268		40						40		
Caduceus	Feb. 1858	4	1		3						3		
Lord Raglan	June 1858	352	268	30	1	21	1	29	2		84		
Albuera	Oct. 1858	11	11								-		
Edwin Fox	Nov. 1858	362	280	30		30		22			82		
Sultana	Aug. 1859	366	224	50	6	31	6	40	8	1	142		
Frances	Nov. 1859	1	1								-		
Palmerston	Feb. 1861	399	293	30	7	20		49			106		
Lincelles	Jan. 1862	384	304	30	2	17		31			80		
Norwood (1)	June 1862	382	290	30	3	21		38			92		
York	Dec. 1862	407	299	49	4	24		31			108		
Merchantman (1)	Feb. 1863	339	192	50	8	35		54			147		
Clyde	May. 1863	470	320	50		35		65			150		
Lord Dalhousie	Dec. 1863	359	270	30	3	20	1	35	?		89		
Clara (2)	Apr. 1864	413	301	28	5	20	5?	39	15		112		
Merchantman (2)	Sep. 1864	353	258	28	9	18		40			95		
Racehorse	Aug. 1865	450	273	50	5	31	4	78	4		172		
Vimiera	Dec. 1865	378	279	30	6	23	3	37			99		
Belgravia	July. 1866	381	275	30	4	23	4	43	2		106		
Corona	Dec. 1866	383	304	30	3	20	1	25			79		
Norwood	July. 1867	334	253	30	4	17			30		81		
Hougoumont	Jan. 1868	387	279	44	8	18	4	25	9		108		
TOTALS		13,539	9,653	1,191	285	817	45	1,469	50	29	3,886		

Source: R Erickson, *Dictionary of Western Australians 1829-1914, Volume II: Bond 1850-1868*,
University of Western Australia Press, Nedlands 1979, pp. 606-607

- * Per "Researching an EPG" (see loose leaf 1) WO97 and all records above, are available in Australia.
- * Anyone who has a soldier who served in India, check Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in India -through LDS Library . (Church of Latter Day Saints)
- * Internet- check India List - may get some information, freebie but no guarantee.
INDIA-L@rootsweb.com
- * Hart's Army Lists after mid 1850 includes EIC **officers** which will tell where most regiments were stationed.
- * "Gone for a Soldier" - book about all other ranks.
"Forlorn Hope" - 2nd source to regiments.
- * Other sources of information, -Freemasons and other lodges, and R.S.L.

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Thank you Sue for putting this list together. We were fortunate to have Sue Baddeley as a last minute inclusion as a speaker at our meeting on 15th May, her subject **Military Research..** Bev Ifila (Convenor of Convict Group) who was due to speak on Basic Research, kindly stood aside so that we could take advantage of Sue's brief visit to Perth.

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WO97 -SOLDIERS DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS- as a resource in your research. Provide the complete, correctly spelled name, and Regiment

Information which you will receive:-

Date discharged
Where born
When enlisted
Where enlisted
Age on enlistment
Trade
Where served - time in areas of conflict
How many Good Conduct Medals
Other medals
Promotions
Character
Surgeons report on why discharged to pension
Age on discharge
Description
Pension District

As you can see, this is a valuable document.

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Greenough Region

If you have an interest in the above, please contact

Mrs. Carol Cahill,
12 Devenish St.,
Geraldton 6530
Tel 9964 5338

Carol is collating research on Pioneers in the region.

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Contributions

Thank you Josephine Sanders for lists of convicts and EPG on the Scindian on the 1st June 1850

Thank you Jeanette Lee for the maps of North Fremantle.

Jack Herbert spared no effort in encouraging the Claremont Museum to have its Open Day on the 1st June and prepared the display about the arrival of the Scindian, the Enrolled Pensioner Guards etc., A special "Thank You", Jack, from all of us.

Articles for newsletter.

We would like contributions in the form of:-

- * Profiles of EPG ancestor and family
- * Advice on resources you have found useful and **how** you accessed information,
- * Questions open to our newsletter readers.? Problem solved.
- * Answers to questions posed, or comments on articles to date..
- * **Hashemy** descendants. As the anniversary of the arrival of this ship is in October, we would like to have an article for our newsletter, and also to recognise this event at our October 22nd meeting.

Help needed

We are still only "two" at this stage- Lawrence and I, and we could do with a bit of help, specifically:-

- * The last Thursday of June and September, when we get the newsletter out, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m
- * A small group to take care of the tea and bikkie situation on meeting days, We see it as an area where we may be able to make a little money for the group
- * Members who are interested in doing a little research for someone else when they are doing their own.--particularly for country residents who cant access the libraries.
- * Typing. Helping keep records up to date.

please write to or phone me with your offers.(Phillippa)

Newsletter Subscriptions- My apology -someone who had subscribed, missed out on the newsletter sent out in April, as one of the envelopes was returned with label missing. Please let me know if it was you and I will send one.

State Records Office, and Land Records. These records are on the ground floor at the Alexander Library and available to the public Mon.-Fri. during opening hours. The staff in this section are most helpful and are trying to develop a "pathway" for EPG researchers. It should be ready mid July. If you wish some help, it is advisable to ring in advance. They can cope with only 2-3 at a time and allow about 1 hour. Best times 10.30 or 2.30. Ring Archives Room 9427 3111.

A seminar for about 15 can be arranged for a Saturday morning at a cost of \$10 per head (including morning tea).

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Convenors' Report:-

On the 24th October 2000 it will be the anniversary of the arrival of the Convict ship the "Hashemy". One hundred convicts were landed from this vessel guarded by 32 ENP, with 24 wives and 48 children of the ENP on board. It is significant that Capain John Bruce and his family arrived on this ship. He was a champion of the Pensioner Force, and in the conclusion of his (then Colonel Bruce), 1856 report:-

"....I have the pleasure to observe that, as a body, the Enrolled Pensioners, whether regarded as soldiers or settlers, continue to merit the character of an efficient and respected class in which all that is praiseworthy and useful very much preponderates over what is objectionable.

There are black sheep in every flock and therefore it cannot be expected that a Force of upwards of 300 men could be altogether exempt from slothful, intemperate and improvident characters

To encourage and advance the interests of the meritorious many is still my pleasurable aim as on the other hand it is my disagreeable duty to discountenance and repress the disorderly few, the latter measure being sometimes rendered the more painful by the Defaulters involving in the consequences of their misconduct their wives and children."

In spite of the black sheep, whose misdeeds would in the nature of things receive disproportionate publicity detrimental to the reputation of their fellows of steady habits the Force, and the duty Force especially, was a well disciplined body of trained soldiers.

In a confidential report on the Annual Inspection dated October 1858 sent by Bruce to the War Office the following facts were recorded: Lieutenant Colonel Bruce was in charge of the Perth detachment and residing there: Captain McQueen commanded the Fremantle detachment and resided in that locality. Ten sergeants, active and fit for any garrison duty, were employed, and the rank and file numbered one hundred and fifty six. On their general appearance Bruce had this to say: "The men are so carefully selected at Home that as a body they present a more imposing appearance as regards stature than the detachment of the line, and they are fully equal to any service soldiers might be required to perform in this Colony. They are clean and orderly and there was but one case of drunkenness in the days of exercise. The state of their arms, ammunition, accoutrements and clothing is good.

All the important convict duties throughout the Colony are performed by the Pensioners (The Veterans)

Convenor Lawrence Doran 9478 2962 Deputy Convenor Phillippa Ward 9276 7305
One or both of us will be at WAGS from noon until 2 p.m. most Thursdays

Meeting times for the year 2001

Sunday 21st January	12 noon	Unit 6 WAGS
Sunday 22nd April	12noon	Unit 4 Annual General Meeting.
Sunday 29th July	12noon	Unit4
Sunday 4th November	12noon	Unit4

Bring your own lunch if needed, tea, coffee and biscuits available for 30 cents.

** NEXT MEETING Sunday 22nd October 12 noon.. business first, then Open Session **

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR PENSIONERS IN AUSTRALIA

In consequence of the wish expressed by many Pensioners to settle in Australia, Her Majesty's Government has authorised the following conditions, under which some of them may be provided with free passage to that country.

1st The Convict Guards, hitherto furnished by Regiments of the Line, are in future to consist of Pensioners who wish to live in Australia. A **company** of from 60 to 70 men, with a due proportion of Non-commissioned Officers, will be formed at Tilbury Fort, and kept ready to furnish Detachments for this duty; and as they are embarked, fresh volunteers will be brought from the Pension Districts to supply their place.

2nd The age of the Pensioners is not to exceed 45, and the number of their children not to exceed two under 7. or three under 10 years of age. No maximum is specified for the number of children above 10 years of age, as that must in some measure depend on whether they are likely to be serviceable in the Colony.

3rd These Pensioners shall engage to serve for a period of six months, or until the termination of the voyage, at the rate of 1s.3d. a day for a Private, 1s.6d. for a Corporal, and 1s.10d for a Serjeant: such pay to commence from the date of leaving their respective Districts, and to continue on shipboard, and after landing in the Colony, till the period of their engagement has expired, subject to the usual deductions for rations during the voyage; and they shall be conveyed from their homes to Tilbury Fort, or other place of embarkation, at the public expense.

4th As the Pensioners thus employed are to receive pay during the voyage, no Enrolment Money will be issued to them; and each will be equipped for the voyage by an advance of four months' pay previous to sailing

5th In most cases the Pensioner's wife and family will be allowed to proceed in the same vessel with him; and whenever the accommodation does not admit of this indulgence, they will be sent out, at the public expense, within a short period of waiting. In either case the cost of their conveyance to the Port of embarkation will be paid by the public.

6th If the Pensioner is married, his pension during the six months that he is on pay will be applied for the support of his wife and family till embarkation, and towards their outfit for the voyage.

7th Each Pensioner proceeding on this duty will be equipped with one Frock Coat, one Shell Jacket, one pair of Trousers, and a Cap, to be worn on those occasions when he is on duty, and which equipments, in the event of his serving as an Enrolled Pensioner in the Colony, will be renewed as often as the nature of the service is found to require. The usual arms and accoutrements of an Enrolled Pensioner will also be issued to him.

8th These articles will be marked and numbered as belonging to the Pensioner, and on the expiration of the period for which he is to receive pay, they are to be returned into the Government Store at the Colony in good order, under the direction of the Officer or Non-commissioned Officer in charge of the party. If in the event of any damage beyond what is likely to have resulted from fair wear and tear, the cost thereof is to be deducted from the Pensioner.

9th On the termination of six months, the Pensioner's military engagement will be considered at an end, if by that time he has arrived at his destination, and he will thereafter only be liable to attend exercise as an Enrolled Pensioner, for twelve days in each year, in any Local Company to be formed in the Colony under the authority of the Act 10th and 11th Vict.cap.54; and to serve in defence of the Colony, or when called out for the preservation of the public peace, under the authority of the Governor.

10th When employed on this duty, he shall receive the pay authorised by the Royal Warrant of the 7th September, 1843, for the Enrolled Pensioners, viz:-

	In aid of Civil Power		On days of Exercise		
	s.	d.	s.	d.	
Serjeants.....	3	6	3	0	per diem
Corporals.....	3	0	2	6	"
Privates	2	6	2	0	"

with an addition of 3d. per day beyond the highest rate to a Serjeant Major, if any of that rank are authorised to be employed.

11th In consideration of the expense incurred by the Government in sending out the Pensioner and his family to the Colony, he shall not receive Enrolment Money annually, but shall be bound to keep up the usual stock of necessaries, consisting of--

One pair of boots
Two Shirts,
Two pairs of Socks, and
One Stock,

and if at any time deficient therein after his enrolment, his Officer will advance the amount necessary for purchasing the same, and deduct it from the first issue of his Pay or Pension.

12th Every Pensioner on the termination of the six months for which he is engaged, shall be bound to register his place of abode in the books of the person who pays his pension, and not to remove therefrom without intimating to him his intended change of residence, and obtaining permission.

It being considered more advantageous for the Pensioners and their families that they should supply the demand for labour, than attempt settling on land of their own, no grant of land has been promised them; but if they acquire money to purchase it in the interior, there will be no objection to their settling there, even though the distance should prevent them serving as Enrolled Pensioners.

13th In the event of the death or removal from the force of any Pensioner thus enrolled before the expiration of the period for which his clothing has been issued, it shall revert to the Public to be made available for the equipment of his successor

14th An allowance of One Guinea will be made to cover the expense of the funeral of any Pensioner who dies while thus enrolled or on pay.

15th It must form a special condition of the original engagement and subsequent enrolment, that the service is in neither case to reckon for increase of pension; but when employed in defence of the Colony, these Pensioners shall, in the event of being wounded or disabled in the execution of their duty, be allowed the usual increase of pension as for wounds received in action

16th Every Pensioner volunteering for this service, will, during the continuance of the period for which he is engaged, or enrolled; be subject to the provision of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War; but all minor offences may be punished by such fines, or by expulsion from the Force, as the Governor of the Colony for the time being may direct

17th In the event of the Pensioners being enrolled, the periods of exercise will be fixed by the Governor of the Colony for the time being, and none of them shall be called out, either for exercise or in defence of the Colony, except by him or persons holding his authority for that purpose, but when so called out they shall be placed under the General or other Superior Officer in command of Her Majesty's Forces in the Colony, in the same manner, in all respects, as if they formed part of the Regular Forces of Her Majesty's Army

War Office
July, 23, 1849

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE ON THE WALL OF THE BARRACKS ARCH.

THIS ARCHWAY WAS PART OF THE PENSIONER BARRACKS ONE OF THE BRICK BUILDINGS CHARACTERISTIC OF PERTH IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE NINETENTH CENTURY

IT WAS BUILT 1863 - 66 JOINTLY BY THE BRITISH IMPERIAL ESTABLISHMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE WEST AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL GOVERNMENT

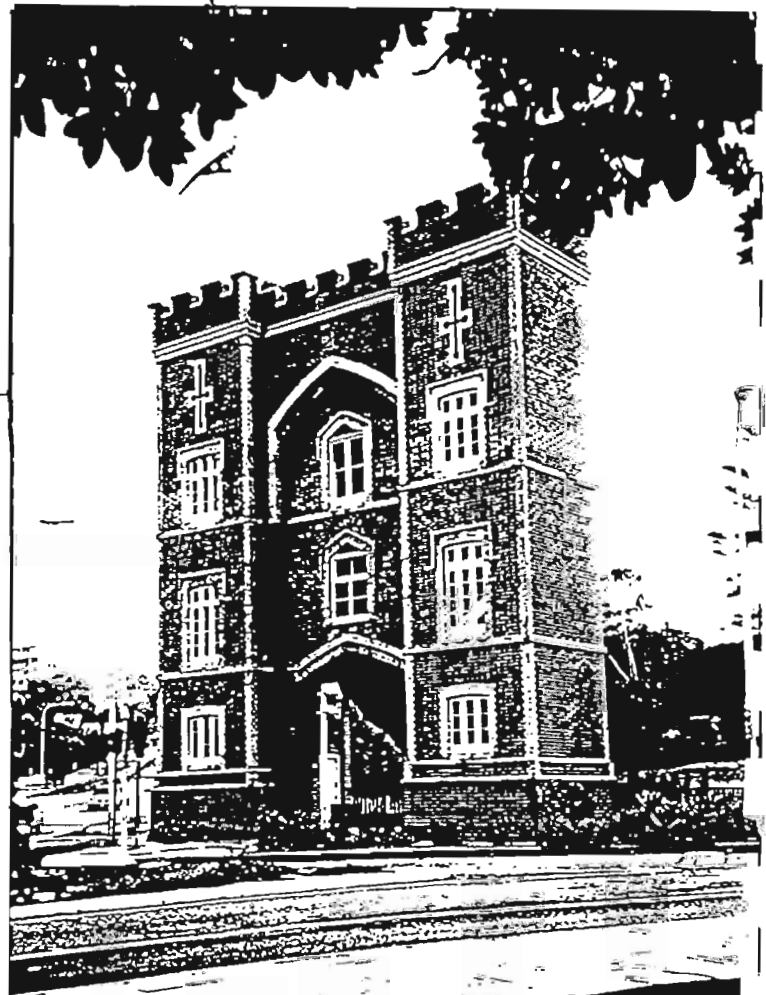
THE ORIGINAL DESIGN WAS BY CAPT. E.M. GRAIN AND JAMES MANNING. THE DETAIL WAS DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION BY RICHARD ROACH HOWELL WHO ALSO DESIGNED THE ADDITIONS.

THE BUILDING ORIGINALLY USED BY SOLDIERS OF THE ENROLLED PENSIONER FORCE FROM WHERE IT TOOK ITS NAME. IN 1901 THE BARRACKS BECAME THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND IT WAS FROM HERE THAT THE GOLDFIELDS WATER SUPPLY WAS PLANNED. C.Y.O'CONNOR'S OFFICE BEING IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE ARCHWAY. MANY OTHER NOTABLE PUBLIC SERVANTS CARRIED OUT THEIR WORK FROM HERE.

IN 1966 THE TWO WINGS OF THE BARRACKS WERE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE FREEWAY. THIS ARCHWAY WAS RETAINED AND THE WESTERN ELEVATION WAS FACED TO CONFORM WITH THE EAST FACADE WITH ORIGINAL HAND MADE BRICKS SALVAGED DURING DEMOLITION.

PERTH

BARRACKS



THE BARRACKS ARCH

ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE ENROLLED PENSIONER BARRACKS TODAY

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARD—PROFILE

Sources

Surname	Christian Names	
Military Rank as EPG	Regiment	Regimental Number
Date Pension paid previously	Place of intended abode as per "Discharge to Pension" Document	Pay

MILITARY HISTORY. from Military records

Born	Date	Place
Enlisted	Date	Service
	Age	

Trade/Occupation at time of enlistment.

MILITARY SERVICE

Time Served

Where Served

Promotions

Medals

Character

Discharged	Where
	Date
	Reason

Description	Height
	Complexion
	Eyes
	Hair

Other Details

ARRIVAL IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Sources

Date of Arrival..... Ship.....

Family Accompanying him.....

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DETAILS OF SETTLEMENT

Location

Allotment/Occupation

Land Grant

Purchased Land

Record of Citizenship (knowledge of life after arrival in the colony).

FAMILY HISTORY SHEET

HUSBAND'S NAME

information on this sheet obtained from

When born..... Where.....
 Christened..... Where.....
 When Died..... Where.....
 When Buried..... Where.....
 Cause of Death.....

When Married..... Where.....
 Other wives (if any).....
 When Married..... Where.....

His Father.....
 His mother's Maiden Name.....

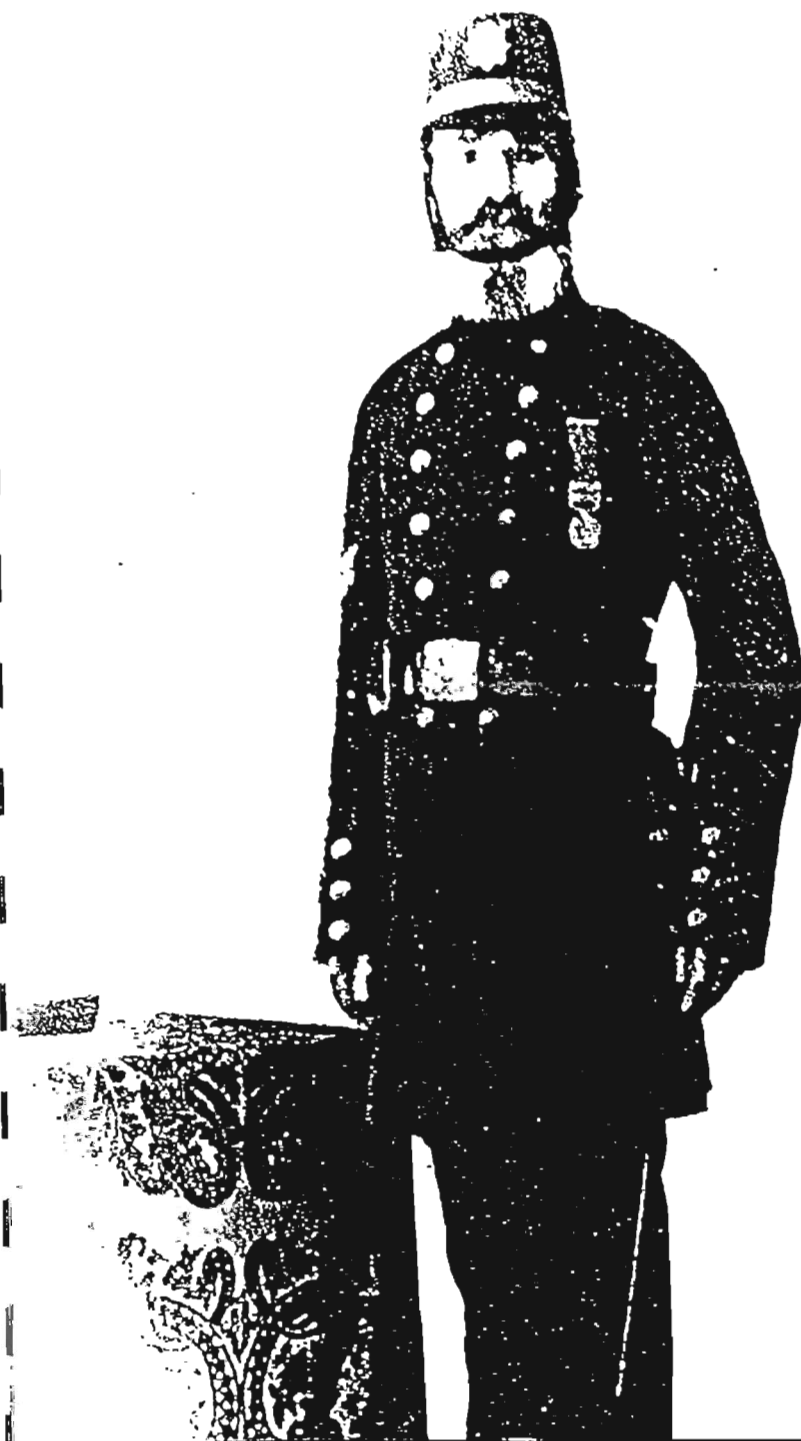
WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

Name at time of marriage.....
 When Born..... Where.....
 Christened..... Where.....
 When Died..... Where.....
 When Buried..... Where.....
 Cause of Death.....
 Other husbands (if any).....
 When Married..... Where.....

Her Father.....
 Her Mother's Maiden Name.....

| CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE.

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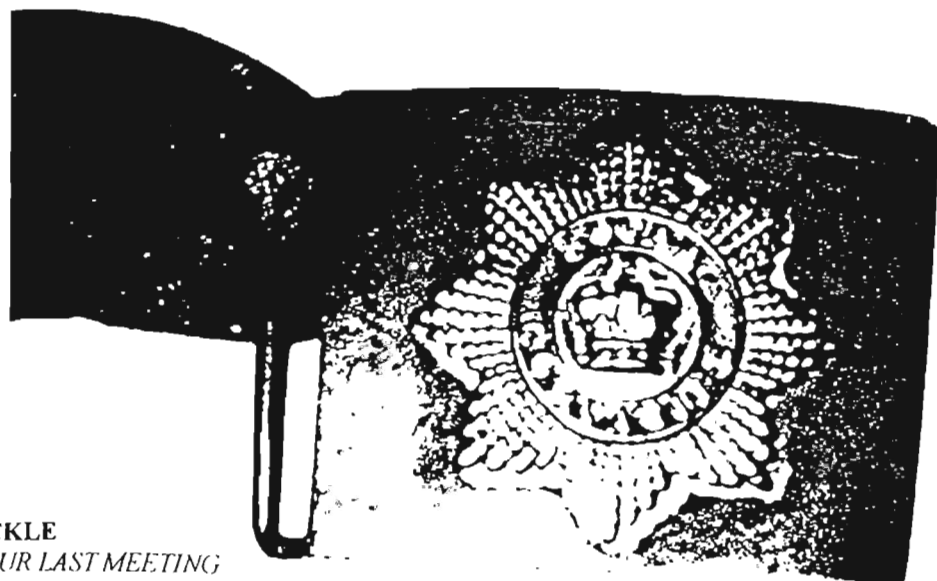
PENSIONER GUARD OUTSTATIONS

PERTH
FREMANTLE
GUILDFORD
ALBANY
KOJONUP
BUNBURY
YORK
NORTHAM
TOODYAY
GREENOUGH
CHAMPION BAY
PORT GREGORY
ROEBUCK BAY
CAMDEN HARBOUR

Pensioner Guard in Sergeant's uniform
Sgt. John Tunney, Battye Library 3965B



1851 EPG BELT BUCKLE
AS SHOWN BY PAUL BRIDGES AT OUR LAST MEETING



Thanks to those contributing information. The numbers now contributing information for our resource file has grown to such an extent that we can no longer thank you individually. **Thank you.**

AN EPG PROFILE SHEET has been developed at the request of some of our members, unsure how to record their information. This has been included in the centre of the newsletter. Many of our members have already submitted a profile as a resource for future researchers of their Pensioner Guard. **If you wish to share your details** with us, the enclosed form can be used, and will be useful for us to collate the information. Otherwise you may find this useful for your own records.

Last Special Interest Group Meeting on 15th July 2000

Our speakers were: **Jack Herbert** who thanked all those who attended the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Scindian at the Claremont Museum on 1st June .

Bev Ifla, Convenor of the Convict Group who gave valuable advice about Basic Research Rules, emphasising the need to double check all information, being methodical, using a notebook instead of pieces of paper to record where , what and when you have sought information, and to look at the information in the context of time and place.

Paul Bridges and John Sweetman from the Fremantle Artillery Barracks and Museum. A very informative talk and demonstration about an 1851 Pensioner Guard "kit" from Paul's private collection. Shown were :- an 1839 classic muzzle loading Musket, an 1853 3 Baud Schnider rifle, Pensioner Guard Belt Kit, consisting of Cartridge Box and shoulder belt, Waist belt and Buckle, Percussion Pouch and demo of how the bayonet was worn.. The uniform was described as the 1847 -1855 pattern, double breasted jacket given to the EPG, Shako (head covering) with badge as for the belt badge.

The importance of OLD NEWSPAPERS AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUR RESEARCH is demonstrated by the following article, and brought to our attention by WAGS member Bernice Holbrook.

Funeral of Corporal Richard Barrett

From newspaper Friday 25th September 1891.

The remains of the late Corporal Barrett were interred yesterday afternoon in Fremantle Cemetery with Military honours.

The funeral cortege left the late residence of the deceased in South Terrace shortly after 4 o'clock. The Procession was composed of a Firing Party of The Fremantle Volunteers under Sgt. Townsend, a squad of the Fremantle Artillery under Capt. Mayhew, and the greater part of the F.R.V.Corps in the main procession as well as a large body of townsmen. The coffin was borne to the grave on a gun carriage draped with the Union Jack. The procession also included the F.R.V Military Band which played the Dead March on the way. At the grave the usual volley was fired and the Last Rites having been performed and proceedings terminated.

The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Davies, Undertaker

(Richard Barrett would have been buried in the old Fremantle Cemetery / no surviving headstone)

RESEARCH POLICY EPG Special Interest Group

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\$20 Australian
1 EPG only | <u>Indexed publications</u>
1 Bicentenary Dictionary
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4. "British Army Pensioners Abroad 1772-1899" Crowder |
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\$5 | If only wants information from a publication. |
| * | OPTION 3 | To be negotiated dependant on research to be carried out
NEED TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT. |

Calling the Watch

The old magazine near the Causeway held explosives for use in the road-making, and the guard room nearby was used by the Pensioners for its protection. From this point the "watch" was called through the night from midnight to dawn. It was preceded by the words "All's well" and then the hour was given from five points, the Causeway being the last. There was No I., No II., No III., No IV., and No V., starting at the Barracks and ending at the Causeway within a narrow radius. On one occasion when the first "watch" was called at midnight "Number 1. Twelve o'clock and all's well", number 2 followed, and so on until number 4 there was a pause. Then came ringing out of the silence of the night a voice proclaiming "Number 5. All's well and number fower's drunk".

Enrolled pensioners

Three Falkland Island Veterans who subsequently came out to W.A. as EPG :-

James (Thomas) McDonald
Mark Ring
William Stokes.

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An EPG and the First Italian woman migrant

The first Italian woman to settle in Western Australia was Nicoletta Salustri, wife of James O'Byrne, pensioner, who probably arrived with the transport ship, the Hashemy in 1850. Nicoletta was born in the province of Ancona (very likely Fermo) in 1814 or 1815 and was at Corfu (Ionian Islands) in 1829 when she married O'Byrne, then on garrison duty with the British Occupation Forces. Their first daughter was born at Corfu in 1833

TRIVIA FILE

NOTICE TO MARINERS

A revolving catoptric light will be exhibited from the lighthouse near the centre of Rottneest Island on and after the night of the 1st June, 1851, during the period between sunset and sunrise.

The lighthouse is a white stone tower 53 feet high, erected on the summit of the island, and is surrounded by a lantern 11 feet high.

The light will consist of two groups of three powerful lamps in each; the whole revolving once in two minutes, and showing a flash of light of five seconds' duration, with intervals of 55 seconds of darkness. The centre of the light is 197 feet above high water level, and may be seen in clear weather at a distance of seven leagues.

16 May 1851

The statistics of the colony for 1851 show a gratifying state of general progress in every particular....The number of acres devoted to wheat crops was 4989 against 4416 in the previous year, being an increase of only 573 acres, notwithstanding the greatly augmented numbers of labouring class engaged in agriculture; barley shows an acreage of 610 against 637 in 1850; oats 77 3/4 against 140 1/2; rye 117 1/2 against 139 1/2; potatoes 117 against 138; maize 17 1/2 against 36; vines and olives 231 1/2 against 215; kitchen gardens 159 1/2 against 84; pulse 6 against 37 1/2; hay and green crops 1863 against 1567. The total quantity of land in cultivation was 8188 acres, giving an increase of 779 acres over 1850. Cattle and sheep both exhibit an increase, the former 2241 and the latter 12302, the numbers being for cattle 15,315, sheep 140,413, a result most satisfactory and greatly exceeding that of any former year, notwithstanding the consumption has been so much larger. Swine are also greatly augmented in numbers, the returns 4065 against 3190.

In horses we find the increase not so great, only 343, the numbers being 2978 against 2635. Of population.... the shipping list gives a total of 1479 arrivals (803 of whom were convicts) and 48 departures, which taking into account the estimated population of 1850, numbering 5886, makes it 7317 on the 31st December last, without taking into notice the births and deaths during the year

20th February 1852

RESOURCE UPDATE.....contributions from our many members.

BURIAL REGISTERS

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Burial Registers 1854 -1916

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DAY BOOK OF DONALD J. CHIPPER

Funeral Director 1896 -1916

Burials in the East Perth Cemeteries

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