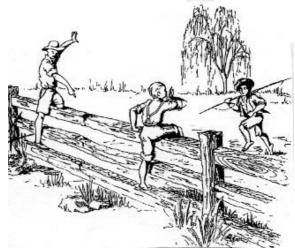
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Editorial

Hi to all.

Welcome to another edition of the Ghostbuster magazine..

Thanks you for your continued support at this time.

Volunteers may be delayed in attending Campbelltown library at this stage, although we are anticipating this to change soon. Members cannot visit the Family History Room at present. We will advise when that is available.

In this edition we are including articles on: "What ship did your ancestor come on?"

We will continue providing this magazine, and the monthly Ghost newsletter. Copies of those are also loaded onto our website.

If anyone wants this magazine in soft copy only, please contact us.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Better New Year.

David Beddie and Helen Kirwin

Ghostbuster Magazine

March 2022 Issue

Topic: "The research I did during lockdown and what I found".

Maximum 600 words. Plus a picture if you have one.

Submission Date by: Saturday 5th February 2022.

Extra item for the magazine: "Unidentified Photographs".

Contact Details

Do we have your up-to-date contact details?

If you have changed your address, phone or email address please advise us at: maged@cdfhs.org.au

From the President's Pen ...

President's Report November 2021

Hello Family History Members,

I hope all are well and keeping out of trouble. What else could you do?



With the end of restrictions drawing near or relaxed depending on when you read this report, the committee have decided that our monthly meeting will start on the first Saturday, the 5th February 2022, with the exception of having an outdoor gathering together for our Christmas party on the 4th December this year at Glenalvon House.

For those who have not renewed their membership yet, you could bring your membership form with you to the Christmas party. It will be great to meet up with as many members as possible on that day.

My thanks go to those members of the committee who have done so much to keep our society informed and up to date with the restrictions and information that has been made available concerning Covid and to David Beddie for his work in issuing the Newsletter and the GhostBuster magazine as well as other tasks he has been doing.

I hope we will catch up at the Christmas party. Until then keep safe and well. Best Regards,

Robert Faimer		
	CDFHS President.	
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Research Officers

The society has two research officers who are available to help members and their friends with the research that they are undertaking.

Please contact our research officers at: research@cdfhs.org.au

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Courses and Workshops for 2022

We do now anticipate being able to hold several courses during 2022. Probable courses will be:

- * Beginners
- * DNA
- * Brick Walls

Details are to be advised.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

Email: social@cdfhs.org.au Phone: Denise: (02) 46258612

Please watch our website for more information on these.

Member's Interests

https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/other-content/members-interest

Researching in the Family History Room

Research may start in the Family History Room, in the library soon. We will advise details as they come to hand.

However, there may be limits. To attend you must book with the library on 02 4645 4558.

The Family History Room is now being moved to the adjacent Local Studies Room. Local Studies material is being moved into the Reference area.

For any additional questions please contact our volunteer co-ordinator on: volunteer@cdfhs.org.au

Campbelltown District FHS Inc - Calendar

Meetings are held a Campbelltown Library, Meeting Room 1, at 1.30 pm, unless otherwise advised.

Sat 4th December 2021

Christmas Party and Member's Meeting.

Location: Glenalvon. 10.30am

Sat 5th February 2022

Location: To be advised. 1.30pm

Annual General Meeting Speaker: To be advised.

Sat 5th March 2022

Member's Meeting.

Location: To be advised. 1.30pm

Speaker: To be advised.

Sat 2nd April 2022

Member's Meeting.

Location: To be advised. 1.30pm

Speaker: To be advised.

Any questions on these should be directed to Denise Baxter social@cdfhs.org.au

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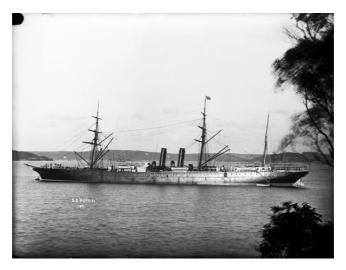
S S POTOSI:

by CDFHS member, Marie Holmes.

My great grandfather Johann Michel Faust emigrated to Australia from Germany in 1883 to join his brother Nicholas at Ulladulla NSW and to try his luck there. Nicholas had sent letters of glowing reports of the area. Johann absconded his training as a naval marine and left the Cruxhaven base for Australia. Travelling from Germany, he went via Flushing in Holland and London in England. They sailed by way of the Suez Canal and Johann arrived in Sydney on 12 April 1883. His ship was the S S Potosi, an Orient Steamship vessel of 4000 tons built in 1873 of iron. The Potosi was used to carry passengers and cargo on the London to Australia service.

On his arrival, Johann was thirty-five years of age, and he gave his occupation as gardener. Nine years later he became a naturalised Australian and his certificate confirms these details and adds that he was a native of Grafenhausen, Germany.

Johann's mother, at the age of 72, also made the voyage to Australia on the ship Potosi. She had just lost her husband and sold up the family home in Grafenhausen to come to Australia to be with her sons. Among those travelling with her was another son, Joseph Faust and his three children and Christina's two other grandsons Adolph Faust and Gustav Bauer. They sailed via Adelaide and Melbourne and then on to Sydney, arriving there on 4 February 1883. From Sydney they continued to Ulladulla by coastal steamer arriving on 7 February 1883.



TILLY DIVINE

Tilly Divine, as she was more commonly known to the Sydney community, was one woman to steer clear of. Tilly was born, Matilda Mary Twiss on 8 September 1900 to Edward Twiss and Alice Tubb at 57 Hollington Street, Camberwell, London.

At the age of 16 years she married an Australian Serviceman, James (Jim) Edward Joseph Divine, born Brunswick, Victoria 1892, died at Heidelberg, Victoria 18 August 1966. They were married 12 April 1917, at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Camberwell, London. Tilly gave birth to a son, born 1919.

Her career in prostitution began when she was a teenager and continued after she was married. She and many English women were usually found solicitating on the wide footpaths on The Stand at night. From 1915 onwards to 1919 she spent time at Bow Street Court and Lock Up for prostitution, theft and assault.

When Jim returned to Australia Tilly followed him back on the Bride Ship "Maimana" arriving in Sydney on 13 January, her son stayed in London and was raised by her parents. Both Tilly and Jim Divine rapidly became prominent illegal narcotics dealers, brothel owners and crime gang members in the Sydney criminal milieu.



Tilly Divine became infamous in Sydney, initially as a prostitute then later as a brothel madam and organized crime entrepreneur. The N.S.W. Vagrancy Act 1905, prohibited men from running brothels, but it did nothing to stop women with criminal gangs' support and bribes to the police from running criminal enterprises.

The Divines ran diversified operations. Elite "Call girls" were available for politicians, businessmen and overseas guests of significance, while "Tenement Girls" were young working-class women who resorted to casual prostitution to support their drug spending clothing and meagre earnings during times of Australian criminal and narcotic culture, absence of a comprehensive welfare state and unemployment. Older female prostitutes, "Boat Girls", catered

to itinerant sailors or working-class men. The Divines did not seem to run similar operations for the gay sex market during this time because she Believed it was not right.

Tilly Divine's wealth was legendry, although it was all earned from crime. She owned much real Estate in Sydney, many luxury cars, looted gold and diamond jewelry and travelled by ship in first class staterooms. Much of her wealth was also used to pay bribes to the Police sectors, and fines for her criminal convictions that spanned 50 years. Tilly Divine faced numerous court summons and was convicted on 204 occasions during her long criminal career, and served many goal sentences in N.S.W. gaols, mainly for prostitution, violent assault affray and attempted murder. She was known to the Police to be of a violent nature and was known to use firearms.

Although Tilly Divine had been one of Sydney's wealthiest women by 1955 the Taxation Department ordered her to pay more than 20,000 pounds in unpaid income tax and fines sending her close to bankruptcy. In 1953, Tilly boasted to the media "I am a lucky, lucky girl. I have more diamonds than the Queen of England's stowaways – and better ones too! "She sold off her last brothel in Palmer Street, Darlinghurst in 1968, died two years later.

Peter Kenna wrote a play called "The Slaughter of St. Teresa's Day" (1973 Currency Press), where the lead character was based on Tilly Divine. The song "Miss Divine" from the 1990 Icehouse Album Code Blue is about Tilly Divine. A popular café-nightclub in Lyneham, Canberra is called "Tillys Divine café gallery". A wine bar in Darlinghurst, Sydney opened in 2011, named "Love Tilly Divine" in honor of Tilly.

Matilda Mary (Tilly) Divine (nee Twiss) was more commonly refered to as the "Queen of Woolloomooloo".

S.S. "Mandarin" - 1838

James and Mary Melville

James Melville, son of John Melville and his wife Elizabeth (nee Woodside), was born at Dundonald near Holywood, County Down, Ireland, on 22nd June, 1814. His father was a builder and bricklayer of Scottish descent.

Mary Gavin was the elder daughter of Robert Gavin and his wife Eliza (nee Dougal). She was born at Johnstone, in Renfrewshire, Scotland, on 22nd December, 1815. She had a younger sister, Janet. The Gavins were a milling family in Scotland. When Mary was three and Janet one year old, Robert Gavin went to Ireland to manage a linen mill in Belfast, taking his wife and children with him. Soon after this, Eliza died of typhoid fever, leaving Robert with two young daughters. He then sent to Scotland for his maiden sisters, Mary and Janet (after whom, presumably, his daughters were named). Robert also had a brother, Ludovic Gavin, a textile and rope miller at Millhall, Eaglesham, south of Glasgow. Some time later Robert married again and had a second family.

James was born towards the end of the Napoleonic Wars and Mary Gavin just after Wellington's decisive victory at Waterloo. Europe was war-torn and the Industrial Revolution was causing unemployment and many changes in Britain. Children and women worked in mills and factories for long hours. There was great poverty in Ireland. Nevertheless, the town of Belfast was thriving due to the rapid growth of the cotton industry which had been established there at the end of the 18th century.

According to the 1823 census there were 56 houses, 172 males and 182 females in Smithfield Square; and 167 houses, 449 males and 508 females in Millfield Street. By the time of this census the Melvilles may have been in Millfield, and the Gavins at Smithfield as they were living there in 1838. It is probable that the families were neighbourhood friends.

The flourishing condition of Belfast may have been the reason why Robert Gavin, a cloth-miller, came over from Scotland where conditions were not so prosperous.

At Belfast on 5th June, 1838, James Melville and Mary Gavin were married in May Street Presbyterian Church by the Rev. H. Cooke, D.D.,L.L.D. Witnesses were William Melville and William John Beattie.

On June 11th the young people sailed for Australia on the **S.S. "Mandarin"**. They were leaving their families, their friends, and the life they knew to face a long voyage in the cramped and primitive conditions on board an immigrant sailing ship. Who could tell how long the journey would take, or what would be awaiting them at the end of it in the colony of New South Wales?

In 1838 the colony of New South Wales had been established for fifty years. Convicts were still being transported but there was a strong anti-transportation

movement. Free settlers were needed to bring their trades and to farm the land. Since 1830 there had been strenuous recruitment of Scottish skilled tradesmen of good character by Dr. John Dunmore Lang, first minister of Scots Church, Sydney, himself born at Greenock, son of a ship's joiner. Dr. Lang had gone back to Scotland to seek such immigrants personally.

Sailing ships from many places harboured in Port Jackson. It was into this harbor that James and Mary Melville sailed on board the **S.S.** "Mandarin" on 19th October, 1838, four months out from Belfast. Their immigration papers were marked 'R. and W.', that is, they could read and write. This would have been an advantage. Also James had his trade and Mary had learnt dressmaking. They were assisted immigrants so it would seem that they did not have much money. Skilled immigrants were strongly advised to bring with them their tools of trade so it is likely that James would have brought his. It is certain that he brought with him a testimonial from his employer in Belfast, also a testimonial to his character and that of 'Mary his wife', from the minister who had married them, commending them to the friendly notice of Dr. Dunmore Lang and others. Soon after their arrival James was employed building a vault, for a wealthy man named Treey, in the Devonshire Street Sandhills Cemetery (now the site of Central Railway Station).

After a short stay in Sydney, James and Mary went to Bathurst. The only means of transport was the primitive coach or a settler's covered wagon - in either, it was a very slow and tiring journey. In Bathurst their first child, Robert, was born in June, 1839, and their second, James, in June 1841.

At this time, the town of Bathurst was growing, having been established in 1832, and bricklayers would have been in demand. The first church to be completed in the town itself was the Presbyterian Church, St. Stephen's, in 1835, which James and Mary attended.

Many of the early settlers at Bathurst had come from the Hawkesbury, but the Melvilles went back across the Mountains to settle at Windsor which was also a growing town. The settlement on the banks of the Hawkesbury River and South Creek had begun in 1794, transport to and from Sydney in the early years being by water. It was called Green Hills until 1810 when Governor Macquarie marked out the site of the town, naming it Windsor. At the same time, the sites and names of Castlereagh, Pitt Town, Richmond and Wilberforce were named by the Governor.

Upon arrival in Windsor, one of the first bricklaying contracts entered into by James Melville was for the first Presbyterian Church which was completed by September, 1842. This building was flooded to a depth of two feet in the 1867

flood, but it stood until it was demolished in 1968.

Also in the early 1840s James built a two-storied residence for William Bowman, M.L.C. (later M.L.A), and of the bricklayers being Caleb Cresford and a Mr. Marlin doing most of the carpentry. This elegant house, "Toxana" which still stands in Windsor Street, Richmond, is classified by the National Trust. Its floor-plan is sketched by Morton Herman in his "Early Australian Architects". In "The Windsor Magazine" of August, 1857, a traveller wrote that in 'the Richmond of Australia ... the most noticeable building is the residence of the present member of the Legislative Assembly for the Cumberland Boroughs, a house that would not reflect any disgrace on places of far higher pretensions, in and architectural point of view, than an Australian hamlet.'

During this decade the Melvilles' four elder daughters, Eliza, Mary, Margaret and Jane, were born in Windsor.

A correspondent of the "Cumberland Mercury" at the time of James Melville's death, recalling James' activities after settling in Windsor, writes: 'he was busily employed at his calling as a builder, and was also enabled to gratify his passion for horses ... by keeping drays for town work. Those were stirring times, and wealthy settlers on the Hawkesbury were beginning to study comfort, so that (he) had his hands full, and was, comparatively prosperous. In 1850, however, sufficient inducement offering, he sought "fresh fields and pastures new", in what was, at that time, the far north - Brisbane, where he erected a number of buildings, some of them public ones.'

After about two years, including a period in Sydney during which their son John was born at Glebe, James and Mary returned to Windsor. In 1854 James bought at auction a block of land in Mileham Street, on which by 1857 he had built a home which was named "Woodside" in the area known as "the Brickfields". By the end of 1860 there were ten children: William, Janet, and Mary Ann (Anny) having been born after the return to Windsor. A son, named Samuel, had died in infancy. James and Mary also brought up two boys named Gamble whose parents went to California.

James Melville died at "Woodside" on 3rd November, 1879, aged 65 years. On the 3rd January, 1887 Mary died, aged 71 years, at "Woodside", within a few hours of her returning from church. Mary was buried with her husband and infant son, Samuel. Her family's tribute on her tombstone reads: "Loved by all who knew her".

David Beddie. (2nd great grandson or James and Mary Melville).

New and Updated Family Search Databases

Following is a list of databases included or updated onto FamilySearch.org over the last few months, available online.

https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/record-collection-september-2021

- * Canada, Ontario Tax Assessment Rolls, 1834-1899. [40,495 records].
- * England, Middlesex Parish Registers, 1539-1988. [504,993 records].
- * England, Northumberland Non-Conformist Church Records, 1613-1920. [33,385 records].
- * India, Madras Diocese Protestant Church Records, 1743-1990. [1,490 records].
- * Kiribati, Vital Records, 1890-1991. [3,487 records].
- * New Zealand, Electoral Rolls, 1865-1957. [1,234,639 records].
- * South Africa, Cape Province, Civil Records, 1840-1972. [31,216 records].
- * South Africa, Church of the Province of South Africa, Parish Registers, 1801-2004. [26,591 records].
- * South Africa, Dutch Reformed Church Registers (Cape Town Archives), 1660-1970. [25,070 records].
- * England, Middlesex, Westminster, Poor Law Records, 1561-1883. [1,678,558 records].
- * England, Yorkshire, Bishop's Transcripts, 1547-1957. [2,601,205 records].
- * Vanuatu, Vital Records, 1900-2001. [7,334 records].
- * United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955. [19,533 records].
- * United States. Georgia, Tax Digests, 1787-1900. [299,782 records].
- * Zimbabwe, Voter Registration, 1938-1973. [3,315 records].

Resources in the Campbelltown Library

DNA for Genealogy.

- * The Family Tree guide to DNA testing and genetic genealogy. Bettinger, Blaine T. 2016. Available for loan.
- * DNA for genealogists. Farmer, Kerry. 2016. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Surnames, DNA, and family history. Redmonds, George. 2011. Available for loan.

Scottish Family History.

- * Scottish family history. Moody, David. 1988. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Sources for Scottish genealogy and family history. Steel, D. J. (Donald John). Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Tracing your Scottish ancestors : a guide for family historians. Maxwell, Ian. 2013. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * The parishes, registers & registrars of Scotland. 1993. Family History Room Not for loan.

Irish Family History.

- * Irish family history resources online. Paton, Chris. 2012. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Irish family history on the web : a directory. Raymond, Stuart A. 2007. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Collins tracing your Irish family history. Adolph, Anthony. 2007. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Irish church records : their history, availability and use in family and local history research. 1992. Family History Room Not for loan.

- * Irish records : sources for family & local history. Ryan, James George. 1988. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Tracing your British and Irish ancestors : a guide for family historians. Scott, Jonathan. 2016. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Tracing your Northern Irish ancestors. Maxwell, Ian. 2015. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Farewell to the green fields: the story of Irish political protesters Patrick Keighran and Hugh 'Vesty' Byrne. Nicholas, Gerri. 2020. Available for loan.
- * Handbook on Irish genealogy: how to trace your ancestors and relatives in Ireland. 1984. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Irish genealogy: a record finder. 1981. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * British and Irish newspapers. Paton, Chris. 2014. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Tracing your Irish ancestors : the complete guide. Grenham, John. 2012. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * Irish holdings of the Society of Australian Genealogists : in the Overseas Library and Primary Records Collection. Garnsey, Heather. 1996. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * The Irish roots guide. McCarthy, Tony. 1991. Family History Room Not for loan.
- * A guide to Irish parish registers. Mitchell, Brian. 1988. Family History Room Not for loan.

Welsh Family History.

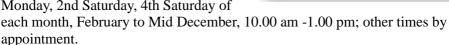
- * Welsh genealogy. Durie, Bruce. 2012. Family History Room Not for loan.
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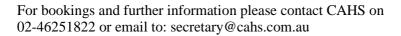
Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society Inc

Due to restrictions Glenalvon has not been open for visitors. Dates and times mentioned below, should be applicable in 2022.

Meetings are held on 4th Saturday of each month, except for December and January, starting at 1.30 p.m.

The Museum is open to visitors on 1st Monday, 2nd Saturday, 4th Saturday of





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Social Secretary's Report

There is no Social Secretary's report at this time.

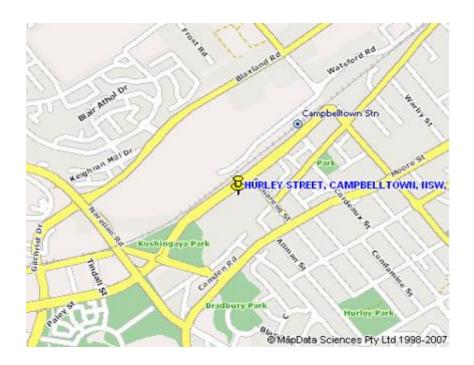
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* Triple CD - Pioneer, Federation & Cemetery Registers [1 CD]	\$105.00
* Ghost Busters (Our Journal, Free To Members) Non Members	\$2.00
* Ingleburn Soldiers Memorial Park.	\$15.00 + \$6.95 p&h
* 5 Generation Chart	\$2.00
* 7 Generation Chart	\$4.50
* 9 Generation Chart	\$4.00

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