As can be seen from the current PASA Membership Statistics, (on page 6) our PASA family of 690 members is spread far and wide, from South Australia (with 573 members) to all States and Territories in Australia and overseas to Switzerland, New Zealand, the USA and the UK. Wherever we are, we are all bunkering down, isolated both from our families and friends and from our normal activities; we are all doing our best to weather the storm of the coronavirus. It is at this exceedingly difficult time we can remember that we all share a connection with each other through our ancestors who came to South Australia in the pioneering years. Our ancestors faced many unexpected difficulties and often extreme hardships as they established their lives here in South Australia. They met these with great fortitude, resilience, and perseverance; qualities we can all draw upon today.

You will notice that the masthead of this newsletter indicates that this is an “Extra” edition. Whilst there continues to be a lack of PASA events and activities to advertise and report, there is not the usual ample quantity of material to fill the pages of the newsletter. The main purpose of this extra edition is to seek ideas and contributions from you our readers to fill the void in future monthly editions. My thanks to Judith Francis, Julie Neale and Graham Smith for providing material for this edition.

Bob Stace, Editor

AN INVITATION
To contribute ideas and articles for future newsletters.

Until the PASA programme of events, activities and projects returns to some degree of “normality”, this newsletter is seeking contributions from members to replace the usual reporting and advertising of events which have been features of past newsletters.

What are we looking for?
1. Ideas for content.
2. Short articles (250 - 500 words) from members: eg family history research, pioneer stories, history topics.
3. Questions and Answers for the “Test Your Knowledge” segment.

Images for any of the above are most welcome. Contributions can be in simple Word format. Please email contributions for the May newsletter to:

The Editor, Pioneer e-Xpress
pioneersa@chariot.net.au

by 6 May and for future monthly editions by the 1st of each month.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊
SAME SHIPS PROJECT
[Julie Neale on behalf of the Same Ships team]

While we have this enforced lull in proceedings, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to the volunteers who are working on or have completed the data for the following ships:


Thanks also to all those members who have contributed data for their families or researched other passengers on their ships.

A big thank you to the new volunteers who are researching and inputting data for the:

Emma 1836, Isabella 1837, Isabella Watson 1846, and Lady Lilford 1839

I look forward to hearing from you if you have any queries or would like to contribute your pioneer family histories to PASA.

Once we have carried out checking of the spreadsheets, I hope to make them available in the members’ section on the PASA website. Another task for the future! A hard copy of the Passengers’ information will be available in the library.

Contact the Same Ships
If you have information to contribute for any of the above-named ships and would like to add it to PASA’s resources, then please contact: pasa.sameships@gmail.com

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

April Answer: Those of you who were able to follow the clues will have discovered that South Australia’s first dental Surgeon was Robert Norman who opened a practice on North Terrace in 1844. Apart from being a skilled and dexterous practitioner, Norman was a cultured man, fluent in Irish, French, and Italian. He had a fine tenor voice, was a Shakespearian scholar, an excellent billiard player and an accomplished swordsman. Professionally Norman was a member of the Royal College of Dentists and a member of the Odonatological Society of England.

April Extra Question: Before the impact of COVID-19, PASA’s programme for the May History Festival featured the “Trailblazers” Exhibition which we were conducting jointly with the South Australia Society of the Arts. This event has now been postponed until 2021. An article in the May 1970 PASA Newsletter (yes, 50 years ago) refers to South Australia’s first art exhibition which was held in the Legislative Council Chamber. Your task is to discover the answers to the following 2 questions:

1. In what year was South Australia’s first art exhibition held?
2. What was the name of the featured artist?

[Artist’s self-portrait at left from the National Portrait Gallery]

NB. Your editor does not expect anyone will know the answers “off the cuff”, so here is the pathway to discovery!

1) Go to the “Members Resource Area:” of the PASA Website (NB Username, PASA and Password, 28Dec)

2) Go to “Newsletter 1962-1998” and click on “Group Newsletter 071-080”
3) Locate the May Newsletter No 74 .... You will find your answers here!

While you are navigating your way through the early PASA newsletters spend time reading some of the interesting articles. These early newsletters were the forerunner of our current The Pioneer, PASA’s quarterly journal, which was introduced in 1998 at the time of Kingsley Ireland’s presidency.

ANZAC DAY

Because of the Covid19 situation, this year’s Anzac Day celebrations will be vastly different from what we have experienced in the past. In the build up to the day your editor came upon the interesting snippet of information that the first tree lined Avenue of Honour in Australia to be erected in the aftermath of the Gallipoli campaign was in South Australia. Most of us will be aware of the impressive Avenue which marks the entrance to Ballarat and Adelaide’s beautifully kept example in Alexandra Avenue, Rose Park, but few of us would know that the first WW1 war memorial avenue in Australia was established in a small beachside town just south of Adelaide on 13 May 1915. The Avenue which features Moreton Bay figs is pictured below.

An extra Test of Your Knowledge: Can you identify the location of this Avenue of Honour? Answer in the May newsletter.

ANZAC ANCESTORS

Some of us may have records, stories and images of family ancestors who fought in the Gallipoli campaign or in other theatres of WW1. If you would like to share this information in the May newsletter then forward your short story/article and an image (if possible) to the Editor by 6 May.

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM GENEALOGY SA

If you have time on your hands, it is worth investigating some recently available resources now open to the public on the Genealogy SA website:

https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-database-search

Most recently released databases include:

- **South Australian Church Baptisms**
  40,000 new records, from 51 churches, available from 1839 onwards
  Released 9 April 2020
  [Click Here]

- **Updates to the Biographical Index of South Australians (BISA)**
  Improved search filters and added additional results for each record (members only)
  Released 8 April 2020
  [Click Here]

Soon to be released databases include:

- South Australian Church records – Marriages
- South Australian Church records – Burials
- Public Trustees/Deceased Estates
- South Australian School registrations
VACCINES AND IMMUNISATION

As trials of Covid-19 vaccines commence, Judith Francis has adapted and abridged an article on the history of vaccination which was originally featured in the Cosmos Magazine.

The origins of immunisation

Some of the credit for our knowing about immunisation today goes to an 18th century English aristocrat, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, wife of the British ambassador to the Ottoman Empire. In 1717, she observed the practice of variolation, in which healthy individuals were exposed to the variola, or smallpox, virus. They then experienced a mild form of the disease, but upon recovery were observed to be immune to it. Lady Mary actively campaigned in Britain in favour of treatments against the scourge of smallpox, a disease responsible for the deaths of many millions of people across the globe. And although 1% to 2% of those inoculated died, this was compared to a mortality rate up to 30% of those who contracted the disease naturally. The word “inoculation” is derived from the Latin *inoculare*, meaning “to graft”.

Edward Jenner

One of the key players in developing the practice of vaccination is Edward Jenner, who has been called “one of the most famous scientists in medical history” and the “father of immunology”. Jenner was born on 17 May 1749, in Berkeley, Gloucestershire. At age eight he was inoculated against smallpox and at 13 he was apprenticed to a surgeon and apothecary in rural south-west England. One day he “heard a dairymaid say, ‘I shall never have smallpox for I have had cowpox’.” Cowpox makes itself known through sores forming mainly on the udder and teats of cows. It is caused by the vaccinia virus, is transmissible to humans, and is closely related to variola.

Jenner went on to build a career as a well-regarded doctor and scientist, and in 1796 he began his ground breaking experiments into a cure for smallpox. He found a young dairymaid Sarah Nelms, who had fresh cowpox lesions on her hands and arms. On 14 May 1796, using matter from Nelms’ lesions, he inoculated eight-year-old James Phipps. The boy developed a mild fever and rash but soon recovered. In July Jenner inoculated Phipps again, with matter from a fresh smallpox lesion. No disease developed, and Jenner concluded that protection was complete. Jenner submitted a paper to the Royal Society, which rejected his findings. He then privately published a small booklet in which he described his new procedure, which he called vaccination, from the Latin word for cow – *vacca* – and cowpox, *vaccinia*. This eventually became popular through the activities of others, particularly the surgeon Henry Cline, to whom Jenner had given some of the inoculant.

Despite errors, many controversies, and chicanery, the use of vaccination spread rapidly in England, and by the year 1800, it had also reached most European countries. Vaccination is probably our greatest ever invention and saved the lives of many of our ancestors.

1886 illustration showing Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) administering an anti-rabies vaccination.

Credit: ILBUSCA/Getty Images

Breaking News

Wearing a mask 😷 inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to prevent Covid-19 but to stop eating.
THE STREETS OF GLENELG

Graham Smith has provided PASA with a copy of a well-researched document from the Glenelg Historical Society which covers the pioneering names behind the streets of Glenelg. This document was researched by GHS member authors Stephen Ingham, Beth Duncan, Brian Gitsham and Graham Smith and published in 2013. The following is a “taster” from this series of articles and covers Henry Jackson Moseley (1819-1894) who gave his name to what is now the heart of Glenelg, Moseley Square. This story of one of South Australia’s very early pioneer settlers might inspire some of you to check out and research some of the historical names behind the streets in your suburb, Contributions for future newsletters or The Pioneer Journal will be most welcome.

Henry Jackson Moseley (1819 – 1894)

From the Old Colonist photos by Townsend Duryea, 1872. SLSA

Moseley was the son of a well-known London builder who arrived in Adelaide on the Tam O’Shanter in 1836 and quickly established himself as a builder. Moseley was one of the first to engage in real estate transactions in Glenelg.

Moseley leased land along the sea front south of what is now Jetty Road. As well as his own home on the corner of what are now Moseley and College Streets, he built a number of rental cottages. In 1854 Moseley purchased five acres of this land in the vicinity of Jetty Road and put up larger houses for lease. He retained the allotments at the western end of Jetty road for his proposed Pier Hotel.

Visiting England in 1855, he engaged on a fact-finding mission touring England’s premier resorts before embarking upon building the Pier Hotel. The Pier opened on Christmas Day 1856 and quickly established a reputation for excellent cuisine and fine wines.

Elected to the Council in 1864, Moseley promoted the construction of sea walls to prevent sand drift from the flattened dunes. Following the building of the northern wall, the sand hills to the east of it were leveled in the late 1870’s as the beginning phase of the development of Colley Reserve. Moseley’s goal of seeing Glenelg develop as a resort town was enhanced by the seawalls. The opportunity to walk along the seafront in comfort attracted many visitors on warm summer evenings.

During the early 1870s he was involved in the construction of the Glenelg Railway and by this time Moseley Square was becoming the civic centre of the town. The Railway Station, the Police Station and Courthouse, the Post and Telegraph Office were all located there as well as a second hotel. Dominating the square, however, was the imposing Institute Building, designed by Edmund Wright and later to become the Town Hall.

Moseley died at Magill in 1894, aged 75 years and was buried in the Brighton Cemetery.

The Pier Hotel, Glenelg 1890. SLSA B47

Glenelg Town Hall 1887 SLSA B16567/20
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Life_A = Associate Life member  
Life_Hon = Honorary Life Member  
Life_P = Pioneer Life Member

Junior Pioneer membership as at 5 April 2020 = 114

PASA Vice President Judith Francis has recently taken on the Secretary’s role and has been kept busy contacting and supporting members; she has provided the following anecdote about Life at Home:

I have had the fun recently of linking with a PASA member who lives in Darwin. We shared news and I hope one day we can meet at a PASA event. During these wonderful days at home I have improved my IT skills through trial and error. (Many errors but all retrievable!) Have you liked our Pioneers Facebook Page monitored by Sally Grundy? We have over 800 people following us, but we would love many more. Why don’t you check out the interesting stories and make sure you “Like” our Facebook page?

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