

Abbey Genealogy Enthusiasts

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Notice Board

- **Ancestral Scotland**
An interesting website that gives you information on the different clans, Understanding Scottish Surnames, Research and Genealogy Searches.
www.ancestralscotland.com
- **Genealogy Links**
Here is a website that has some very useful links that maybe of interest to those of you who have Australian Ancestors.
www.genealogylinks.net/australia/
- **Virtralbrum.co.uk**
If you are looking at areas such as Birmingham and the midlands this is a helpful website.
www.virtralbrum.co.uk/lynx
- **Catholic Parishes**
I came across this website for a cousin of mine who was looking at the Catholic Parishes in Ireland. This website has a huge list of many and information about the parishes,
www.catholiclinks.org/paroquiasirlanda.htm
- **Census Online**
This website has many different Censuses online in Cornwall which Include the workhouses.
www.censusonline.com/links/england/cornwall/
- **Waltham Abbey Genealogy**
Our website is continuing to update on the cemetery records, so keep a check on the site from time to time. If anyone who has any old photos or history and information on the Abbey that they won't mind sharing with us and using for the website. James will be very grateful.

Leaving For Australia



When I first started researching my family on my mother's side, I was lucky enough to have a look through my Nan and granddads family documents which included certificates, letters and photos. I came across a small family tree of the Barnard family who were my Nan's family name. Over a period of time I researched and added people to this small family tree and took the tree back to my sixth great grandmother Sarah Barnard, who was one of six children to Henry Barnard and Sarah Searle. They all came from a small place called Haslingfield in Cambridgeshire. I decided to put it this information on the website genes reunited. It was about a month later I had a connection with a lady on the website from Australia. Her sixth great grandfather was Joseph Barnard the sibling of my Sarah Barnard. Over the past year or so we have exchanged so much information on the family and sent photos and information. Joseph Barnard immigrated to Australia at the age of 21 on the Voyage from England to Portland Bay, Australia on the board the ship 'Constant'. He went with his wife Elizabeth, her mother (also called Elizabeth) and Elizabeth's two sisters Ann and Sarah Ann.

According to the shipping log Joseph was an agricultural laborer who could read only. His religion was Church of England and Elizabeth was listed as 19 years old and could read and write. There were 191 adults on board. This was to be the last Voyage for the Constant as it got severely damaged in the port and never sailed again.

"Liverpool is a northern port about 175 miles from Haslingfield - no small distance in the 1850's. They well may have traveled by train to Liverpool as the Cambridge railway station opened in 1845; the alternative would have been a horse-drawn coach. Either way it would have been quite a journey in itself. Quite a few people immigrated to Australia from Haslingfield and surrounding areas in the 1850's as the prospects for the agricultural communities were poor. The lot of the ordinary family had also been made worse by the Enclosures, where small - holders, who had scraped a living from their own small plots of land, lost these rights to the large landowners who were given the right to consolidate these small plots into their own large farms.

This was done in the name of creating modern efficient farms; a side effect was to reduce many small- holders to the status of farm laborers. Many people left the agricultural communities for work in the growing industrial cities, others looked further a field for a solution. Ironically, coprolite was discovered in the area later in the 1850's and there was quite a mining boom in the south Cambridgeshire villages for about 25 years.

This probably explains why emigration to Australia did not continue from here into the 1860's. "

My cousin kindly sent me a whole document of a diary of another passenger who was also on that voyage with Joseph.

'THE VOYAGE FROM SOUTHAMPTON ENGLAND TO PORTLAND BAY AUSTRALIA ON BOARD THE 'CONSTANT'.

Diary 1854-1855

NOVEMBER 6th Monday we went on board the ship 'Constant' bound for Portland Bay from Southampton.

NOVEMBER 8th We set sail the wind lay well for us. It soon took us through the needles and soon brought us in site of the Isle of Wight. In about two days brought us out of the English Channel but we had a very rough sea and the greatest part of the immigrants were sea sick and lay about the deck

NOVEMBER 12th We crossed the pin sands the sea was very calm. The people got about all right again. Then the Bay of Biscay. Then the next coast and the Atlantic sea. A child was born.

NOVEMBER 14th we had three or four very rough days, upset about all the men and women and children. We could not keep anything on the tables nor on the shelves. We were obliged to sit on the floor to hold our pots and plates.

NOVEMBER 17th we now see what is called Madeira very high mountains far above the clouds.

NOVEMBER 18th we pass another two more very high mountains far above the clouds. Of them is the Islas Canarias where foreign wines (?) are made.

NOVEMBER 19th we have 12 hour days

NOVEMBER 20th we passed another large island called Tenerife and 2 more islands higher than the clouds

NOVEMBER 21st we saw a very large fish called a blackfish (?). I saw it myself from 5 to 6 roads long and 3 yards deep. We saw plenty porpoises or dolphin.

NOVEMBER 30th We have 14 hour days. The sun is very hot. We passed another island called Lambarene (?). It is a very high mountain far above the clouds.

DECEMBER 1st We are sailing very slow. The sun is very scorching hot. About 2 o'clock we were visited by shark. A bait was put on a hook. He quickly took it and was soon hauled on deck. His tail and head was soon cut off and the backbone taken out of the flesh part. Into the sea his head was thrown away. As the man was taking it along it bit his thumb. They had to get an axe to pry open its mouth. It was 7 feet long, its fins were 2 feet long.

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Ingredients Victorian Ginger Snaps

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cooking Instructions

Cream the butter for 2 minutes at medium speed. Add 2 1/2 cups of the flour plus the sugar, molasses, egg, lemon extract, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, baking soda and salt. Mix well on medium-high speed. Stir in the remaining flour until blended. Cover and refrigerate dough for at least 2 hours. Preheat oven to 350°. Remove dough from refrigerator, and with a teaspoon, scoop out rounded measures of dough. Roll dough into balls and place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten slightly with the bottom of a glass dipped in white sugar. Preheat oven to 350°. Bake for 11 minutes. Let stand for approximately for 30 seconds on cookie sheet before removing to cooling racks. Cool completely and store in airtight containers.

Yield: 50 cookies

Contribute to the Newsletter

Tell us how your getting on with your research so far and have you discovered any hidden skeletons you want share with us. Have you come across some unexpected Ancestors, lost relatives, a famous Ancestor? Or do you have any old photos and stories you would like to share in the newsletter, it's all history and we'd be happy to hear it.

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