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The next general meeting of
the Granville Historical
Society will be held at 2.00
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At our Research Centre
62 Railway Parade
Granville

Guest Speaker:
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The Female Factory

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Granville Historical Society

"A Place where heritage & culture are valued & celebrated."

Well members we have all had a very busy year. This is our last formal General Meeting for 2016 as November is our Christmas Party. We have worked extremely hard answering enquiries, mostly from reporters from the local papers; they are adding more historical information into the articles which makes them more interesting.

While the NSW Government Council amalgamations advertised that no one was to be disadvantaged or confused, there is a large amount of just that. Life is uncertain for most residents and many are voicing their frustration because when they ring, no one knows what is happening. This has resulted in many phone calls to the society to try and discover what the future holds; we try and reassure them but confusion still reigns.

We have met with some of the people whose task it is to evaluate what was in place and what will be continued under the new administration. The problem is with no elected representative to represent them the long void is starting to show. People are talking politics, people are talking about voting for independents rather than major parties - will the elections in 2017 reflect the federal election this year? That is the million dollar question, the survival of the finest.

You will have noticed the continuing development in and around Granville is large and many, the

Society is keeping a record of the changes as they occur. We are also collecting and have been for some time the history of Auburn and Lidcombe.. There has been no historical society in those areas for many years, but having said that, Cumberland Council has two capable and passionate Local Studies Librarians in Auburn and Merrylands. The society worked with Tom, Stephen and Jane during the very successful “Meet Your Neighbour” series.



One of the members of the community photographed the Granville Anglican Columbarium and has uploaded it online it is cemetery 6096

<http://austcemindex.com/cemetery?cemetery=6096> the administrator of this site is always very helpful and allows us to use his photos with permission, a fantastic resource thanks Alan Mayer, for this resource to add to our collection



Our Speaker for October is Anne Mathews who is a member of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends. She will be presenting a PowerPoint on the “Factory”. Anne is a well known historian who is passionate about Parramatta history and is on the Research Committee with Beth Matthews who research the history of the females who were sent to the factory.

If you have a relative who was in the factory, let us know and share your information which will be sent onto the girls. Anne in the middle to the left is Kerry Martin, who we know from the Police and Bushrangers dinners with Edgar Penzig ,and Beth Matthews who we met when we worked on Women Transported. Photograph is courtesy of Ronda Gaffey publicity officer of the PFFF.

Barry G Bullivant OAM,
President

<p>THE MALLINSON FAMILY</p>
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Brothers George and Charles Mallinson who emigrated to Australia in the 19th century were from a Yorkshire family with more than a hundred years experience in the wool trade. Their uncle, George Mallinson, was the owner of a large woollen mill manufacturing high quality woollen cloth in the village of Linthwaite, about eight kilometres from Huddersfield in Yorkshire. He employed hundreds of people in the plant's various departments, including many relatives, among them George and Charles, and their father Joseph. Parish records from the 16th Century show the family was well established in this area during the reign of Henry VIII.¹

Charles Evelyn Mallinson was the first to come to Australia, arriving in Melbourne in about 1879, aged 24, followed by 33-year-old George in 1886. Charles found work in the wool industry at a factory at Ballarat, but later moved on to New South Wales. His knowledge of the classification and handling of wool earned him positions at some of the colony's leading sheep studs, and in the years to come he would manage 30 different sheep flocks. In the 1880s he was helping the Kater brothers as they built up their Mumblebone stud near Warren in the central west of New South Wales, partly with merinos directly descended from the Reverend Samuel Marsden's flock that was bred from a small number of merinos brought into the colony in 1796. It was at Mumblebone that Charles got his first lesson in merino breeding from Edward Kater, and would acknowledge this in a book he wrote on merino breeding years later. In the mid-1890s, Charles was living at Bathurst, classing and preparing prize-winning sheep for the Springfield stud near Orange. He also travelled to South Australia in 1896 and 1903 to buy large numbers of stud and stock sheep for clients. At the turn of the century, Charles began a long association with another top stud, Bundemar near Trangie, where he was the principal sheep and wool expert for 15 years. The association ended when Charles was appointed to an advisory position with the South African government.²

¹ Mallinson family history, Granville Historical Society Family History Files

² Mallinson family history; M. Rutledge, 'Kater, Henry Edward (1841-1924)', Australian Dictionary of Biography, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/kater-henry-edward-544/text6173> accessed online 17 October 2016; Merino History, *The Queenslander*, 18 October 1928 p. 10; H. Alexander, 'Body, Eliel Edmund Irving(1881-1965)' Australian Dictionary of Biography, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/body-eliel->

The Pretoria government looked to Australia for advice when it decided to appoint an expert to supervise the government's flocks and educate farmers in sheep and wool classing. Charles Mallinson was appointed in April 1910 from 55 applicants on the advice of the Australian government and after being chosen by a recruiting panel of experts. He was re-appointed to a second term when his three-year contract expired. He returned to Australia in 1915 and retired to Springwood in the Blue Mountains, but was living at Earlwood when he died in Parramatta Hospital on 16 June 1939, aged 84. He was survived by his widow, Mary.³

George Mallinson, wife Martha and five children came to Sydney on the Orient Line steamer *John Elder* in June 1886. Three more children were born in Sydney. The family stayed with English friends in Granville for a while and in 1887 purchased a house at 12 Trongate Street. George attempted to set up a business importing English cloth for the manufacture of men's suits, but this was not a success. He worked for a while at a wool processing factory in Granville and at the woollen mill at Northmead. This involved a daily walk of five kilometres from his Granville home. An expert sheep and wool classer, he travelled to shearing sheds throughout the country, and handled millions of sheep until his retirement in 1926.⁴

With his savings, George began buying neighbouring houses, and by the time he retired, he owned about a dozen cottages. These included Numbers 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 64, and 66 Trongate Street, and Number 42 on the corner of William and Trongate Streets. Also Number 44 William Street, 28 George Street, 9 Fourth Street, 12 Archibald Street and cottages in Lumley Street. George's first wife Martha died in 1915, and he married a second time. He died from a heart attack in 1933, aged 79. His youngest son, James Edward was killed in World War 1, and another son George Richerby was awarded a Military Medal for bravery.⁵

About 20 years earlier, another Mallinson displayed bravery in difficult circumstances. Near the end of a summer's day in February 1896, two sisters – 11-year-old Olive and eight-year-old Lyla Dwyer, daughters of Fred and Emily Dwyer of Clyde Street Granville – drowned in Duck Creek near Bergan's Mill. This happened while their father was on the other side of the continent at Coolgardie in Western Australia seeking work. Around 6 o'clock on 14 February, the girls walked to Duck Creek to look for mushrooms, and were sitting with a friend, nine-year-old Mary Adams, the daughter of

edmund-irving-5279/text8901, accessed online 17 October 2016; *Sydney Stock and Station Journal*, 25 August 1914; *Adelaide Observer*, 21 March 1903 p. 34

³ *The Register (Adelaide)*, 14 April 1910 p. 10; Obituary, *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 21 June 1939 p. 11

⁴ Mallinson family history

⁵ Mallinson family history; George Mallinson's Last Will and Testament

the Dwyers' next-door neighbour, David Adams, on a log that crossed the creek, with their feet dangling over the water.

The elder sister Olive got off the log and walked into the water. She must have stumbled into a waterhole, and with the water level in Duck Creek high after about four inches of rain in the past couple of weeks, she was soon out of her depth, and only her head could be seen. Her sister went to her aid but also went under.

Mary Adams went to their assistance but also struggled and went under water. However she was able to grab hold of a bush. A 12-year-old boy, Charlie Mallinson, came along and pulled her out. He dived into the water but couldn't find the other two girls. Charlie ran home to Trongate Street and returned with his father George and another man, Walter Langford, who went into the water and recovered the girls' bodies. George sent Charlie to fetch Doctor Harrison, who tried unsuccessfully to resuscitate the girls. The next day, George and Charlie Mallinson, together with Mary Adams, gave evidence at an inquest into the deaths. The jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning and commended young Charlie Mallinson for his bravery.⁶

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⁶ *Cumberland Argus*, 22 February 1896 p. 3