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Update on the restoration of the wooden section

On the 27th April 2010, we have finally seen the commencement of works on the old wooden section of the Shire Offices. This day seen the re-stumpers start their job of restumping the two rooms plus the old toilet\bathroom (LL) out the back..



Above - One of Will Cass's employees,

Right - Will Cass lifting the floor boards in the soon to be archival room (back room)



Above - After the re-stumping had finished.

Right - The new bearers in the non - existing Passageway



Left - Commencement of the plumbing works. New PVC pipes were laid for both the storm water and sewage, the latter which had never been connected. The top of the septic tank has been removed and the tank filled in with dirt and most of the old clay pipes have been removed as well



Left - After the storm water and the sewage have been connected with new pipes. The plumbers did a fantastic job considering the weather was bad.



Right - When the plumbers had just about completed their job.



Left - Gavan the labourer cleaning up after taking down the plaster in the front room (to be our new research room)

Right - After the walls had been uncovered, "What a historical find", A Heritage Architects dream.



Left - Ken Heres levelling out the grounds after the plumbers and prior to the scaffolding going up.

Right - Scaffolding has gone up ready for the chimneys to be re-bricked and the new roof on the wooden section.



LEARMONTH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
invites you to the

"ADDINGTON"
STATE SCHOOL
150th
ANNIVERSARY

to be held at the
"Old Shire Hall"
High St. Learmonth on
Sunday, 25th July 2010
from 11am to 5pm

BYO your own lunch, tea, coffee & afternoon tea
will be supplied.

ALL WELCOME, there will be a display of
photos and memorabilia.

**If you have any photos or articles you would
like to share with the society, please bring them
along to be copied and added to the society's
collection**

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CONGRATULATIONS GEOFF CRICK. OAM

Crick 'thrilled to bits'

By Emily Sobey

BLOWHARD farmer Geoff Crick will be awarded an Order of Australia Medal today for his contribution to agriculture spanning more than 30 years.

Speaking from Arabia at the weekend, where Mr Crick is travelling, he was "thrilled to bits" for the recognition.

Over the years, he has had extensive involvement with the Victorian Farmers Federation and the National Farmers Federation, where he has promoted the industry.

He has served as a VFF branch president and as NFF treasurer for eight years.

He was also chairman of the VFF farm business committee and the economics committee.

"I've been passionate about agriculture all my life, and through those organisations I've been able to keep agriculture at the forefront in the political scene," Mr Crick said.

He noted the position of agriculture in the



Geoff Crick

introduction of the GST, drought assistance and the removal of the excise indexation on fuel as among the key milestones in the industry.

"The GST was introduced into this country to some extent as a result of lobbying from the agricultural industry," Mr Crick said.

"Drought assistance also goes back to the early 1990s, when we were able to get a drought assistance package from the Keating government."

At home at Blowhard, Mr Crick's family began with dairy production,

before expanding to certified seed potatoes today.

They also produce free range eggs and Angus cattle.

"Agriculture's becoming more and more tough in recent years, with so much pressure with imports, and that's our biggest problem," he said.

"It's not only the farmers who suffer from unfair competition, but the community as a whole."

Mr Crick acknowledged the support of his wife Claudette and family, saying "you can't do these things if your family doesn't support you".

"I think the Central Highlands farming area is one of the best in the nation," he said.

"To be granted an order, my family and lots of others have helped to make my contribution to primary industries one that can be acknowledged."

THE ARGUS NEWSPAPER - FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER 1924 SALE OF PROPERTY AT WAUBRA

W. S. Keast, Melbourne, Brophy, Foley and Co, Ballarat, report having sold on behalf of Mrs. H. B. Fraser, a farm containing 204 acres of chocolate, black, and grey soil, with a ten-roomed brick homestead, stables, cowshed, and other outbuildings. The property is situated at Waubra near Ballarat, and was sold to Messrs. Coutts Bros, of Waubra.

Descendants of Henry Baber & Caroline Bandy

1. Henry Baber, son of **Thomas Baber** and **Ann**, was born circa 1834 in Gloucestershire, England, died on 4 Aug 1916 in Ballarat, Victoria at age 82, and was buried on 6 Aug 1916 in Waubra Cemetery. The cause of his death was Diabetes Mellitus & Senile Decay.

Noted events in his life were:

- Emigrated: Henry arrived in Victoria, in March 1852 from off the ship "Cambodia"

Henry married **Caroline Bandy**, daughter of **William Bandy** and **Ann Smith**, in 1861 in Victoria. Caroline was born circa 1843 in England, died on 28 Jan 1877 in Waubra, Victoria at age 34, and was buried in the Waubra Cemetery.

Noted events in her life were:

Emigrated: Caroline along with her parents, William & Ann, and her brothers George & John arrived in Victoria on board the ship "Andromache", in December 1849.

Second Generation (Children)

2. William Baber (*Henry 1*) was born in 1862 in Ballarat East, Victoria, died on 15 Apr 1918 at Waubra, age 56, and was buried in Apr 1918 in Waubra Cemetery. The cause of his death was Bronchitis & Heart Failure. His occupation was a farmer. William married **Amelia Ann Harrison**, daughter of **William Gibson Harrison** and **Amelia Ann Beaumont**, in 1886 in Victoria. Amelia was born in 1865 in The Springs (Waubra), Victoria, died on 30 Mar 1921 in Waubra, Victoria at age 56, and was buried on 31 Mar 1921 in Waubra Cemetery. The cause of her death was Valvular Disease of the Heart, Abdominal Tumour & Heart Failure.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 1a M i. **William Henry Baber** was born on 3 May 1887 in The Springs (Waubra), Victoria, was baptised on 17 Jul 1887 in Anglican Church, Waubra, Victoria, died on 16 Mar 1978 in Bendigo, Victoria at age 90, and was buried on 20 Mar 1978 in Kamgaroo Flat (Bendigo) Cemetery.

+ 2b F ii. **Amelia Ann (Millie) Baber** was born on 9 Oct 1888 in The Springs (Waubra), Victoria, was baptised on 9 Dec 1888 in Anglican Church, Waubra, Victoria, and died in 1963 in Stawell, Victoria at age 75.

2c M iii. **Ernest James Baber** was born on 15 Jun 1890 in Waubra, Victoria, was baptised on 3 Aug 1890 in Anglican Church, Waubra, Victoria, died on 25 Aug 1981 in Parkville, Victoria at age 91, and was buried in Aug 1981 in Altona Memorial Park.



William Baber
Pre 1896



Amelia Ann Baber
Nee Harrison



Amelia Ann
(Millie) Baber



Above top, William Henry Baber, Botton, Ernest James Baber.

+ 2d F iv. **Jessie May Baber** was born on 1 May 1892 in Waubra. Victoria, was baptised on 15 May 1892 in Anglican Church. Waubra. Victoria, died on 16 Jan 1974 in Ballarat. Victoria. Australia at age 81, and was cremated on 18 Jan 1974 in Ballarat Crematorium.

+2e F v. **Caroline Elsie Baber** was born on 10 Jul 1894 in Waubra. Victoria, was baptised on 14 Oct 1894 in Anglican Church. Waubra. Victoria, and died in 1981 in Bull. Victoria at age 87.

3. Ann Baber (*Henry 1*) was born in 1863 in Ceres. Victoria, died on 9 Jan 1954 in Ballarat. Victoria at age 91, and was buried in Jan 1954 in Waubra Cemetery. Ann married **John Blacklock Ferguson**, son of **Wouncey Ferguson** and **Mary Blacklock**, in 1896 in Victoria.

John was born in 1870 in Scotland, died on 26 Jul 1944 in Waubra. Victoria at age 74, and was buried in Jul 1944 in Waubra Cemetery.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 3a F i. **Ellen Ferguson** was born in 1897 in Waubra. Victoria.

+ 3b M ii. **Henry Baber Ferguson** was born in 1899 in Ballarat East. Victoria, died in Dec 1899 in Waubra. Victoria, and was buried on 15 Dec 1899 in Waubra Cemetery.

3c F iii. **Gertrude Baber Ferguson** was born in 1901 in Ballarat East. Victoria and died in 1940 in Ballarat. Victoria at age 39.

4. Caroline Elizabeth Baber (*Henry 1*) was born in 1866 in Ceres. Victoria, died in Jan 1932 in Williamstown. Victoria at age 66, and was buried on 6 Jan 1932 in Ballarat New Cemetery. Caroline married **Andrew Kinnis Dewar**, son of **Andrew Kinnis Dewar** and **Hannah Floate**, in 1884 in Victoria. Andrew was born in 1861 in Addington. Victoria, died in Sep 1914 in Queenscliff. Victoria at age 53, and was buried on 30 Sep 1914 in Ballarat New Cemetery.

Noted events in his life were: • He worked as a Hotel Keeper in 1914.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 4a M i. **Andrew Kinnis Dewar** was born in 1885 in The Springs (Waubra). Victoria and died in 1886 in Kensington. Victoria at age 1.

+ 4b F ii. **Constance Caroline Dewar** was born in 1886 in The Springs (Waubra). Victoria.

+ 17 M iii. **Henry Dewar** was born in 1888 in The Springs (Waubra). Victoria and died in 1888 in Ballarat East. Victoria.

+ 4c F iv. **Gertrude Dewar** was born on 3 Jul 1890 in Waubra. Victoria, was baptised on 8 Aug 1890 in Anglican Church. Waubra. Victoria, and died in 1970 in Elsterwick. Victoria at age 80.

+ 4d M v. **Vivian Eric Dewar** was born in 1893 in Waubra. Victoria and died in 1957 in Dromana. Victoria at age 64.

4d M vi. **Roy Baber Dewar** was born on 27 Jul 1896 in Waubra. Victoria, was baptised on 15 Nov 1896 in Anglican Church. Waubra. Victoria, and died in 1962 in Blai. Victoria at age 66.

5. Sarah Jane Baber (*Henry 1*) was born in 1870 in The Springs (Waubra). Victoria, died on 11 Mar 1947 in East St Kilda. Victoria at age 77, and was buried in Mar 1947 in Waubra Cemetery.

6. Henry Thomas Baber (*Henry 1*) was born in 1876 in Waubra. Victoria and died in 1876 in Waubra. Victoria.

Some of the Baber children, along with other members of their respective families attended the Addington State School

LEARMONTH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Meetings: Every third Tuesday of the month. 8pm

Where: The Old Shire Hall
High Street, Learmonth.

Time: 8 pm

2010 Dates

16th February

16th March

20th April

18th May

15th June

Friday 16th July — AGM Learmonth Bowling Club

17th August

21st September

19th October

16th November. Ladies please bring a plate.

No meeting in December or January

**The society is now open on the 4th
Sunday of every month except December
& January**

Membership

Single \$15.00 — Family \$20.00

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2009\10

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