

Ans'd. 27-2-87.

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Dear Chris,

Thanks v. much for your letter.

It's always good to hear.

As you can see, I'm getting my correspond-
ence a little more organized, so I have it
all together. Wonderful, isn't it!

I wrote to Vicki on June 3rd, replying
to her fascinating letter re ghosts etc.

I passed on to her the ~~at~~ small
amount of info. I had received from
Sydney, - I now include it here for you.
As you will see, he failed to find any
evidence of a 2nd child. There was another
Swedish child (Robert) who died in Dec.
1843. I wrote off to the Registrar's office
for Joseph's Cert. (just arrived) + also
asked if they would "right" the entry
for Robert, giving them the details, +
including extra dollars for this.

This latter request was just ignored, but
I v. much doubt if it had any
significance for us.

Anyway, the only thing of interest on Joseph's certificate is the name of the parish where his service took place.

Clutching at straws, I wrote back to my researcher asking him if he could tell me if parish records were kept in 1842, + if so would they show the place of birth of the deceased. Just a shot in the dark! Anyway, I also asked what part of today's Sydney had that parish in its area, as I wondered if any historical society there might have some info. regarding Hugh's business. I wrote to the Nepean Hist. Society quite a while ago (including a few dollars) but have heard nothing. (P.S.)

So now I sit + wait again, as I am still waiting for the 2 Sudan photos ordered in March. I've just written back asking if they received my letter. I know they are busy + short-staffed + I don't expect miracles, but an acknowledgment would have been appreciated, especially as there was money enclosed.

It seems damned inefficient to me.
But what's the use of worrying!

John wrote to Scotland a while back, asking if they could supply any details about Hugh from lodge records (some go back hundreds of years). We will get a reply some time I guess. It could possibly give us a clue about his pub.

Sorry you can't decipher the photocopies very well. Have you got it all now, or would you like a written copy?

If you happen to be talking to Vicki some time would you mind just telling her about Joseph's certificate? I'll write to her when I get any more info., if any.

Thanks for sending the name of the bar. John will be interested. Maybe it will encourage him to travel one day.

Hope you are keeping well, & that your workload is not too great. Your hobby sounds lovely.

Must go. Best wishes.

Conan

Sincerely,
Joyce.

I meant to get this page photocopied, but forgot to take it — don't think you have it, have you?

From researcher's letter:

re info. about "Lady Kennaway" — v. sparse.

"As to the family story that he was an officer on a convict ship which came to Aust. The "Lady Ken." was both an immigrant + convict ship at different times, so I assume that the story has evolved from there. We certainly know that Hugh arrived on the ship when it was sailing as an immigrant ship.

As to Hugh's children which died.

I could only find definite confirmation of Joseph Sinclair. However there is a record of a Robert Sinclair of Argyle St, Sydney, who died on 11/12/1843, + who was buried 12/12/43⁴³ at 7 weeks. This is the only infant death under the name Sinclair which could possibly be yours. However, I can't confirm that this Robert Sinclair was the son of Hugh + Agnes. There are no records indicating that they had a child during their time in N.S.W. The death certificate

of Joseph Sinclair might show where he was buried (it may just state, Sydney). It will definitely ~~not~~ not show the cause of death."

This seems to run us up against a brick wall, doesn't it?

He enclosed the article he had come across in a Sydney newspaper, re Sir John Jamison.

PS John has just now walked in with the reply from the Nepean Hist. Society. Their hon. research officer was extremely good in sending info. about Sir J. Jamison + his family. She had looked up Sinclair entries at the Reg. Office, + her work confirmed what my researcher had already told me. So there was no other info. relevant to the Sinclair family. Interesting, but really another blank.

Cheerio again
Joyce