



# Moxons Down Under

A Newsletter for Moxons living in Australia & New Zealand

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## Editorial

Greetings to all Moxons living Down Under.

I apologise for the non appearance of our Newsletter with the last edition of the Moxon Magazine.

Margaret and I were travelling overseas from March to July and, given all the necessary preparations for such a long trip, there just wasn't time to produce the Newsletter.

In the current issue of the Moxon Magazine is a brief report on our meeting up with several Moxons while on our trip. There is an expanded report on a couple of particularly interesting encounters in this Newsletter.

### A Plea for Articles

It's very pleasing that people continue to find our Society and make contact, many joining up.

But it would be even better if all of you were to pen a few lines on yourself or one of your Moxon ancestors to help to fill the Newsletter with items that allow us all to know you and your family better.

It doesn't have to be "great literature", just some basic information, an anecdote or two, and a photo or two, if possible, and I can tidy it up for inclusion in the Newsletter.

So, please give it some thought and feel free to phone me or email me to discuss.

### A Gathering for Oz?

In 2013 Margaret and I organised a "muster" for descendants of Joshua and Louisa Moxon and 27 people gathered, chatted with newly met or long-known relatives, shared information, ate cakes, and generally had a good time.

In the UK, a gathering is held each year at a different location each time, and it usually involves an overnight stay, a meeting (AGM), a dinner, and tours of local historic sites.

We would be happy to discuss having a similar, or even different, event in Australia if there is sufficient interest.

Comments by email to Margaret or me or a phone call would be most welcome.

### New Fee Structure

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, it's time to renew your membership.

Please note that, following the AGM in the UK, the membership structure has changed and the fees payable have also changed. Details are on the membership renewal form being included with this Newsletter.

And while we are on the subject of membership, how about encouraging a family member to join us?

Regards for now.

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## New Members

We welcome the following people as members:

Warren Clarke	WA	MX05
Matthew McGrath	NSW	MX11
Sally Lee	WA	MX24
Lilian (Boyd) Jurey	VIC	MX11
Ray Moxom	NSW	MX11
Louise Moxom	VIC	MX11

The Moxom spelling is not an error – this is just one more example of our name being spelt differently by different families.

In fact, some families have seen their name spelt in several different ways over time.

So, welcome to you all. We trust you will enjoy meeting new cousins and others with the same, or similar, surname.



# Moxons Down Under Report for Moxon Society AGM 2013-14

*(This report was sent to the UK for the AGM – it is reprinted here for the information of Down Under members – Ed.)*

Since the last AGM in September, the Australia-New Zealand membership has attracted 11 new members. All of these are in Australia, and include three members of the Joshua Middleton Moxon clan (MX26) who joined up at our family's Moxon Muster held in October 2013 at Paramatta Park, NSW. The rest seem to have found us through the website, and include two Moxom family members, descended from the convict William Moxon/Moxham/Moxom sent to Hobart Town in 1842 – from the Stewkley Moxons.

Meanwhile three members (including one couple) out of the 26 who were members in 2013 remain unfinancial. Of these, two have decided not to renew after one year's membership and the other one (long term member) is not responding.

A Down Under newsletter was written and distributed with the Moxon Magazine Issue 52 in December 2013. However, since John and I were overseas for nearly five months this year, there was no Down Under newsletter

written for the first half of this year. Patricia Bascombe, who we met in Southampton earlier this year together with Jacquie and John E. Moxon, kindly agreed to distribute the Moxon Magazine Issue 53 directly to members in Australia/New Zealand due to our absence traveling. We were very pleased to meet the Society's membership secretary Chris Moxon in Manchester and Trevor (editor) and Jenny Jordan in Stratford in May.

Due to organizing the Muster and our travels, very little attention has been paid to updating the Moxons Down Under blog/website at [www.moxonsdownunder.blogspot.com.au](http://www.moxonsdownunder.blogspot.com.au). Hopefully this will change soon.

Our finances remain enough to pay our expenses, despite some membership fees being paid directly to the UK through PayPal and bank standing orders. For two years running, website costs for the Society have been paid from the Moxons Down Under account.

Balance at 1/7/2013 \$406.70

Deposits 2013-14 \$369.14 (membership fees)

Expenses 2013-14 \$510.69 (bank fees \$48; postage \$48.04; website \$133.00; \$281.65 reimbursement from 2012-13 – website; postage; stationery)

Balance at 30/6/2014 \$432.15

Other functions

- continuing to respond to members' enquiries about logging in to the website and other website issues.
- spending many hours assisting the Committee with enhancing family trees and managing the Society's content on its new Ancestry account (MoxonSociety) and helping membership secretary Chris Moxon with the new Tree Guardian initiative, including loading all gedcom files to the Ancestry.co.uk account
- participating as a member of the managing committee of the Moxon Society since September 2013.

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Co-ordinators,  
Moxons Down Under  
3 August 2014*

## John Moxon, son-in-law of Billy Blue the ferryman

When one John Moxon, aged 21, a seaman from Nottingham was convicted at the town Assizes and sentenced to seven years transportation to the colony of New South Wales in 1818, I wonder if his family ever knew what had become of him? After six months confined to the hulk Justitia on the Thames at Woolwich, he and his companion in crime, 20 year old William Johnson from the Isle of Ely were transferred to the Lord Sidmouth and set sail from Sheerness, arriving at Sydney Cove with 158 other convicts on 11th March 1819.

It is difficult to identify which family tree this John Moxon belongs to, but records suggest that he was the John Moxon baptised in September 1796 at Nottingham, the son of John and Phebe Moxon<sup>1</sup>. It also appears that John senior and Phebe (Teal) married in South Lynn, Norfolk in 1794<sup>2</sup>. My assumptions are based on convict records which state two different places of origin for young John: Nottingham and Norfolk. At the beginning of the 19th century there were a few Moxon families living in both Nottingham and in various places in Norfolk.

John Moxon was possibly fortunate, being assigned to Captain John Piper, a former member of the New South Wales Corps who after returning to London, came back to the colony as a naval officer. He then became a significant early settler, magistrate, a civil servant with responsibility for the collection of customs duties, excise on spirits, harbour dues, control of lighthouses, and crime on water; and later as a landowner with holdings from Botany Bay to Bathurst. Point Piper in Sydney, now a very expensive address, is named after him.

By 1823, his servant John Moxon was given a ticket of

leave, enabling him to earn on his own account. Captain Piper stated that he was a well-behaved, honest and industrious man<sup>3</sup>. And then in 1825, he had served his term and was given a Certificate of Freedom<sup>4</sup>, along with his mate William Johnson.

I wonder if it was through the networks of Captain John Piper that John Moxon met the colourful ferryman Billy Blue (1767-1834) and his daughter Susannah? Billy Blue was a convict, settler and ferryman possibly born in Jamaica, but living in Deptford, London at the time of his crime in 1796. He may have been an emancipated Afro-American slave, since he told stories of fighting for the British during the American Revolution. Billy Blue married a convict Elizabeth Williams in 1804 and had six children, including Suzannah. In 1827, Suzannah married John Moxon (Moxom) at St Philips, Church Hill<sup>5</sup>. They had three children, sadly none of whom survived infancy. At this time, John was living with Billy Blue at Hunters Hill, and during this period, Lavendar Bay was called Moxom Bay.

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<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/blue-william-billy-12804> Australian Dictionary of Biography, downloaded 19/10/2014

<sup>4</sup> Certificate of Freedom 17 Mar 1825 147/3375 Citation 4/4423, Reel 601

<sup>5</sup> Ancestry.com. *Australia Marriage Index, 1788-1950* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010

Unfortunately, John Moxon died in 1832<sup>6</sup> and in 1834, Suzannah married George Lavendar, another ferryman, the Bay was renamed and remains Lavendar Bay today. George and Susannah had one surviving child, and there are many descendants at the present day. Billy Blue is remembered by the naming of Blue's Point, where his ferries docked on the northern shore of Port Jackson.

*Margaret Tucker Moxon 2014*

## The Joy of a Chance Meeting

It's always nice to meet up with people you like.

But when that meeting is totally unexpected, it's a special kind of nice.

And that's just what happened when Margaret and I were in Barnsley (Yorkshire) at the Archives Office searching for information on Sarah Middleton who married Isaac Moxon (MX26) around 1836.

On our second visit to the Archives, Margaret said to the woman whom she assumed was the woman who had assisted us on our previous visit, as she approached us "You know, you look just like my husband's cousin's wife."

The woman smiled and said "Well, that's because I am, Margaret. It's me, Heather!"

<sup>6</sup> Ancestry.com. *Australia Death Index, 1787-1985 Record No: V183269 149* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010

And there they were – Heather and John Moxon, all the way from Orange, NSW.

So we spent a couple of really enjoyable days exploring our common ancestry.

John had found out that the church historical group at All Saints in Silkstone was meeting the next day and that we would be welcome. All Saints is where Isaac Moxon was baptised in 1790.



All Saints, Silkstone

We were certainly made welcome – coffee, cake and a tour of the church.



Interior All Saints, Silkstone

Margaret and I also visited Saint Marys in Ecclestone which is where my great grandfather, Joshua, was baptised.



St Marys, Ecclestone

## BARNSELEY CHRONICLE

### Australian family in coincidence meet up

BY KATIA HARSTON, CHIEF REPORTER THURSDAY 5TH JUNE 2014



IMAGINE travelling more than 9,000 miles from Australia to Barnsley to research your family history, only to bump in to your cousin from Oz.

That is exactly what happened to Sydney's John Moxon, 75, and wife Margaret, 66, when they visited the Experience Barnsley museum to learn more about John's Barnsley roots.

He said: "My ancestors come from around Hoylandswaine, Silkstone and Dodworth and my great-grandfather, Joshua Moxon, emigrated to Australia in 1867.

"We wanted to find out a bit more about the Moxons and the museum was the best place to start."

He was doing research in the archives department when by coincidence he met his cousin who is also called John Moxon and from Australia.

"My wife and I were in the archives centre and that's when we spotted John and his wife, who are from Orange in Australia," he said.

"He was the last person I expected to see."

The stay in Barnsley was most enjoyable and our chance meeting even made the Barnsley Chronicle. Famous, at last.

And, yes, we did find reference to a baptism of a Sarah Middleton, daughter of William, baptised on 20 October, 1805 in Wortley by Peniston, Yorkshire.

Other baptisms indicate that Sarah's mother was named Mary.

It seems Sarah had three siblings – George (b1809), Mary (b1813), and James (b1815) who married Martha and in 1836 had a daughter, Mary.

## Septimus Moxon and gold fever

The most recent Moxon Magazine, No 54, includes an article about one Benjamin Jefferson Moxon, a World War 1 soldier, a descendant of the Moxons of Pontefract who established a pharmaceutical company in Hull, eastern Yorkshire. He was born a few years after his great uncle Septimus died on the other side of the world. The family is outlined in MX21, and until recently the Society knew not where Septimus lived and died. He

was known to have married in London in 1851 but then disappeared.

Septimus Moxon, born 1824 in Hull, Yorkshire was the ninth child of Benjamin Moxon of Pontefract and Hannah Portas who married at the Fish Street Independent Church in Hull in 1810. Septimus' youngest brother Thomas Henry Moxon (1831-1898) was the ancestor of member Harriet Cozens of England. All 12 siblings were born in Hull, with nine of them surviving to adulthood. Most of the sons became businessmen or doctors – part of a successful family. They lived and died either in Kingston Upon Hull or in Great Yarmouth, not far from where they were born.

Septimus was the exception. In the Moxon Magazine issue 31 April 2003, Judith Moxon Ayres of Hull writes that he moved to London and his career was unknown. A search of the British newspaper archives advertisements show that he was an agent for an insurance company, both in Hull and in London.

Moving to London in his mid-twenties, he married Emma Goulden, a spinster and then sailed to Victoria in the middle of the goldrushes, moved to the goldfields, then to Geelong and Melbourne, before dying in Sydney where he had business interests.

Could Septimus have been the black sheep in the family? In the 1851 census, Emma Goulden is living with her parents, siblings and her baby son John Alfred Goulden in Sculcoates, but on 28th July the same year, she married Septimus in a civil registration in the Strand, London. I wonder if Septimus was John Alfred's father? It is likely that Benjamin and Hannah Moxon would not have approved of the liaison with the unmarried daughter of a mariner, otherwise they surely would have married in Hull?

The couple quickly produced two daughters, Emma (1852) and Kate (1853) probably in London, although there is no record of their births. Or was he simply adventurous or a restless soul? We will show later that he wasn't averse to a public lark, and may have harboured an ambition to be a professional singer.

In the same year as Kate's



birth, the family set sail for Melbourne on the Sea Nymph as unassisted passengers, most likely to make their fortune in gold.



This was a big undertaking for a young family with three infants under four. However, the streets of Melbourne were not paved with gold. In fact there was a shortage of housing and not many to improve the city – most able men had rushed off to the diggings.



Both infants died the same year, in Collingwood, Vic, a common occurrence for babies during gold rush Melbourne. The following year, Septimus was advertising firewood for sale at his premises in Flinders Street West, so the family of three was obviously struggling.

Sadly, wife and mother Emma, daughter of Thomas Goulden, a mariner of Sculcoates died on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1857 at Cox Town, Bet Bet in the Victorian goldfields.

She was only 29. Now known as the mere district of

Timor, near Maryborough, Cox Town had a population of 30,000 in 1857. One can imagine the primitive living conditions for a woman in the goldfields.

Whilst it is possible that Septimus was digging for gold, it is more likely he worked as an accountant or agent of some kind, given his experience.

In 1862 Septimus was advertising his services as an accountant and collector at 70 Queen Street, Melbourne. However, in 1863 he was working as the Geelong agent for Adelaide Wines and was declared insolvent the following year.

In 1865 he was a director of the Lucky Gold Mining Company (Happy Valley near Ballarat), the fortunes of which were much improved. In 1866, he was discharged from insolvency and had re-established his business interests in Melbourne.

In 1869 he remarried, to Mary Teresa Cremen, a nurse from Adelaide, by special license at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral. A daughter named Mary was born in Richmond, Melbourne in 1880 but she died the same year.

(John Alfred, using his mother's name, Goulden, grew up and married, having two children. This information is from a descendent of a child taken in and raised by Septimus' surviving sec-

ond wife, Mary Teresa Moxon (nee Cremen). Mary lived until 1936.)

Septimus had now lost three daughters. Maybe his work and after-hours time spent with the Melbourne Philharmonic Society sustained him.

During the 1860s and 70s, Septimus was very involved in the Melbourne Philharmonic Society as their collector (treasurer?) and Secretary. It is obvious that he was well-known in Geelong too, as described in this article in the Geelong Advertiser of 1867:

The concert to be given by the Melbourne Philharmonic Society will, it is expected, be the greatest affair of the kind ever witnessed in the colony; there will be no less than five hundred performers, and everybody in Melbourne talks about going. Many in Geelong and Ballarat would also like to be present but unless the authorities agree to run a night train, they will be unable to spare the time. Mr Moxon, the secretary of the society, being an old Geelong man will we trust make application for a night train.  
*(Geelong Advertiser, 28 November 1867)*

According to an article in the Argus in 1868, Septimus was an accomplished performer as a bass soloist, mostly of sacred music. He was very active singing at benefit concerts during the 1860s and 70s.

He apparently kept in touch with his family in Hull, placing a notice in the Melbourne Argus in 1868 about his mother Mrs Benjamin Moxon of Hull passing away aged 80.

By 1870, Septimus was the Manager of the Australian Ale & Bottling Company of Collins Street, Melbourne, and in 1885 he transferred the licence of the Shearer's Family Hotel at Steven and Judge Streets in Sydney to a new licensee, so it is likely he worked in the hotel and brewery industry for some time.

No doubt he kept some very convivial company during business hours, and the advertisement on the following page suggests he and his friends had wicked senses of humour:

Septimus' death certificate (NSW 1887/004152) states that he died of typhoid fever on 8th March 1887 and had been ill for 10 days. He had been living in the colony of NSW for about 18 months, residing at Woodstock Terrace, 146 Underwood Rd, Paddington. He had sold his hotel licence in Sydney in 1885.

The death notice records the date of his marriage to Mary Teresa Cremen (1868) and his deceased child Mary, but makes no mention of his earlier marriage or family.

## PROSPECTUS OF THE ANCIENT GOOSE AND GANDER COMPANY

No liability Whatever (Quite the Contrary)

Capital £5 in 100 Shares of 1s each.

50 Promoters shares to be given to the Managing Director for floating the company,

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS G.A. WALSTAB, esq, **SEPTIMUS**

**MOXON, esq**, FRANCIS BREW, esq. W. TURNER, esq.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Messrs. FORD, LAZARUS, FEIGL, and BRODSKY

(With power to add to their number)

GEO. ATHERTON, esq.

Managing Director.

### OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY:

The promoters of this company have long observed with regret that the succulent goose is absent from the festive board at Christmas time of many of the impoverished, and brain-toiling children of the press. (It may be noted that goose, particularly when the apple sauce is not neglected, is filling; and it is the dearest wish of this company to place a goose (as it ought to be placed, *accumulum artem*) in every Press household throughout this sunny land).

Care will be taken that the damnably, stringy apportions provided for their customers by *some* goose clubs, and the Palæontological structures vended by others shall not be placed before the shareholders.

It is also in contemplation to establish an apple orchard and a cutlery armoury in order to provide shareholders with the most authentic sauce and the sharpest of carving knives, should an "old bird" accidentally creep into the pen.

To prove that the promoters have the interests of the shareholders thoroughly at heart, they have arranged with Mr Gutbeil, the chemist of Swanston street, for the supply of the choicest emetics should any of the shareholders be tempted to "blow their tanks out" to an inordinate degree.

As the promoters have engaged the services of Ah Sin, a well known "fowl selector", they will be in a position to supply the company at a minimum cost.

Applications to be addressed to the Managing Director ... shareholders are requested not to enclose any money with their applications, *for fear of mistakes*, and to prevent unpleasantness amongst the directors as to priority of "robbers".

(*Williamstown Chronicle*, 8 December 1883, page 3)

His funeral notice makes no mention of his wife Mary, and he was buried at Waverley Cemetery on 10th March 1887. It would appear that the couple were separated. She continued to live at Richmond in Melbourne for many years, working as a nurse, taking in a small child to care for and dying in 1936 at the age of 91.

Could it be that Septimus, the scion of a very large family in Hull, died a lonely man in the colony of New South Wales after leading a lively and sociable life in Victoria for over 30 years? A life not without grief, losing his beloved first wife and all his children.

*Margaret Tucker Moxon*  
2014

## Dr Frank Moxon of Bathurst

One of the large Moxon families in Australia is well known and well represented in Bathurst, NSW.

There is even a Noel Moxon grandstand at the Bathurst Showground.

But we don't have much information about the lives of these productive Moxons.

So it was pleasing to stumble across the newspaper report reproduced on the following page.

And what we'd really like is for a "Bathurst Moxon" to enlighten us further.

## AFTER 19 YEARS BATHURSTIAN RETURNS

Dr Frank P. Moxon of U.S.A Fleet

We take the following from the National Advocate (Bathurst). The Dr Moxon referred to is a nephew of Mrs Hartigan of Windsor – her sister's son.

About 18 years ago young Frank Moxon, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Moxon of Durham-street, left Bathurst to make his way in the world. Young Moxon, when he left his native heath was by no means too flush of worldly goods, his chief attributes being his intellectual capacity and determination to make good. Like a great many Bathurst boys, Dr Moxon, by dint of hard work and pertinacity of purpose succeeded in making a name for himself. He made his way to the United States where first he was engaged in journalism, but afterwards studied medicine, with such success that it was not long before he passed the necessary examinations and received his medical degree.

Ten years ago he started in his profession as a medical practitioner and was amongst those who served in the great war with the Army Medical Corps. After Dr Moxon was appointed medical officer of the U.S.A. Navy and later to arrive in Australia with the American fleet, as one of the medical officers attached to Admiral Coontz's division.

On Saturday, Dr Moxon returned to Bathurst on a visit to his parents after an absence of 18 years and their joy of seeing their son can better be imagined than described. Dr Moxon was delighted with his home town and spent the week-end renewing old acquaintances and recalling happy recollections of his youthful days. Dr Moxon was educated at the Bathurst Public School and for years attended the Methodist Sunday School in Stewart-street under the presidency of that great old church worker, Mr A.B. James.

The doctor was accompanied to Bathurst by his two brothers, Messrs George and Charles Moxon, both old Bathurst boys and who have also made good in Sydney commercial circles. The trio returned to Sydney after having spent a most enjoyable weekend in Bathurst.

*(Windsor and Richmond Gazette. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1925)*

We know that Frank Herbert Thomas Moxon was born in Bathurst in 1887, the son of Frederick Jesse Moxon and Martha Godfrey. At the age of 54 in 1941, he married Alice Elizabeth Weathersten in Orange, NSW. He lived until

1986 in Bathurst, and appears to have left three daughters and a son. His wife died in 2002.

Do you know more?

Please let us know.



Our Co-ordinator, Margaret Tucker Moxon (centre) with new members Ray Moxom and Lilian Jurey (MX11).

Ray and Lilian are related to the Bathurst Moxons but are not descendant from Robert and Sarah Moxon who settled in Bathurst in 1849, but from Robert's brother, William, a convict sent to Tasmania in 1842 (on the Tortoise).

Please send us more information.

A short story about the exploits of one of your relatives – or even your own – would be wonderful.

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Contributions are very welcome.

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