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The main event day for the reunion is planned for  
**Saturday 16 October 2010 at the Elmore Football Clubrooms, Elmore, Victoria.**  
 Please mark this date on your calendar!!

## PLEASE NOTE:

To save paper and postage costs, if you use the Internet, the newsletter will also be available on the Fullerton family reunion web site. Please tell us if you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically.

Please feel free to copy this newsletter to distribute to other Fullerton descendants.

Please let us know if other descendants would like to receive future issues.

If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, please let us know.



## REUNION PLANNING



Dear Fullerton descendants,

### Thank You

Thank you very much to all those who have returned the reunion survey and family questionnaire—your assistance is really appreciated! Thanks again. For those who have not yet been able to return the survey and the questionnaire, if you could return these at your earliest convenience that would be great—thanks!

### Planning Committee

Some of you have already volunteered to assist with the reunion, this is very much appreciated. Thanks!

It is hoped that we will be able to form a planning committee shortly. After reading many 'how to plan your family reunion' pages on the Internet, we have made a list of possible

areas to be dealt with by the reunion committee, for example:

- Finance/Fundraising
- Setup / Cleanup
- Display/Research
- Welcoming/Registration
- Food/Supplies
- Activities

We hope we can discuss these with other interested Fullerton descendants who would like to volunteer to be part of the Planning Committee. If you are willing and able to assist, please contact us.

### Promotion

Please continue to spread the word about the reunion. We have recently written letters

to several newspapers and plan to write more, as well as to advertise the reunion through various Genealogy Magazines.

An update to the reunion web site is planned in the near future. Also, the Fullerton descendants group on Facebook continues to grow. At the time of writing the group had 25 members. Thank you very much to those who have joined. Any other descendants who use the Internet are most welcome to join the group! (please see [www.fullertonfamily.info](http://www.fullertonfamily.info) for instructions on how to join)

Thank you all again for your assistance and we look forward to hearing all your ideas.

## HOW YOU CAN ASSIST



There are several things you can do to assist with plans for the upcoming reunion:

- (1) Fill in the reunion survey (see Issue 1 or 2 of this newsletter) This survey will enable us to estimate the number of people who may be able to attend the reunion, as well as letting us know if any are able to assist the Planning Committee.
- (2) Fill in a Family Questionnaire (for copies of the

questionnaire please contact us or download a PDF copy at

[www.fullertonfamily.info](http://www.fullertonfamily.info)

This questionnaire will help us to update our records so an accurate family tree can be displayed at the reunion and be included in the forthcoming Fullerton Family History book

- (3) Do you have **any** photographs, documents or other memorabilia (books, medals, furniture

etc.) that relates to the Fullerton family or their descendants (Particularly the first 3 generations—William and Mary, their children and grandchildren)? If so, please contact us. Even the smallest item may hold the clue to solving a research puzzle!!

- (4) Volunteering to be part of the Planning Committee
- (5) Letting any other Fullerton descendants know about the reunion and how to receive this newsletter.



## GEORGE BROWN FULLERTON (1890 - 1917)



Many of you may know about George Brown Fullerton, the son of Peter and Dorothea Fullerton who died from wounds received in the battle of Messines in 1917.

The following is quoted from a email we received recently from a Fullerton descendant:

"I have been making enquiries regarding a tour of the "Western Front" and have located a group at RSL travel who operate under the title, Ashmore and James Travel Associates. I have made no commitment to join a tour, as yet!. If you are able to and think it worth following up, I would definitely join our own family group on a tour being planned for July of this year. I have

spoken to a lady called Ani Pickering and she informed me that a tour already planned to coincide with the Fromelles Rededication ceremony to be held on the 19th July 2010 could accommodate a side tour to the Cemetery where Uncle George is Buried. I have provided this information for interest and on the off chance that some of our relatives may be able to take advantage of a visit the Graveside of our dear Uncle, whom we have never met but who has left a legacy of service to our Family and Country which will be remembered for many years."

"It would be nice if we were able to get some interest within the family

and arrange to do the tour together. Certainly we would avoid the loneliness that could endure and be good support for each other. If anyone needs info on the tour, they can contact the agent viz the people I mentioned."

If you are interested, please contact:

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## ROLF BOLDREWOOD'S A COLONIAL REFORMER

A recent research discovery suggests that James Fullerton possibly appears as a character in a novel!

While researching James Fullerton's 1870s employer, pastoralist Langloh Parker, I came across a reference stating that Parker had been the model for a character named 'Lal Parklands' in the Rolf Boldrewood novel *A Colonial Reformer*. Boldrewood, whose real name was Thomas Browne, is most famous for the novel *Robbery Under Arms*.

*A Colonial Reformer* was originally published as a serial in *The Australian Town and Country Journal* in the 1870s. It was published as a novel in 1891.

After reading that Langloh Parker was the inspiration for the character 'Lal Parklands', I thought it would be worthwhile seeking out a copy of *A Colonial Reformer*. Though the story is supposedly fiction, many of the characters were based on actual people such as Langloh Parker and the famous millionaire pastoralist, James Tyson.

As the book was out of copyright, a copy was available to download from the Internet Archive (<http://www.archive.org/details/acolonialreform00boldgoog>). I then browsed the book to find any references to the character Lal Parklands. It was then that I noticed the stockman character by the name of Jem Fuller! Page

187 refers to this character as "...Tom Fuller, a Rainbar stockman and past master in smashes of every kind, sort, and description on wheel or in saddle, on land or water, mountain or plain." While this page refers to 'Tom Fuller' I believe that is a typesetter's mistake, as pages 188-189 refer to the character as 'Jem Fuller'. Mr Parklands station is referred to as 'Toolara...about seventy miles from Rainbar'. Langloh Parker owned a station named Kallara, and two other nearby stations included Toorale and Winbar! It seems that Boldrewood only thinly disguised the names of his characters and locations! Thus, I suspect there is a very good chance that the stockman 'Jem Fuller' (who unfortunately only appears on a couple of pages), is based on James Fullerton!

## THE MYSTERIOUS FATE OF JOHN HARVEY



What became of Bridget Elizabeth (Lizzie) Fullerton's second husband, John Harvey?

Lizzie was married three times. Firstly, in 1863 at Inglewood, Victoria, Lizzie married a brewer, Gerald Thomas Fenelon. It is thought that Gerald left Lizzie some time during the 1860s or 1870s, possibly not long after their marriage. When Lizzie married again, in 1884 at Numurkah, Victoria (while residing in Tocumwal, NSW) she declared that she had been widowed in 1879. Lizzie's second husband was John Harvey, a carpenter from Tocumwal. John was a widower. He had previously married Anne McSween at Moulamein, NSW in 1862. John and Anne

had a least 4 children: Jessie (1864-1928), Francis (c1867-?), Donald (c1868-?) and John (1872-1872). Anne Harvey (nee McSween) died at Deniliquin NSW in 1874.

It is unknown when or where John Harvey died. The story is that he drowned in the Murray River. I have not been able to confirm this story yet. Searching the digitised Australian newspapers on the Internet reveals that in the 1880s and 1890s, drownings were unfortunately not an uncommon occurrence near Tocumwal. There appear to have been several serious floods during those decades. What is known, however, is that a 'Mrs Eliza Harvey' was running a

Fancy Goods Shop at Tocumwal in 1891. In 1898, Lizzie married again, this time to a bootmaker named John Thomas Houghton. Lizzie and John Houghton later ran a wine saloon in Tocumwal. John Houghton died in Geelong in 1918, at which time his usual place of residence was still listed as Tocumwal. Lizzie (Bridget Elizabeth) died on 6 September 1923 at the home of her sister, Mrs Mary Brown, at 243 Ascot Vale Rd., Ascot Vale, Victoria.

Jessie Harvey, John Harvey's daughter from his first marriage, married Benjamin Rollston in 1904 at Barooga, NSW. It is unknown, at this stage, what became of John's sons, Francis and Donald Harvey. Any clues?