

FULLERTON FAMILY REUNION NEWS



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The reunion is tentatively planned for the weekend of
16-17 October 2010 at the Elmore Football Clubrooms, Elmore, Victoria.

Please keep this weekend free and we will keep you up-to-date as plans are finalised!

PLEASE NOTE:

If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, please let us know by sending back the questionnaire in the stamped addressed envelope. Thanks.

To save paper and postage costs, if you use the Internet, the newsletter will also be also 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. Please let us know if other descendants would like to receive future issues.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



Dear Fullerton descendants, We hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Thank you very much to those who replied to the short questionnaire from Issue 1 of this newsletter in May. We would still like to gauge what interest there is amongst Fullerton descendants for a large reunion and a published family history, and we would appreciate the input of as many

descendants as possible.

Please, if you have not yet responded we would appreciate if you could now do so. Please don't feel that there needs to be a definite commitment. At this stage we would simply like to gauge what interest there is. Thanks in anticipation.

This issue of the newsletter has been sent to the recipients of the first newsletter. However, any following newsletters will only be

sent to those who express an interest in receiving them.



Please, continue to spread the word about the reunion to other Fullerton descendants. If you know anyone who would be interested in receiving a copy of the reunion newsletter, please give them our contact details.

Thank you again.

FULLERTON DESCENDANTS MEET ONLINE



For those Fullerton descendants who use the Internet, a group has recently been formed on the social networking website *Facebook*.

The group is called 'Fullerton Family Reunion 2010—Descendants of William and

Mary Fullerton'. There are currently 13 members. We hope the group may encourage younger Fullerton descendants to become interested in their family history. There is certainly no obligation to help plan the reunion if

you join the group! It is intended simply as a fun way to get to know more distant Fullerton cousins.

For instructions on how to join this group please see www.fullertonfamily.info

UPDATING FAMILY RECORDS



It is hoped that a family tree showing all the descendants of William and Mary Fullerton will be available to display in a large format on the occasion of the reunion.

We would appreciate your help in making sure that the records of the family tree are up-to-date. A family questionnaire form is included with this newsletter.

Please take the time to fill one in for your family. If you would like more copies of this form to pass on to your children and their families or to other Fullerton descendants, please (a) photocopy the form or (b) write to us and ask for some more forms or (c) print more forms available from www.fullertonfamily.info

Please be sure to read the important information regarding privacy. With privacy in mind, it is hoped that the permission of all descendants may be obtained *before* their names are displayed on the family chart or in the upcoming family history book.

If you have any further questions regarding the family chart or the family history book, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

FULLERTONS FOUND IN THE NEWSPAPERS



The National Library of Australia in Canberra has, over the last year, been progressively adding digitized copies of many historical Australian Newspapers to their web site. Newspaper titles include the *Argus* (Melbourne), and the *Brisbane Courier*, for example.

We have already discovered several news items related to the Fullerton family.

Some of the most interesting discoveries have included:

- A report from an April 1855 issue of the *Argus*, which gave details of a Castlemaine court session where a Mr. W. H. Smith was charged with stealing two mares from William Fullerton at Elphinstone.

"There were two mares taken from the paddock of Wm. Fullarton, a near neighbor of the prisoner's, at Elphinstone. The complainant, on or about the 8th December, found his fence broken down, and the marks of the horses passing through. Saw one of his horses that day in the bush, but did not get it for three weeks, and got the other in six weeks. Smith and himself has quarrelled. They were on bad terms. One Wm. Reid, a servant of Smith's, had been tried for stealing one of the horses and been acquitted last sessions."

- A report about the death of young Thomas Fullerton in 1865. The report was first published in the *Denilquin Chronicle* and later reprinted in the *Brisbane Courier*.

"On Tuesday last the Police Magistrate attended at Hill Plains to hold an inquiry respect-

ing the death of a lad aged thirteen years, named Thomas Fullerton, who had been found lying dead in his bed on the previous day by Mr. Clancy, sheep overseer to Mr. Hogg, of Mathoura station. The first witness examined was Bridget Fenelon, a married woman and sister of deceased..."

- A Stock Report from the *Argus*, 1872, which mentioned a drover named 'Fullarton' '400 fat cattle (Parker's) passed Pooncaira [sic] on the 16th for Melbourne (Fullarton in charge) via Euston road...'

It is known that James Fullerton later worked on Stations owned by pastoralist Langlosh Parker. It seems very likely that the 'Fullarton' mentioned in this stock report was either James or Peter (or perhaps both of them).

- Several mentions of James Fullerton during his time as

"There were two mares taken from the paddock of Wm. Fullarton, a near neighbour of the prisoner's, at Elphinstone."



**FULLERTONS FOUND IN THE
NEWSPAPERS (CONT.)**



Manager of Retreat Station on the Barcoo River in Western Queensland, including this report from the *Brisbane Courier* in 1885”

‘...Information was lately received by the police from the manager of Retreat station, that some horses were stolen from Retreat paddock, and some saddles from the store, A messenger was, however, dispatched in search of the thieves. He found the men and

horses, and recovered the stolen property by force of arms. It is not known whether a police prosecution will follow.’

- I have also found several relevant Birth, Death and Marriage notices from the *Argus*, including:

FULLERTON.- In loving memory of Corporal George Fullerton, D.C.M., who died of wounds in France on June 12, 1917. One of the unreturning brave. -(Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. P. Fullerton and family, Avonmore.)

(The Argus, 14 June 1919, page 13)

HOUGHTON - On the 6th September, 1923, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. George Brown, 243 Ascotvale road, Ascotvale, Bridget Elizabeth Houghton, aged 77 years. (Late of Tocumwal.)

(The Argus, 7 September 1923, p.1)

As you can see from these examples, research into the newspapers has added lots of new information to the Fullerton family story!

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**SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE
(FROM ISSUE 1)**



Thank you again to those who returned this short questionnaire from Issue 1. If you have not yet filled in one of these questionnaires it would be most appreciated as it will help us to gauge interest and gather ideas for the 2010 reunion. We'd love to hear your ideas! Please fill in this questionnaire and return it, if possible, by **28 February 2010**. Your help is really appreciated, thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please circle your answers

Would you like to continue to receive the Fullerton Family Reunion Newsletter ?

Yes (by post) / Yes (online) / No

Are you and your family interested in attending the Fullerton Family reunion in October 2010? (there is no obligation at this stage, just an expression of interest)

Yes / No / Undecided

If yes, approximately how many people might attend?

_____ **Adults** _____ **Children**

How long should the reunion be?

1 day / Weekend

What meal option would you prefer? **Bring your own / Catered / Other** _____

If catered, please specify your preferred price range?

\$ _____ **- \$** _____

Are you able to help with the reunion (no obligation)?

Yes / Sorry Not Able / Maybe

If yes or maybe, in what areas are you able to help?

Planning / Food / Activities / Setup / Cleanup / Other _____

Do you have photos, documents, certificates, memorabilia etc. related to the Fullerton family ? (if you have already shared these, Thank you!) **Yes / No**

If yes, would you be willing to let us scan or photograph these items (They need not leave your possession)? **Yes / No**

Do you know of any family stories/anecdotes related to the Fullerton family which you might be willing to share? **Yes / No**

Do you have any other ideas for the reunion? _____
