



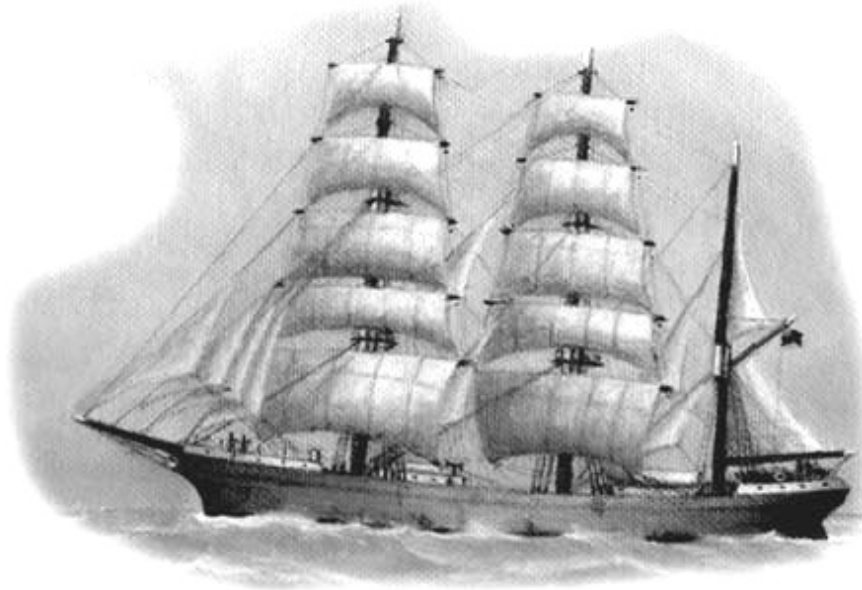
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Wishing all our members
a Very Happy Xmas
and good health for
a better year for 2021



Forthcoming activities:

Meeting:

Thursday 18th February 2021
Guest Speaker: Pam Jennings
Topic: Inquest Records

MARCH OUTING GOLD GHOST TOWNS

Wednesday 3rd March

The towns of Maud, Steiglitz & Meredith
Includes transport, morning tea, visits to court
houses, talks by locals, detailed program and
picnic lunch provided

Walk or drive the Steiglitz historic triangle
Leave History House 9.30 return 4.00

Bookings essential 0448 526 311 or 0438 070 560

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All meetings, activities and open times are
Covid 19 permitting
We will always work within government
guidelines.

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email us on surfcoastfh@gmail.com

No activities are held on days of code red or
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News and resources

What is an ego-document?

What do historians mean when they refer to an ego-document? An ego-document refers to any source which focuses on the personal life and experiences of the writer. This can take the form of (but not restricted to) autobiography, diary, travel journal, private papers, letters or oral testimony. The sort of things that are gold to family historians!

New records online

Remember to check the major database companies for new records that are available:

FMP: <https://www.findmypast.com.au/blog/new>

Ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.com.au/cs/recent-collections>

FamilySearch: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/category/about-familysearch/whats-new-at-familysearch/>

RAAF records to be digitised

The Australian Defence Force has announced that they are partnering with the National Archives of Australia (NAA) to give public access to a large collection of significant RAAF documents, many of which have been locked away for one hundred years. See:

<https://news.defence.gov.au/media/media-releases/digitisation-historic-air-force-documents>

PROV tips and tricks

Check out PROV's series of short video presentations, answering some of your most common family history research queries, from criminal trials through to school class lists and how to find those more elusive records.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoHX6UpTSejh1Nf-QTlzNqBqo0MC_yDfu

Australian gravestone symbols

An interesting blog post with plenty of illustrations: <https://blog.billiongraves.com/australian-gravestone-symbols/>

The National Archives (TNA), UK

TNA has 191 guides available online to help researchers. Three recommended guides are:

1939 Register

Census records

Wills 1384 – 1858

See: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/>

The National Archives (TNA), UK

TNA has now doubled the monthly limit on downloading free digital records from the website, from 50 to 100. You can download records digitised by TNA and published through the online catalogue Discovery. These include:

First and Second World War records, including medal index cards

Military records, including unit war diaries

Royal and Merchant Navy records, including Royal Marine service records

Wills from the jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Migration records, including aliens' registration cards and naturalisation case papers

20th century Cabinet Papers and Security Service files

Domesday Book

Details at: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>

Quote for this edition

Without local history to anchor it, family history is adrift in time.

[Alison Light: *Common People*]

New look FamilySearch Updates Enhance your Experience
Thousands of new photos and stories are added every day
to the new updated FamilySearch.org



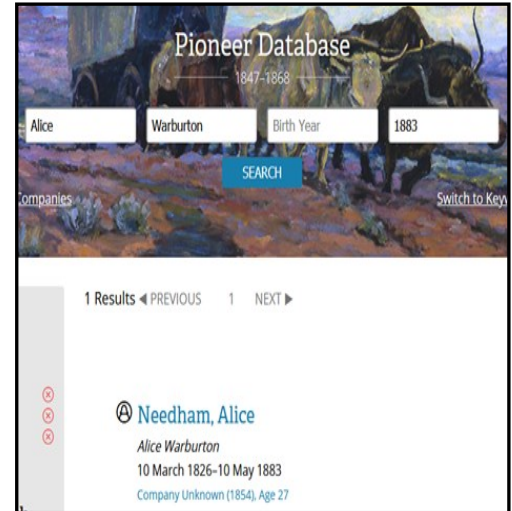
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides FamilySearch free of charge to everyone, regardless of tradition, culture, or religious affiliation. Originally intended for Church members, FamilySearch resources help millions of people around the world discover their heritage and connect with family members. Now FamilySearch.org is setup to help people discover their family's history through their website, mobile apps, and in-person help at over 5,000 local family history centres. **FamilySearch.org have a new look and have added new features to their website.** They are proud to have the [world's largest online family tree](#) and thrilled to provide free family history experiences to millions in order to give users the best experience possible.

A good example for readers is to show what types of records you can find when using FamilySearch.org.

The Pioneer Database:

A search for Alice Warburton born 1826. The index shows Alice Warburton was also known as Alice Needham-born 10 March 1826 died 10 May 1883 She was 27 years in 1854. The Pioneer Database is the Utah Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel Database, 1847-1868 It shows that she was one of the pioneers who travelled The Mormon Trail, which is 1,300-mile (2,100 km) long route from Illinois to Utah that members of

[The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) travelled for 3 months.



Discover Alice, Your Pioneer Relative.



Alice Warburton
1826-1883
KWVZ-QGJ

[View Photos and Stories](#)

[View Relationship](#)

Traveled with the **Company Unknown**

Age at Departure

27

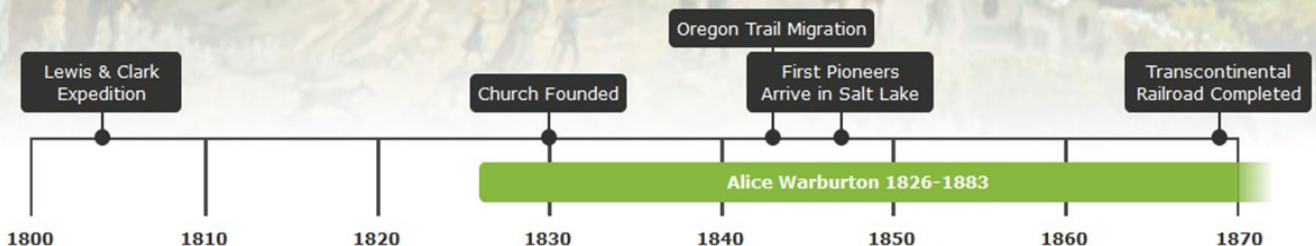
Departed in

1854

Company Type

Unknown

• 1 of 2 •



Finding her on the Pioneer index also produced many more records for Alice Warburton and her family. The exciting part is to see the proof of people & facts in documents because they all tell the story of a person and persons and of an existence we never knew. History is an amazing part of what we can touch through our family of ancestors.



James Needham Jr
KWNT-R1J ☆ Follow

Birth 20 August 1826
Warrington, Lancashire, England, United Kingdom

Death 7 June 1890
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States

88 Sources 2 Collaborate
13 Memories






Alice Warburton
KWVZ-QGJ ★ Following

Birth 10 March 1826
Daresbury, Cheshire, England

Death 10 May 1883
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States

23 Sources 4 Memories

Records showing her Baptism

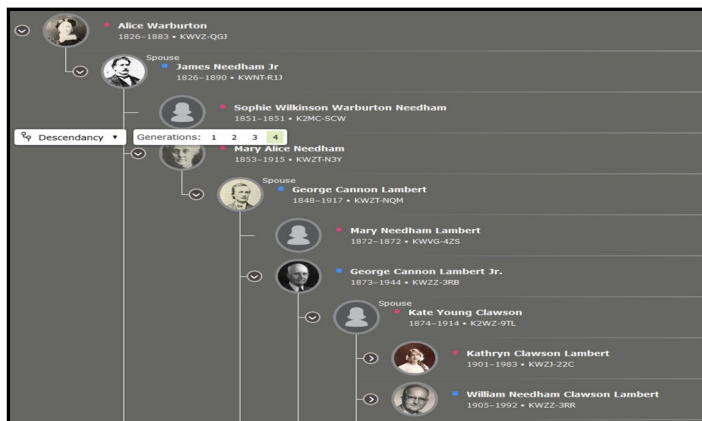
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1826 March 19 No. 713.	Samuel John son of Catherine	James	Needham	Warrington - Grange	Schoolmaster	Robert Fletcher Minister
April 9 th No. 714.	Alice John Daughter of Martha	James	Needham	Daresbury Schoolmaster	Schoolmaster	Robert Fletcher Minister
1824 May 7 No. 721.	Emma Daughter of	William	Done			Robert Fletcher Minister
May 13 No. 722.	Ann Daughter of	Thomas	Yates			Samuel Bagnall Minister of Water

75	19 th James Needham	Warrington a Lanc.	Droper	Ann Barnard	Daresbury	Spurster	Daresbury Isaac Wood
76	John Leyland	Newburgh in Latham	Farmer	Alice Warburton	Daresbury	Spurster	Coedon The Lowe
77	William Thomas	177 St. Michael's Lane		Ann Peel	Newburgh	Spurster	Comstirk Charles Tertham

Death of son

1543 Needham Geo Henry " Jas & Alice 9 Oct 1862 B.S. Lake I.S. Lake Disent

Showing her Family tree



The story of Alice Warburton was an exciting story to read about. To learn about those ancestors who start a journey of a new life that is an unknown that could turn out to be a great adventure or a big mistake. This takes courage, it inspires you to take strength from their stories and it makes you realize we are all part of their story.

Pat Hughes
Source: FamilySearch.org

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020/2021

As we are unable to hold the usual Annual General Meeting, the committee will remain 'as is' for the time being.

Special thanks go to Susan Clarke for her work as secretary, keeping our groups various aspects running efficiently and arranging speakers. Also, thanks go to Chris Guerow for her capable work as treasurer, ensuring we are in a good financial situation. Thanks are also due to the members who, during the early period, ensured the doors were open for people to use the research facilities during designated times. On behalf of the members, a big thank you goes to all the committee members for their dedication and work during the year: Susan Clarke, Chris Guerow, Pat Hughes, Peter Matthews, Gwen Morgan, and Marilyn Robinson.

Thanks go from all members to Jan Morris who always excels as our Chairperson and President.

Using FamilySearch Family Tree section

It offers users a free family tree template featuring multiple trees and fan chart views, timeline and mapping tools, record hints and research help, and access to billions of online records. FamilySearch.org believe every person deserves to be remembered and with their Family Tree section they help make that possible with the world's largest online family tree, this is home to information for about more than 1.2 billion ancestors.

A search for an ancestor can give and show you generations of a family and compared to the genealogy sites that require payment this is amazing. Creating a family tree is free and easy.

They guide you with a step by step process to help you set up your Family tree with hints and suggestions along the way.

Ancestor Name

First Names
Matthew

Last Names
Redhead

Male
Female
Unspecified

Search by Event

Birth Marriage
Residence Death

Birth

Place
Cartmel, Lancashire, England, U

Year (Range)
From To

Search by Relationship

Spouse Father
Mother

Match All Exactly
Show Exact Searching Fields

People Found in the Shared Family Tree

1-20 Results of 12,961

Name	Birth	Spouse	Parents
Matthew Redhead MMW3-1LD	1695 Lancashire, England, United KI...	Esther Kendale LCPK-RH	John Redhead LX99-NMB Isabel Fell M68X-JT2
Matthew Redhead LCPK-R2G	1753 Lancashire, England, United KI...		John Redhead LZDF-9F6 Isabel Denny LZDF-3J3
Matthew Redhead 9FTS-X9P	13 October 1832 Lancaster, Lancashire, Englan...		James Redhead LHW7-7ZV Mary Simpson LHW7-7Z2

Using the family Tree search for an ancestor can give so many results, you can see in apposite window part of results for a Matthew Redhead born 1826

Cartmel, Lancashire, England

Shows People found

1-20 results of 12,961

if you know the details of the person you are searching for, you can match up very quickly. Now with new updates you can easily merge two matching people.

Follow the prompts or use the help if you have problems.

Step by Step help along the way

Step 1 of 3: Are these people a possible match?

BACK NOT A MATCH YES CONTINUE

Possible Duplicate
Information in this column will be deleted at the end of the merge.

Surviving Person
Information in this column will be saved at the end of the merge.

Martha Greaves	Martha Greaves
5 April 1822 - Deceased - M5RQ-3L5	1821 - September 1872 - L8QV-V8K
Vitals	Vitals
Birth 5 April 1822	Birth 1821 Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, United Kingdom
Christening 29 September 1822 Sheffield, York, England	Christening
Death Deceased	Death September 1872 Ecclesall Bierlow, Yorkshire, England
Other Information	Other Information
	Alternate Name Birth Name Martha Greaves Residence 1864

Merging matching people

Merging two records into one can be an intimidating process. However, new updates to the merging process can help you make the decision. For example, when you begin reviewing possible duplicate records, you may see a merge warning at the top of the screen.

This warning lets you know if the two records have previously been merged and will give you some of the details.

Source: www.familySearch.org

Time to write up your family history?

If you have decided it is time to suspend research and write up your family history stories, I recommend the following book for inspiration: Graeme Davison, *Lost Relations: Fortunes of my family in Australia's Golden Age*, published 2015. We all want to write something that our audience finds interesting and engaging, and this book certainly achieves that as Davison traces his Hewett family. Davison is an academic historian,

so his work is meticulously researched, and benefits from the depth of his historical understanding.

The back cover blurb says it all:

In *Lost Relations*, historian Graeme Davison follows in his family's footsteps, from the picture-postcard village of Newnham to a prison cell in Maitland, from a London slum to a miner's tent in Castlemaine. He takes us back into worlds now largely forgotten, of water-powered mills, free selectors and Methodist evangelists.

The Hewetts were not famous or distinguished, but their story reveals much about the foundation of Australia.

The book is available from Geelong Regional Libraries. Book review by Susan Clarke.