

James Rixon & Amelia Goodwin - Second Gathering 20 May 2018

What a wonderful day! The weather was kind, the venue was terrific and we all could share time together in comfort in the area where our ancestors James Rixon & Amelia Goodwin lived with their 5 children for several years from sometime after the triplets were born in 1806. The younger sons - Thomas & Henry were born in Windsor in 1808 & 1810. James died suddenly on 5 April 1811 and was buried in an unmarked grave. In 2016 a headstone was installed in St Matthews Cemetery.



Shortly before his death James had purchased many items at Auction from the estate of Andrew Thompson – who was honoured by the naming of Thompson's Square in Windsor. It appears the family may have been establishing themselves in that location but James' death changed that.



Amelia's headstone.

They were possibly living in George St as Amelia later sold a house there to Thomas Rickaby. Amelia, as Emma Goodwin married Robert Burrows on 23 December 1816, the first marriage in St Luke's Liverpool. Amelia & Robert had a son, also named Robert, on 6 October 1816. He married Elizabeth Harpur in 1847, did not have any children and died in 1866 at Broulee.

In 1816 Amelia was granted 40 acres of land at Airds but they were still living in Windsor area until after 1820 when her husband Robert Burrows drowned in the creek at Aspinall's farm, near Windsor. By 1825 Amelia was recorded as a landholder in Campbelltown, together with her 6 sons. She died in 1834 and is buried in Campbelltown as Amelia Burrows.

Thank you to all the folks who travelled from far and wide to connect or reconnect with other family members, to share stories, or just to learn a little more about their heritage.



It was wonderful to see the different coloured name tags [thanks Kay Burgess], and how special are the lanyards! Thanks also to all those who helped set up, sort lanyards etc.

Highlights for me, included putting faces to names I had known for a long time, hearing people speak of meeting family members for the first time, catching up with others not seen for a long time, planning smaller family gatherings in the future, and helping others sort out just where they fitted into the overall family.

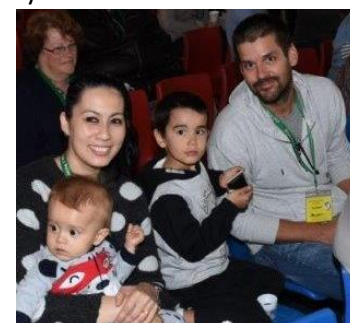
Our thoughts went to the Cunneen family with their recent loss of Linda [Wilson – Thomas line], who would so much have liked to be present along with her husband Reg, son Robert & grandson Matthew. Also to Judith Falle [Holland – Benjamin line] whose husband John passed away very recently.



Joan Grove & her daughter-in-law Sue.

Several people were unable to attend at the last minute because of illness or unexpected events, and others because of the distance to travel.

Special attendees included Joan Grove from Kiama, our most senior "twig" at 97 and the most junior, little Christian Rixon at 10 months.



Christian Rixon with his Dad Benjamin, Mum Vanessa and brother Tyler.

Thank you to those people who shared their stories and brought along photos and charts to illustrate

their line. One special photo was that of Alfred Rixon b1862. On p178 Forest he was wrongly described. His correct family line has now been included in the updated version of Rixon Forest.



Another highlight was the continuous Power Point display of photos collected over the years.

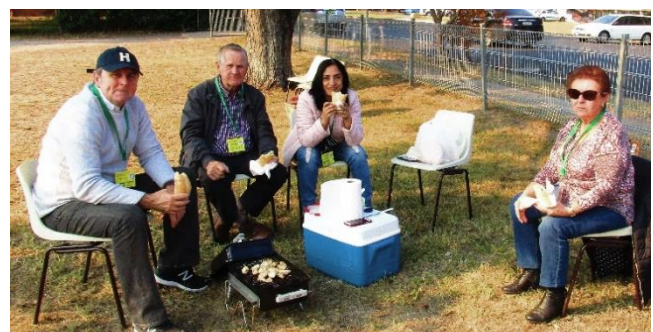
Several folks asked for a copy. There are 99 slides so it is too big a file to email.

Please send me a USB and I can copy it for you.

The preview copy of the updated Rixon Forest book received plenty of attention. **If you have any additions/corrections, it is important to send them to me ASAP.** I will be OS from 7 July until 11 August so the final date for updates/corrections before we go to print is August 30 – **NO ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.** If you would like to check your section I can email it to you.



Over the lunch break people spilled out into the grassy area around the Parish Hall to enjoy family group picnics, while my grandchildren enjoyed a game of Finska.



Michael Rixon's family enjoying a catch-up with cousin Rex Dyson

Tony Rixon, James Rixon, Carmen Habib-Rixon & Jill Rixon



Cousins - Tom Ralph, Harry Ralph, Chloe Rixon & Matilda Ralph.

Doug Campbell speaking with Yvonne Mills. Janette & David Rixon behind them.



Margaret Cashman Sweeney & Paul Sweeney



Jodie Walsh, Jason Campbell, Don Walsh, Nola Rixon Douglas, Shirley Rixon Morrison, Kim Morrison, Pam Rixon Campbell, Beryl Rixon McCormack.



James O'Brien with Margaret & Kevin Rixon



Joye Rixon Walsh



Jim Rixon & James Rixon

Unfortunately several people missed signing the Attendance Sheet – and many had to leave before the group photos were taken. Sorry if you missed either of those things. The people in the photos below are some of the descendants of each son who were able to attend and be photographed.



William Rixon descendants - Vicki Beers, Amy Beers, James O'Brien, Kerrie Beers, Peter Hammond, Wendy Hammond and William "Bill" Hammond.



Benjamin Rixon descendants.

F: Jason Campbell, Ian & Betty Brown, Sandra McGowan, Joye Walsh, Joan Grove, Margaret Sweatman & Peter Grove.

1: Kim Bolton, Shirley Morrison, Beryl McCormack, Pam Campbell, Nola Douglas, David Grove, Michelina head, Steven Head

2. Carmen Habib-Rixon, Chloe Rixon, Anne Slade, Jill & James Rixon, Sue & Bill Thomas, Elizabeth Wright, Deborah Hanlon, [standing] Peter Wright, Jayson Head & Neil Hanlon

Others in this group include: Samantha Head, Michele & Andrew Palmer, Jodie Walsh, Karen Batten, Margaret Pink, Helen Pink, Lorna Nixon, Rex & June Dyson, Anthony Rixon, Nathan Walsh, Don Walsh, Harry, Matilda and Thomas Ralph, Benjamin & Oscar Walsh, Alison Rixon, Adrian & Margaret Rixon, Barbara Kelly, June Brooks, Lynette Honeysett, Wendy Lake, Sue Grove, Denise & Ron Thomas, Heather & Peter Williams, Syd & Brenda Donaldson, Lou & Bev Bonomi, Sharon, Keira & Kaleb Warn, Doug Campbell, Michael & Carmel Rixon and Benjamin, Vanessa, Tyler & Christian Rixon.



James descendants. B: Anna Lanigan, Karen Lanigan, Carolyn Stanford, Jim Rixon, Peter Rixon, Gail Kalaitzis, Elizabeth Stevenson.
F: Ted Rixon, Faye Taylor, Cheryl Morgan, Mavis Rixon, Amanda Rixon-Moon, Christine Fuoco, June Hall, Cathy Buckmaster.



Thomas descendants: B: Kevin Rixon, Liliana Rixon, Keith Rixon, Reg Cunneen, Helen Rixon, Robert Cunneen, Audrey Wilson Burgess, Matthew Cunneen, Jenny Green Clarke, UK, Robyn Bice Oxenbury, Helen Heming Gabb.
F: Margaret Rixon, Gail Burgess, Kay Burgess, Gwen Heath Bice,



Henry John descendants: Val Plummer, Nicholas Batley, John Graham, Betty Rixon, Laura Rixon Hale, Yvonne Mills, Narelle Mills Coyte, Wayne Coyte.



Henry J descendants: Jan Rixon, Grant Rixon & Jarrod Rixon.

Thank you to Robin Oxenbury for setting up the James & Amelia FaceBook site at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/341925962919769/>