

Fahey Family Tree in Australia

Newsletter 3:

7 September 2020

Introduction

Hi everyone. This is our third Newsletter – I hope all are safe and well!

179th Anniversary

Firstly, let's acknowledge that 179 years ago today when the six Fahey brothers (Thomas, William, Peter, Edward, Timothy and James) arrived in Sydney (on 7th September 1841) having departed from Liverpool, England on board the "United Kingdom". The six brothers (children of John Fahey & Honor Ruhon a/k/a Ruane) had all been born in Ballymacward Galway Ireland. On their departure from Ireland both parents were deceased. The brothers had been sponsored by A.B. Smith & Co. who imported labourers, domestic servants and tradesmen to Sydney & Melbourne offering emigrants free passage for themselves and their families in return for providing their services to those already in the colony for a particular period of time. Those who employed these emigrants paid A.B. Smith & Co. the cost of passage to Australia. This was known as assisted immigration. The length of time to be served depended on the cost of their passage to Australia. For example, a single young person might only be required to work for 3 to 6 months whereas a family might be required to work for a year or more. This ship was at the time the largest merchant ship ever to come to the colony registering upwards of 1,200 tons with 482 emigrants.

Website

The Fahey Family Tree website (<https://faheytreeinaustralia.weebly.com>) continues to be updated using information from a number of people and has recently been converted to a "professional" version that provides unlimited storage and a "search" function. The initial Weebly website was very limiting especially regarding the number of photos that could be uploaded.

You will note that there's provision for a "main" photograph for each family member on their individual webpage. It would be greatly appreciated if a "favourite" photo of the family member was emailed to one of the Editors of the web:

- Catherine Ryan - cryan211608@gmail.com; or
- Gaye Keir - gayekeir@bigpond.com; or
- myself - warrenfahey@gmail.com.

Further, I'm advised by researchers that there's a significant lack of information on John Fahey and Honor Ruhon. It would therefore also be greatly appreciated if any such information was emailed to any of the above three Editors for inclusion on the website.

List of People Interested in the Fahey Family Tree in Australia

Following feedback from a cross-section of people, I've decided not to proceed with the publishing of contact details for those people interested in the Fahey Family Tree. In several cases, however, I've linked people who wish to explore family tree matters. Email or phone me if you wish to be put in touch with the researchers who have provided most of the data that's been uploaded to the website.

Sydney Morning Herald

Currently, the Saturday Sydney Morning Herald's RSVP section in "Spectrum" is not being published. Following my email, I received the following response:

RSVP is currently on hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic - we hope to be publishing [RSVP] notices in Spectrum again soon.

I'll follow this up in the next months so that we can advertise a proposed Fahey Family Gathering and invite further information for the website.

Fahey Family Gathering

As previously mentioned, there's a proposal for a Fahey Family Gathering. Given the 180th anniversary of the arrival in Australia of the six brothers occurs on 7 September 2021, it's logical to hold the gathering in September 2021. Volunteers to organise the event are invited!

Corrections

Contributions are very welcome so ... please let any of the three editors know how you'd like any information incorporated into the Family website - what text and/or picture on what web page etc.

In Conclusion

The uploading of data into the website is almost complete – just the descendants of 4.0 Edward and 5.0 Timothy remain. Once the remaining data is uploaded the focus will then be on uploading photographs and files – such as a "Main Photo", Birth Certificate, Will and so on.

I trust that you are all staying safe and well in this difficult time and that you consider making a valued contribution, where possible, to the further development of the Fahey Family Tree website!

Kind Regards,

Warren Fahey