

Hello. I do hope everyone is well. There have been a couple more people add their name to the mailing list but no new ancestors for the passenger list.

A very special event happened a while ago when I met with Christine, who's great grandfather was the ship's surgeon, Marshall Webster.

Christine's father is caretaker of his grandfather's copy of the Netherby Gazette. In our discussions over coffee, it suddenly occurred to me that there was a printing press on board the Netherby. My husband recalled seeing it listed as a salvage item. Potentially there may be quite a few Netherby Gazettes around. I am aware there is one in the Victoria Library. I thought there was one on King Island too. I have no idea of how many copies were circulated onboard. Though I do think it incredulous that a circular could survive a shipwreck!

We talked our way through a coffee or 2 whilst discussing many things Netherby related. It was a very exciting meeting for I knew that Marshall Webster would have played a part in the delivery of the baby born on King Island, who was later christened Netherby Victoria Louisa Cubbin (my great, great aunt) . Speaking of great — it was a great Sunday morning, destined to be repeated. Thank you Christine.

Cape Wickham Lighthouse celebrates 150 years

I have been contacted by Sharon & Jim Benn, 😊 de-

scendants of the Skerman family. The Benns live on King Island, not far from the site of the Netherby shipwreck! Jim has advised that on November 4 -6, 2011, there will be a 150th Anniversary of the Cape Wickham Lighthouse, King Island.

Jim says in his email "Wouldn't it be wonderful if *Netherby* descendents were able to be a part of 2011 Lighthouse 150th celebration?"

I totally agree. This lighthouse played a major part in the survival of everyone on board the wrecked Netherby. If the lighthouse had not been there or if it was unmanned—there is no guarantee that we would be here to discuss it's anniversary!

Sharon and Jim own and operate a couple of self contained accommodation cottages. If anyone is visiting King Island please give consideration to booking a night or more with them.

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Not the Netherby but very similar. No known photographs of the Netherby exist!!

Descendant Listing Contacts

Between the Netherby Homestead website and my own collection, we are in contact with descendants of the following Netherby passengers.

Adams
Aplin
Bartling
Berry
Bulpit
Cox
Cubbin (my family)
Darlington
Denning
Grimes
Groom
Hanna
Hogan
Lingard
MacFarlane
Martin
Massingham
Moffatt (Moffutt)
Morris
Murphy
Parsons
Pinnuck (Pinnick)
Rerden (Reiden Renden)
Schrader
Skerman
Turner
Watkins
Wigley (Wiggley Whigley)
Williams

There were approximately 210 families on board the Netherby.

Sharon and Jim's accommodation cottages.

Netherby Downs is a 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom home accommodating up to 6 persons. *A C View Cottage* is a 1 bedroom cottage for 2-3 people.

For more details on both these accommodation facilities please go to www.kingisland.org.au and click on accommodation OR google - *A C View Cottage* and/or *Netherby Downs*.

If descendents of the *Netherby* wish to contact Sharon or Jim they can do so on jimbenn53@hotmail.com (**Please mark enquiry - King Island Enquiry**), we will offer a discounted rate to *Netherby* family members.

How can we turn this offer down?

Thank you Sharon and Jim — please keep us informed of what is happening and hopefully we will meet in the future.

I know I mention this in every newsletter but I do believe the netherby homestead web site is a fantastic site of historical information, photographs and forums.

Despite a number of attempts, Karina has been unable to allow me a share in the administration rights. I was hoping to use the website as a future means of communicating with everyone.

It is still well worth the visit and the more notes we leave in the guest book—the greater the chance Karina will see our enthusiasm. Membership is free. www.netherby.homestead.com

Facebook

I am not particularly savvy when it comes to social networking pages but I have set up a group under my name on facebook specifically for Netherby 2016.

If you are on facebook and you search for Netherby 2016—the page should be found!

If not, email me and I will try to resolve the issue.

Also apologies in advance if the page is not quite right!!!

I guess we will not know until some friends join me there!

Take care
Everyone.
I will be in touch again!



