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18 May, 1982

Dear Mrs Hohen,

Thank you for your interesting letter I trust I can give you some information but I would not claim to know such a lot about the Charkers. My research over the last two years has been back on my direct line to William Chaker who was convicted on the 25 March 1801 at Surrey, sentenced to a term of seven years and transported in the ship *Coromandel* (1) arriving at Sydney on the 13 June, 1802.

He died in 1823 aged 48 and is buried at St. Johns cemetery, Parramatta. He had children by Elizabeth Sheehy including a son William, born in September, 1810. William married Ellen Anderson at St Marys South Creek on the 8 September, 1834.

William and Ellen's children included a son William who subsequently married Matilda Cochrane (1843-1924) and another son Charles who married Anne Barbara (nee Gussie) (1853-1913). You refer to William in your letter; Charles is my great grandfather.

William + Ellen, Charles + Anne Barbara together with Matilda + William and quite a few other Charkers have their final resting place in that little cemetery of St Marys Magdelone at St Marys.

About 18 months ago all of the original birth, baptism, marriage + burial records were still at the church and I made notes on all mention of Charkers. Some extracts are as follows:

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							J. Herford.

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Birth 8 August, 1872 Eleanor Louisa Jane CHARKER
(daughter of William & Matilda CHARKER).

Deaths Matilda CHARKER B. 1843 D. 4-2-1924 (Aged 81)
Buried St Mary Magdalene's Row K Grave No 363.
William CHARKER B. 1842 D. 23-5-1929 (Aged 87)
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I have no information on Matilda's brothers and sisters. There is a stained glass window in St Mary Magdalene Church in memory of William and Matilda Charker.

The land you refer to was the original grant to William Charker of 60 acres in August, 1812. Additional surrounding land was acquired by his son William James. The burial of my great grand father Charles was from his residence of "Willwood" on the old property in June 1933. None of the land is in the family now. I know where the property "Fleuro" is but none of its history.

The St Marys Charkers are now two generations removed and first hand accounts of those days are difficult to obtain. I will send a copy of your letter to an elderly lady Mrs Davis Luke (nee Ryan) who may be able to assist.

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Jenni Rice has been of considerable help
to me but she has been concentrating on
the Roman Catholic, Walker branches of the tree
(particularly James as you mentioned).

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I have more detailed information on the aspects I have mentioned but it may not be of particular interest to you. You are certainly welcome to see my records when you return to Australia.

Your letter indicates that you are searching for live history and not just dates of births, deaths & marriages. In my short experience this information is the most difficult to obtain.

Kind regards

Jed Warner

CHALKER/CHAMBER FAMILY

(a) THIS FAMILY HISTORY STARTS WITH WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH CHALKER.

(1) WILLIAM, came to Australia on the convict ship "Coromandel" in 1801, convicted for 7 years in Surrey. He was born in 1775, and Died on 21/2/1823, at the age of 48 yrs, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery at Parramatta.

(2) ELIZABETH, (Nee STOCKLIN)^(Could be married name), came to Australia on the Convict ship "Snake", in 1807, to marry William and live with him at his grant of land at Brinselly. William was granted 200 acres of land, and in the 1823 census, she had 60 acres cleared and 12 under cultivation, also 2 horses and 150 cattle. Elizabeth died in September, 1842 at the age of 58 yrs.

Their children were:-

1. DANIEL, who was born at sea. (1807?) He married Jane Welch in St. Marys in 1834. His occupation was Cabinetmaker, and he lived in St. Marys until around 1841. He had MARY ELLEN CHALKER, who was born at St. Marys on 29/5/1841. He died on 29/9/1891 at Balmorel.

2. EDWARD, who was born 10/9/1809. He was married to Mary McGlyn on 15/7/1835 by J. J. Therry and probably moved to Mittagong. He changed his Religion to R. C. and died at Lower Mittagong on 25/5/1890 at the age of 91 yrs.

3. WILLIAM JAMES, was born on 17/9/1810. He married Eleanor Anderson at St. Marys on 8/9/1834, and lived at St. Marys as a farmer. He died 24/4/1891 at the age of 80 yrs and is buried at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery. His wife, Eleanor, died on 27/7/1912 at the age of 95 yrs, and is also buried at St. Marys Magdalene Cemetery, in an unmarked grave. Their children were:-

(a) CHARLES, was born 6/11/1848, he changed his name to CHAMBER, and married Hannah Barbara Cusry. He died in St. Marys on 16/6/1933 at the age of 84 yrs and is buried in St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery. Their children were:- Edward William, born 1876, died 20/9/1881 at the age of 5 yrs (buried at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery), William Gordon, born 4/4/1866, Freda Isabel, born 12/2/1889, Emerald Evelyn, born 17/2/1892, Charles Stanley, born 23/11/1898.

(b) DAVID, was born 25/11/1851, he also changed his name to CHAMBER, and married Melinda ? He died 20/5/1920 at the age of 79 yrs, and is buried at St. Marys Magdalene Cemetery, in an unmarked grave.

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- (d) EMMA MARTHA MARY, was born 5th October, 1855, she married to Lawrence Rushton, a labourer from St. Marys. (Their first child was Beatrice May, born 1892, who married John Charles Bradley on 9/11/1910 at St. Marys. John Charles was a Breadcarter at St. Marys, his parents were John (a labourer) and Mary (Nee McAllister). John was born at Boteman's Bay in 1884.

- (c) ELIZABETH, was born September, 1836. She died in March, 1843 at the age of 7 yrs.
- (f) THOMAS, (birth unknown), was married to Louisa Cox after their child George was born on 16/11/1864, George died on 5/7/1893 at the age of 29 yrs, and is buried in St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery in an unmarked grave.
- (g) JANE, was born in 1837. She married Thomas Ryan and died in 1915.

4. MARIA, was born 20/11/1811. She married Charles York at St. Luke's, Liverpool on 21/8/1826.

5. HENRY JOSEPH, was born 26/8/1813. He married Eleanor Kelly at St. Paul's, Cobbity on 13/3/1837. Lived at St. Marys until around 1846. Their children were:-

- (a) MARY ANN, was born 30/1/1838, she married James William Berrigan, an Inkkeeper at Seymour.
- (b) MARIA, was born 2/1/1840, died 19/8/1845 at the age of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs, she is buried at St. Stephens Cemetery, Penrith.
- (c) WILLIAM HENRY, was born 5/10/1841, he changed his name to Charter and married Matilda Cock on 5/1/1864 at St. Marys. He was an "Old Buffer", and lived at St. Marys. He died 23/5/1929 at the age of 87 yrs, and is buried at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery. His wife, Matilda, died on 4/2/1924 at the age of 81 yrs, and is buried with William. Their children were:- Caroline Louisa, born 1866, died 26/1/1867 at the age of 6 mths, she is buried at St. Marys Magdalene Cemetery, William Ernest, born 3/4/1868, married to Emma ?, Frederick Robert, born 26/4/1870, Eleanor Louisa Jane (Nellie) born 8/8/1872, married to William Herford, a Botany Tanner, at St. Marys on 3/10/1900, Henry Flood, born 23/2/1874, died 15/4/1875 at the age of 14 mths, he is buried at St. Marys Magdalene Cemetery, Florence Edith, born 26/12/1875, died 17/3/1877 at the age of 15 mths, is buried in St. Marys Magdalene Cemetery, Albert Edwin, born 16/11/1877, Percival George, born 23/6/1879, Ethel Lilian Grace, born 8/8/1881.
- (d) JOSEPH, (Jnr) was born 10/9/1843.
- (e) JAMES HENRY, was born 3/7/1846.
- (f) CHARLES, (birth unknown), was an "Old Buffer" at St. Marys.
- (c) ELIZABETH (birth unknown), married to Matthew Stanley (date unknown)
- (h) EDWARD, (birth unknown), married to Jane ?, died on 10/8/1874.

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JAMES, was baptised at St. James, Liverpool on 1/6/1817, married to Sarah Welch on 13/3/1837 and moved to Mittagong. He died at Lower Mittagong on 13/4/1907 at the age of 90 yrs. (from "Hepian Times").

8. MARY ANN, born in 1818, was married three times, first marriage to Robert Walker on 6/10/1832, second marriage to Thomas McGlyn (date Unknown), third marriage to James Williams in 1851. Mary Ann died at Oakhill, Mittagong on 12/11/1873 at the age of 56 yrs.

9. GEORGE, was born in 1820, married to Mary Greenwood a convict on 3/3/1841, at St. Marys. He died on 7/3/1874 at the age of 54 yrs.

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Dear Mrs. Hoken,

Re. Charkers

If you write to Mr. E.O. Charker

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he has a heap of information on this
family and would welcome enquiries.

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Ans.
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15-4-82

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