

Dear Jan,

There is an error in the newsletter about the Grants written by Jim Kent. Richard Grant at Penola was not a son of John Scott Grant.

I am still researching the Grants of Penola. I know that they knew my family because they all joined the Freemasons Lodge at Penola around the same time. John Scott Grant and his eldest surviving son Robert joined. Its 56 miles away. There was a Lodge at Merino which was only 14 miles away. Younger son George Grant joined the Lodge there and was a foundation member of the Glenelg Lodge which meets at Casterton.

Here are my notes that I found

"John Scott Grant was Initiated into the Freemasons Lodge at Penola Sth Australia on 6th August 1873 aged 53.

There were also four Grant Hotelkeepers who joined the Penola Lodge.

John Grant December 1871. Not known if relative

Richard Grant 1874. Not known if relative

Robert Grant 27th December 1871 age 26 (Son of John Scott Grant - joined two years before his father.)

The Penola Grants were apparently the proprietors of the Prince of Wales Hotel in Penola. Now where the Log Cabin Motel is situated."

Catherine Bell is doing some further research on the Grants back in Scotland. Apparently she has gone back two further generations than I have and there are a lot more Grants. She has also made contact with some of the family back in Scotland. There is a possibility that the Penola Grants were distant cousins otherwise why would they travel all the way to Penola when there was a Lodge in Merino that they could have joined and in fact George did join.

I will let you know the result of my enquiries.

Best wishes

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