

"THE NORTH WIND – Ο ΤΡΑΜΟΥΝΤΑΝΑΣ"

COMMEMORATING GEORGE AND LYDIA NORTH – TRAMOUNTANAS

FAMILY REUNION



SA Migration Museum: On 16 May 2006 the SA Migration Museum, Adelaide formally welcomed 60 new Foundation members to lay a commemorative inscribed brick in "Settlement Square".

Dianne Jaspers, Pauline Warne & Joanne Dickenson, as representatives of the Kelly Family, participated and laid a commemorative brick-paver for George and Lydia North. In the Greek language depending on the context the used, George North's name "Tramountanas" means 'north' or 'north wind'. Dianne, Pauline & Joanne are 5th generation North family descendants.

George Tramountanas was the first Greek pioneer and settler to South Australia at the age of 20. He arrived in Port Adelaide in 1842 just 6-years after the colony was founded. He changed his name to North and later was married to Lydia Vosper.



The Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc. ["The Community"]: Following an inquiry by Mario Jaspers seeking information of George North, we discovered Dianne Jaspers's interest in further exploring her genealogical roots.

John Lesses [the Community's Vice President] contacted Dianne and indicated a keen interest to establish cooperative links with the North family descendants. After consulting several family members it was later suggested to hold a North family reunion.



Senator Andrew Bartlett [Australian Democrats - Qld]: In June 2006 a meeting was held with Andrew Bartlett [a North family descendant], the Consul General of Greece, Mr. Dimitris Hatzopoulos and John Lesses.



Tramountanas Family Association: The Community in assisting the George and Lydia North Family reunion put forward that the family establish the *Tramountanas Family Association*. Integral to the reunion will be a focus on the District Council of Elliston's [DCE] involvement with that community's participation. Further suggestions or comments are welcomed for inclusion and consideration by the North family.



Reunion: As a precursor to the reunion event the Community invited six [6] North family members to its 2006 Volunteers' Appreciation Christmas Party. It now has the honour in inviting the George and Lydia North – Tramountanas family members to a reunion on:

TIME : 7.30pm until 9.30pm
DAY AND DATE: Wednesday, 10 January 2007
LOCATION : GOCSA Building 1st Floor Board Room
262 Franklin Street Adelaide

PANGIRI FESTIVAL CELEBRATION



1998 Panagiri Festival: John Lesses commented on the 1998 Panagiri Festival event at Elliston: "Our Community sensed a deep rooted pride to learn of the local commitment and participation to celebrate the achievements of not only George and Lydia North's contribution but all of the early West Coast pioneers in the Elliston District - region.

It is fitting to provide ongoing recognition in the 21st century of our fore bearers, so that we may take from them an example of achieving against great odds.

With over 1000 persons attending on the day, the 1998 Panagiri Festival was rated a huge success."



1998 Panagiri Festival poster: The art work of the first poster by renown artist Bill Cook [attached] can be used for future posters. Bill Cook's sister in law is Cheryl [Porter] Cook, a North descendant. The poster's theme merges the classical Greek together with the Australian pioneering spirit.



DCE - Community Project: The proceeds from the 1998 Panagiri Festival of over \$6,000 were earmarked for night lights for the local Elliston airstrip.



2007 Panagiri Festival: The significance of George Tramountanas will again be magnified in 2007 when the Community and the District Council of Elliston, will celebrate the 165 anniversary of George Tramountanas arrival to SA.

The Community and DCE have held informal discussions on the proposal with the view of the 2007 Panagiri Festival being held on the Adelaide Cup long weekend.



2007 Panagiri Festival: The SA Parliament has designated 11-12-13 March 2007 as the Adelaide Cup Day long weekend. Consideration is now being given to holding a Panagiri in March.

2007 ADELAIDE HELLENIC FESTIVAL ODYSSEY and 165th Anniversary:



This Festival will be held in Adelaide during the month of October 2007 and will include the recognition of the 165th Anniversary of George North – Tramountanas' arrival to SA.

The Community anticipates the North family will actively participate and support *their family event* and would remain desirous of facilitating an annual event for the North family during each subsequent Festival.

Please contact Dianne or Mario Jaspers for information - Telephone: [08] 8445 6692; or Email: mjaspers@iprimus.com.au
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*We wish you and your family Good Health, Peace and Prosperity.
To everyone and their family – all the very best for a Happy New Year for 2007.*



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