



Bogata Tourist Train



Matt Burrow (72-74) (on the left in the far left photo) is currently working on a huge project to restore a railway system to Columbia. By the looks of it, Matt, it's a massive challenge!

Harold Glynn Williams

Thanks to Bob Frost (54-56) and Ian Hopkinson (54-56), we have now tracked down descendants of HGW, who, you will remember, died in a ship's accident in Vancouver in 1897, aged 20. Ian has worked tirelessly to restore Harold's long-neglected grave. The update in the September 2012 *Cadet* reported that Harold's nephew, Hugh, had emigrated to Australia. Excellent detective work by Bob found the 80-year-old widower living in Port Kembla, south of Sydney. However, we failed to make contact directly, but Ian did manage to find Nikki Lawton who is Hugh's niece and lives in Derbyshire. She writes:

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you have put into finding us and for restoring Great Uncle Harold's grave. What a sad story. I had never heard of Harold before your email. I know my grandfather Dennis (who died before I was born) had a spinster sister call Nesta. She died when I was 11 and I'm sure was in her 90s, She died the same week as my grandmother Winfred, as a result of a fire in her house. I'm guessing that Harold was a brother of Dennis and Nesta? As both our parents died quite young, we've never known much about our family tree.

My Uncle Hugh who lives in Australia would have given you a challenge. We visited him in Oz about 9 years, and he is a lovely man, but a bit of a wanderer. He moves every couple of years, and even though I try and keep in touch via email, he goes off grid for months at a time and is then very vague as to his whereabouts!! Even though he must be in his 80s, he has a lady friend in the Philippines called Alex.

I tried to email him a week or so ago, because my son Charles is creating a family tree on the website Geni. You can invite family members so they can add details. We invited him to join and he accepted a couple of days ago. We thought he may know details of Aunts, Uncles, Great Grand Parents etc. I wonder if he knew about Harold, I also wonder if any of his relatives have every visited his grave.

I would love to see a picture of his grave, and as Canada is on our 'places to visit' list, maybe one day we will be able to visit and pay our respects to our long lost great uncle.

So after five years of searching, the story ends. Bob and Ian now need a new project!