



Heirloom Record for Aussie Genies

Silver spoon owned by Margaret **NORTHCOTE**, nee **RILEY** (1843-1927)

	Details	Source of information
Recorder information		
What date was this checklist completed?	15 November 2011	
Who completed this checklist?	Maria Northcote	
What is it?		
Use a few words to give the heirloom a name	Silver spoon owned by Margaret NORTHCOTE, nee RILEY (1843-1927)	My mother
Use a few sentences to describe the heirloom (colour, size, material, period style, damage)	A metal, engraved spoon (I think it is silver). Flat shaped spoon with pieces cut out of spoon section near the handle. The engraving is quite ornate with small flowers and plant tendrils. Engraving is only on the front, not the back. The spoon is about 17cm long and 4cm wide at the widest part.	
Does the heirloom have any special marks?	Has MN (stands for Margaret NORTHCOTE) engraved on the back of the spoon's handle. Has N (could this be for Northcote?) on the top of the handle at the front of the spoon – this is quite faint.	
Story about the heirloom		
Why is this heirloom special to our family?	It belonged to my great-grandmother, Margaret Ann NORTHCOTE , nee RILEY .	My mother
What stories do you know about this heirloom?	It may have belonged to her husband's family – the NORTHCOTE family from Exeter, Devon in England.	
Who else could I ask about this heirloom?	Other cousins also researching the family history.	
Was the heirloom given as a gift? To? By?	I don't know. I guess that it may have been given to Margaret by her husband, Walter William NORTHCOTE before he died in 1888.	
Ownership		
Who was the original owner of the heirloom?	Not sure, could have been Walter William NORTHCOTE 's family.	
Who owns the heirloom now?	Maria Northcote	
Who will inherit the heirloom?	[insert names of relatives and their addresses]	
Location		
Where is the heirloom now?	[insert your address in here]	
Where was the heirloom used?	Probably in the homes where Margaret NORTHCOTE , nee RILEY , lived in Bourke, Bathurst, Orange, Wellington and Dubbo, NSW. It could possibly have been used in Exeter if it originated from the NORTHCOTE family in England.	
Where was the heirloom made/ bought/ acquired?	Unknown	
Photographs/ drawings		
Are there earlier photographs of the heirloom?	No	
Are there any drawings of the heirloom?	No	
Is it possible for you to take a photograph of it?	Yes – see on my computer and printed copies in family history files	
Do other photographs exist of similar items (e.g., internet, books or catalogues)?	Possibly – I will have to do a search. TO do this, I should take the spoon to an antique dealer to ask what terms are used to describe a spoon of this type.	Antique dealer Internet



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Audio/Video records		
If anyone knows stories about the heirloom, ask permission to record their story (video, audio).	Record conversation with my Mother, who passed the heirloom onto me.	
Record your audio description of the heirloom.	I have done this. See file: MN spoon description.MP3	
If you have a video camera, make a short video of the heirloom, showing all sides and aspects.	Still to do	
Documentation		
Does any other documentation exist about the heirloom (e.g., guarantees, letters, receipts)?	Unknown	
Where will you record and store this checklist?	On my computer, in my NORTHCOTE family history files on my family history bookshelf.	
Can this checklist be stored with the heirloom?	No	
Does any other information exist about this type of heirloom (e.g., internet, books or catalogues)?	Unknown	
Preservation		
Are there any special preservation instructions?	No	
How has the heirloom been preserved so far?	Kept in a drawer	
Value		
On a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high), how valuable is this heirloom to you and your family?	5 – it is the only object that I know of that has survived (apart from a few photographs) from the life of Margaret RILEY.	
On a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high), how valuable do you think this heirloom was to its original owner?	4 – I guess it may have been given to her by her husband. The fact that it has been kept, over 80 years after her death shows that it was very important to her	My mother
Do you know the financial value of the heirloom?	No	
Other (anything else you'd like to record?)		
Passing down method	This was passed down to me by my mother, who had this in safe keeping as an object from the old NORTHCOTE family. She gave this object to me in January 2011.	