Australian Masséna Families (Pages 8-11)

1. Jean Charles Domenica Antoine Paul Masséna b abt 1783. In 1822 married Susannah Reynolds b 1802. Parents of 8 children including Alfred Henry Massina b 1834 and Charles Edward Paul Massina b 1825, and

2. Dr Louis Masséna b abt 1770 and wife (nee Countess van Lear), parents of:
   i) Eliza Lola Masséna* b 1807 in Westham, Essex. In 1827 married Dr William Florance* b 1800 – a daughter (one of at least 16 children), Mary Eliza Florance b 1839, married William H. Williams in Melbourne, 1857 (Pages 32, 45, 80 and 115),
   ii) John Nathaniel Messeena b abt 1801 (Surgeon). Page 9 and below Notes and Queries – 1917, and

Antoine-Francois Masséna (b 1733) was the father of Charles Masséna and Louis Masséna. He was an uncle of Napoleonic Marshal Andre Masséna. 1758-1817 (Page 8).

*Great grandparents of Roy Edward Morgan (1908-1985) – founder of the Australian Gallup Poll (today Morgan Poll). On April 1, 1940 Roy Morgan was appointed to the staff of The Herald & Weekly Times Limited by Keith Murdoch, Managing Director. Prior to this Roy Morgan was a freelance “Financial writer” for The Herald, The Argus, and The Stock Exchange of Melbourne.

Roy Morgan Research office (from 2006) is at 401 Collins Street. (See 1949 photo of office building, before Page 129.)

The above note on the Masséna family in Australia was prepared by Gary Morgan, son of Roy Morgan, December 2007.

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Queries.

We must request correspondents desiring information on family matters of only private interest to affix their names and addresses to their queries, in order that answers may be sent to them direct.

John Nathaniel Messena was a son of one of the medical attendants on the first Napoleon. The father subsequently had a fashionable practice in Albermarle Street, and he and his wife were buried at Portsmouth. John Nathaniel had a practice in the East End of London. Jonathan Pereira, 1804–53 († D.N.B.), was the paternal uncle of his wife. I should like some corroboration of this family tradition. Did the Messenas hold English degrees? Were they natives of this country? Any additional biographical details will be much appreciated. Israel Solomon.

* Dr Louis Masséna

Roy Edward Morgan 1908 - 1985
Dr. Louis Masséna, brother of Jean Charles Domenica Antoine Paul Masséna (Pages 9 and 10)

Madame Masséna (nee Countess van Lear)

Eliza Lola Florance (nee Masséna), cousin of Alfred Henry Massina, great grandmother of Roy Edward Morgan

William Henry Williams, 1831-1910, grandfather of Roy Edward Morgan (Pages 32, 45, 80 and 115)
ALFRED HENRY MASSINA
1834 – 1917

Founder, The Printing House of Massina (1859)
Inaugural Chairman, The Herald and Weekly Times Limited (1902)