

BOURNE BROTHERS

DEAD MAN'S PENNY



4735 Pte O.G. Bourne



3110 Pte A.M. Bourne

John Feehan and ABC (Canberra) radio presenter, Genevieve Jacobs with the Dead Man's Pennies of 3110 Private Andrew Martin Bourne and his brother 4735 Private Oliver Gabriel Bourne.

Canberra's John Feehan's father knocked down the chimney of an old house at his property near Braidwood in the late 1940s and found within the rubble two large (12cm diameter) bronze medallions inscribed with the names of Andrew Martin Bourne and Oliver Gabriel Bourne. The house at Jembaicumbene had previously been owned by William Bourne, father of the two boys. Feehan's family researched the discs and discovered they were Memorial Plaques given to the next of kin of soldiers killed in WW1. John Feehan's family searched for the owners of the medallions and were also in contact with the Australian War Memorial - contact was made with the descendants of Bourne boys in 2017, after four years of research, and the plaques were reunited with the family.