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The Anglesea Family History Group

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The Society is housed in the Anglesea Historical Society Museum

McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Library and Research Facilities

Monday 10am-2pm
Friday 10am-12noon

Meetings

The 2nd Thursday of the Month
Commencing at 10am at the
Historical Society Museum
McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Visitors Welcome

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Forthcoming Meeting

June 9th : Joy Roy
“Scottish Immigration”
Joy is very experienced in Genealogy
Please come along and ask your
questions.

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July 14th: Members Interests

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Aug 11th: Family Tree Maker
Speaker to be announced

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Please register your topics of interests
and
Lets us keep our meetings Interesting

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English Birth Certificate Heading

We might as well start with the top of the birth certificate with the heading because this does have some relevance to finding your way through the indexes.

When civil registration was first organised the most obvious unit that already existed and could be adapted to registration districts were the Poor Law Unions. Many of the original districts were a straight use of these and indeed those who administered the poor laws often became the first superintendent registrars.

Poor Law Unions were made up of several parishes and the Unions could sometimes cross the county boundaries. As a registration district could be quite large - especially in rural areas - the actual place of birth could be quite a long way - and in a different county - from the town that gave its name to the registration district. If you can find a birth registration at the right time but apparently in the wrong place close by it could be worth checking it out.

Some villages could lie in more than one registration district e.g. in my area the village of Colnbrook lay in 3 separate districts - one in Berkshire, one in Buckinghamshire and one in Surrey and this was not changed until 1994!

That means that if a family moved down the road or across it they could be in a totally different registration district for the next child in the family.

A large registration district was divided into two or more sub-districts e.g. the Eton Registration district in 1837 had 3 - the Eton, Burnham, and Iver sub-districts. Each birth had to be registered in its correct sub-district.

Applications for a birth certificate can sometimes take quite a while to get to the correct current registration district. E.g. if you find a birth in the Dec quarter 1852 Eton district and ask where Eton registrations are held you will be told to apply to the Windsor and Maidenhead Register Office (because that is where current Eton registrations go). However, none of the Eton registrations before 1974 are held there - and most of them are at Slough so the application will be passed on to Slough. Slough only has 2 out of the 3 Eton sub-districts however, and once a search has been made of those it will be passed to Chiltern and South Bucks. Not surprising then if your certificate takes some time to get to you!

Read the Tutorial prepared by Barbara Dixon (a Registrar and Genealogist) at <http://www.dixons.clara.co.uk/Certificates/births.htm>

Name of Child	Sex	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Name of Registrar	Signature
John	M	12/12/1852	Eton, Berks	Mary Ann	John	John	John

Glimpses into the Past

SICHLAU / JACKSON Time Line

SICHLAU. EMIL THEODOR. Of "Wyuna" High St. Belmont. Born Norway 9/1/1844.
Died 18/2/1910 aged 66.

SICHLAU. LOUISA JANET. (Goddard) Born Adelaide 1851. Died 6/4/1902 aged 51. Wife of Emil.
CHILDREN... William Harvey. Louis (died St.Kilda.10/11/1913). Nina Emily (Mrs. DeBurgh). plus one other daughter.

SICHLAU. (THOMAS) WILLIAM HARVEY. Born 1880. Died 1/6/1951 aged 71. Husband of Alice. Parker.
Buried at Old Yea Cemetery.

SICHLAU. ALICE PARKER. (Jackson) Born 1885. Died 11/6/1976 aged 91. Wife of William Harvey.
Married 3/3/1914. Buried Old Yea Cemetery.

CHILDREN... Louis and Jack. 1868 Emil Sichelau arrives at Geelong, and opens finance and Insurance business 'E.T. Sichelau & Co' in Moorabool Street near Wool Exchange. He became a leading figure in Colonial Insurance. In the late 1870's acquired 5 acres fronting Colac Road, on Belmont hill just above Hotel, and established 'Wyuna.' A long row of pine trees ran north and south through the property.

1886 Land acquired at Anglesea River. 'Norsewood' homestead built. Rate book Entries show.....
Sichelau Wm Harvey and Louis - farmers with Emil Sichelau.
32 + acres wood house and garden.
287+ acres Allot. 28. 69. 70.
1000 acres (The Forrest)

1898 Anglesea Hotel destroyed by bushfire. Jackson's rent 'Norsewood' until Hotel re-built.

1901 Geelong Advertiser .. Mr. Emil T. Sichelau accompanying team of bowlers from Australia to England.
Given send off at Recreation Club.

1902 'Inverlochy' wrecked on reef. Harvey Sichelau amongst those to go on board.

1902 Mrs. Louisa Janet Sichelau dies.

1906 News Of Week 1/2/1906... Dance and concert at Jackson's Hotel on Sat. 27th January. Amongst those present were Misses Sichelau (2) and Sichelau etc. etc.

1907 Photo of Harvey Sichelau ploughing at 'Norsewood.'



1914 Harvey Sichelau marries Alice Jackson 3/3/1914. (Harvey then aged 34).

1934 Alice Victoria Jackson dies aged 77.

1951 Harvey Sichelau dies aged 71.

1976 Alice Sichelau dies aged 91.

The Surf coast Family History group-Members Interests

John & Beryl Parsons

Name	Years	Place	Place
Sarah Bailey	C 1774-1794	London	London
“	C 1774-1794	Newgate Prison	NSW
“	C1794-1810	Sydney	NSW
John Hazard	C1792-C1842	Sydney	NSW
Ann Hazard	C1800-C1816	Sydney	NSW
Catherine Hazard	C1800-C1817	Sydney	Staff's UK
John Fletcher	C1850-1900	Wolverhampton	Staff's UK
Fred Fowler	C1850-1920	Willenhall	“
Richard Hall	C1820-1852	Willenhall	“
John Hazard	C1760-1792	Willenhall	“
William Joynes	C1880-1920	Dronfield	“
William Joynes	C1880-1920	Willenhall	“
Jack Law	C1880-1920	Willenhall	Canada
Jack Law	C1900-1930	Canada	Staff's UK
John Parsons	C1830-1930	Willenhall	Lanc's UK
Miles Pollitt	C1870-1900+	Bolton	Staff's UK
William Wyssey	C1830-1870	Willenhall	“
Henry Faulkner	C1830-1900	Willenhall	“
John Noakes	C1830-1900	Willenhall	“
Catherine Noakes	C1830-1900	Willenhall	“
Felix Hall	C1835-1900	Willenhall	UK
Abraham Hall	C1835-1900	Birmingham	Royal Artillery
William Wootten	C1770-1840	Swynnerton	Staff's UK
Ann Wootten	C1770-1840	Swynnerton	“
Joseph wootten	C1826-1850	Swynnerton	“

There is a good explanation of Griffiths Valuation on the County Kerry

website - giving dates, explanations etc. This is at

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlker/griffexp.html>

THE SAGA OF ORGANISING A FAMILY GATHERING

by Heather Hudler (nee Wemyss-Smith)

It was a reunion of sorts, although most of us had never met before. Why did I even think I could get all the descendants of a particular couple who happened to emigrate from Scotland in 1866, together? I'd discovered that William and Grace Wemyss (pronounced WEEMS) had sailed to Melbourne with their three youngest children and some furniture including a grandfather clock. They had followed their four other children over from Edinburgh. All the children married in Melbourne and five produced off-spring. My quest had been to find their descendants - but they had to be living in Victoria, as there was no time to do a major search.

I searched the ELECTORAL ROLL in person and the telephone book on the INTERNET and phoned a lot of people. Not a lot of luck doing it this way, so I resorted to buying some death certificates, which at least gave me the names of the children. Then it was back to the phone books.

If everyone attended this gathering there would be over 100 people!

A second cousin living in Leopold agreed to come on the organising committee- we held a meeting in January this year and decided that the long weekend in April was to be the day. Mistake number one. A number of the people were returned service men and women and ANZAC DAY was a special day- not to be missed- **even for a once- in- a- lifetime family gathering!** This resulted in one family group of 35 not coming. Another group had a 90th to go to.

I kept searching for descendants right until the week of the event, but only succeeded in locating offspring from THREE of the original children.

We duly met at the Leopold Sportsmans Club - chosen as we had a room to ourselves and a microphone to boot. Lunch was a la carte, which worked well as a number of the relatives arrived late. We had tables piled high with memorabilia and lots of photos were taken. I took along my scanner and laptop, and scanned many old portraits straight into the FAMILY TREEMAKER program. In all 38 people came, but one group just didn't show on the day.

After the lunch, we all told funny stories about great aunts and uncles etc. It seemed to me that these 3rd and 4th cousins once or twice removed- as some of us were, were really only interested in each other in the present day. There wasn't a budding genealogist amongst them, so it still up to yours truly, because as we know - THERE'S ALWAYS MORE TO FIND OUT!

Before they all duly departed, there was a unanimous vote that HEATHER should organise another reunion in FIVE YEARS TIME!



New Acquisitions

Books: Domesday Book—Derbyshire
CDs: Derbyshire Phillimore Parish Registers vols. 1-15

British Census Dates Taken From GENUKI

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| • 7 June 1841 | • 3 April 1881 |
| • 30 March 1851 | • 5 April 1891 |
| • 7 April 1861 | • 31 March 1901 |
| • 2 April 1871 | • 2 April 1911 |

Notes on Adoption

Adoption only became a legal process (with the option/right to change the Child's name) in 1926. Before that the "legal" process was to use Deed Poll (circa 1850's) but most just changed the name and it became the Child's name through "usage". The Law only requires that you are exclusively known by that name and do not intend to use any other, only in relatively recent times has it become more convenient to "legally" notify the change in name (i.e. For Passport, Driving License, Income Tax, National Insurance, Pension, Benefits etc. where "proof of name at birth" is required).

"Changing a child's surname from the mother's surname to the father's surname (parents married since birth): If the parents have married since the birth was registered, the birth can be re-registered to show the father's details. The birth will then be re-registered and the child and mother's surname can be changed to that of the father as part of this process. Upon re-registration, a new birth certificate will be issued"

<http://www.ukdps.co.uk/WhyDoPeopleChangeTheirName.html> however the latter website reflects the current situation which was amended in 1953 and again in 2005 in particular you would need to check this statement:-

Australian Indexes & Databases Website

Very useful list of databases - whether online, on disc or where they can be viewed:
<http://www.nla.gov.au/pathways/jnls/austjnls/browse/geoghist.html>

MEMBERS REMINDER

Don't forget to checkout our records we have on Microfiche
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In England & Wales.

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