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Quarterly Journal of The Surf Coast Family History Group

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c/o P. O. Box 98 Anglesea 3230

## The Society is Housed in the Anglesea Historical Society Museum McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

#### **Library and Research Facilities**

Tuesday 10.00am — 12.00pm or until 2.00pm on request

#### 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 Meetings**

March 13th Meeting:
Colin Wood
"My Fathers WW1 experiences"

April 10th Meeting: Gwlad Mclachlan "Oral History"

May Meeting: To be announced

June Meeting: Lorraine Phelan "Chain Migration"

Please submit topics of interest

#### The New Committee Members 2007-2008

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#### Why are Church of England Records so important?

The link between the Church of England and the state, and the special function of parish registers in England and Wales often causes confusion. Those not familiar with the Church's history find it hard to understand why the records of one denomination are so much more significant than others.

Questions are asked as to why the records of other denominations are not as freely available as those of the Church of England. The problem here is a very understandable misconception of the Church of England. The Church of England is not just another denomination; it is in fact an integral part of the establishment.

Everyone born in England has the right to a Church Of England, baptism, marriage and burial. This right has existed from its formation, the right for other denominations is far more recent.

By the very nature of our law we are all in fact members of the Church of England, and even if we choose to practice another faith, that right of membership still remains. The monarch is the Supreme Governor Of The Church Of England and "Defender of the Faith", not through choice but as part of our Constitution.

Parliament makes decisions about the Church, and the Church's Bishops sit in the House Of Lords - (second chamber). At certain times in history all denominations

At certain times in history all denominations have had to have Church Of England baptisms, marriages and burials, and therefore parish records do not just cover C of E attendees, but the whole population. The brief history in the next column may help to make it clearer.

Consequently records for other denominations do not exist until the nineteenth century and if they do are unofficial and difficult to find. Until 1898 records of the Church Of England refer to the population as a whole, not just followers. This is why they are of paramount importance to family historians and genealogists.

**1534 Henry VIII** establishes Church Of England by Act Of Supremacy.

**1661-1665 Four Acts of Parliament** including Act Of Uniformity, allows Protestants not to follow Church Of England, and be known as non-conformists, they are excluded from public office ie can not be members of parliament. Note there is no recognition for Catholics or Jews.

**1689 Toleration Act** gave nonconformists rights to their own places of worship and to have their own priests, subject to swearing of oaths and declarations. Catholics excluded.

**1715 and 1717 Catholics** required to register their names.

**1753 The Marriage Act**, declared that only Anglican (Church Of England) marriages were legal. All marriages were therefore entered in Parish Records.

**1754 Quakers and Jews** exempted from the Marriage Act and were able to marry outside The Church Of England.

**1791 Catholic Relief Act** - Catholics allowed to practice their faith if they swear Oath Of Allegiance to Crown.

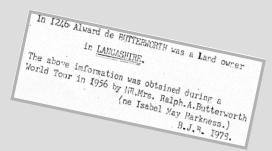
**1829** Catholic Emancipation Act enabled Catholics to worship freely, to vote, to sit in Parliament and hold property unconditionally.

**1898** The Marriage Act allowed nonconformist churches the right to request that a member of their congregation be appointed registrar. Most Nonconformist marriage registers begin from this date.

#### BUTTERWORTH FAMILY BACKGROUND

Brian Butterworth's ancestors have been traced back to 1246 at Lancaster, England.





The Butterworth Family Crest Motto when translated from the Latin, says "Through Difficulties God Helping."

In 1840 Robert Darling Butterworth and his wife Isabella sailed to America. They had three sons and three daughters. One son, Cornelius, was born in 1864. He came from Dow City, Iowa to Australia, firstly Sydney then Geelong. Cornelius was Brian's grandfather. He arrived in Australia in 1890 where he met and married Sarah Ann Craig in 1891.



The family attended Saints Church in East

## Cornelius and Sarah had a family of seven children.

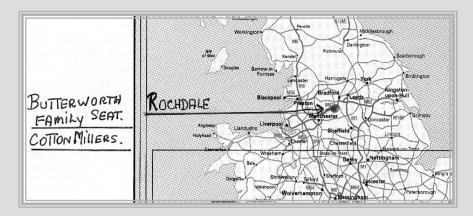
- 1893 **Clarence** the eldest won a scholarship and went to college
- 1894 **Ralph** was a school teacher (Brian's father)
- 1896 **Glen** was a pastry cook and had a bakery in Malop St.
- 1898 **David** was a silks buyer for Solomon's in Geelong
- 1902 Myrtle died at the age of five
- 1904 Cyril never married and worked for his brother Glenn
- 1910 Leila married and had 2 children lived East Geelong

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There are still many Butterworth families living in Lancashire today.

The family were cotton millers.

During the American Civil war of 1861-1865 they were not able to get cotton from America so two of the Butterworth brothers went to America.



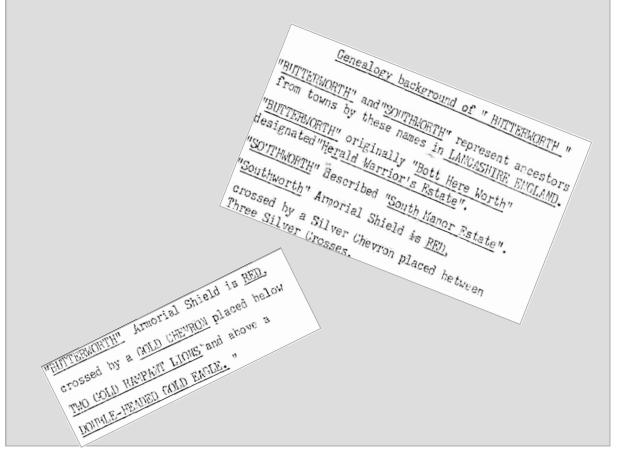
Brian's youngest brother Paul lived in America.

He was a teacher, specialising in music.

He taught on England and Canada. He studied for his masters in Texas.

He passed away in late 2006 in America.

Brian was very fond of his cousin Bernard who lived in America. Brian and Betty spent time with him when they visited the USA in 1996.



#### **New Acquisitions**

#### CD's

English Parish Records
Ashton-under-lyne (St Peter)
Bap 1824-1837 Bur 1825-1837
Blackley (St Peter) Bap & Bur 1754-1783
Chorley (St Lawrence)
Bap & Bur 1653-1708, Mar 1654-1708

Yorkshire (West Riding)
Nottinghamshire
Middlesex
Gloucestershire: Stroud

#### **Books**

Tracing your Ancestors in Ireland. 929 TRA

The Somerset Years; Government Assisted emigrants from Somerset and Bristol who arrived in Port Philip, Victoria 1839-1854

> Kings, Barons & Serfs 924 UNS R.J. Unstead

#### **Scottish Old Parochial Registers**

The GSV library has recently acquired films of the Old Parochial Registers (OPRs)

For the main centers of population in Scotland, spanning the period from 1560 to 1856. The films have been donated to the library by the Scottish Ancestry Group, and are on long-term hire from the LDS Church, Salt Lake City. These films contain the records for baptisms, marriages and burials in the Established Church of Scotland for the parishes of:

Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Canongate/ St Cuthbert's/ Glasgow/ Barony/Govan/Gorbals Perth

By chance, also included on the films are the parishes of Airth, East Kilbride, Fala and Soutra and Glassford, and a few records for St Ninian's, Coldingham, and Daviot and Dunlichity.

## XMAS RAFFLE Winners!

Twins Seth & Abbey Henstridge
They were delighted
as they have not won anything before this raffle

Thanking all members and persons who purchased tickets to support our group

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#### For Sale:

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Surf Coast Cemetery Records on CD Contact: Norma Morrison Phone: 52 616239

#### Research!

Do your research in the comfort of your own home
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\$5 per week
with the Victorian Pioneer index

Please enquire: Pat 52 896686

#### **GREAT NEWS**

## We now have the Probate index for Victoria. We do look ups For details: Contact Pat Hughes 03 52 896686

#### Some useful websites for overseas

#### **Origins.net**

Access to databases of genealogical data online family history research. www.origins.net

#### **The National Archives**

Official site. <a href="http://www.pro.gov.uk">http://www.pro.gov.uk</a>

#### 1901 Census Online (Public Records Office)

1901 Census returns for England and Wales online. www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk

#### Rootsweb

Search for names with over 20 million individuals on file. <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com">http://www.rootsweb.com</a>

**Scot Roots** Search for your ancestors in the original Scottish records. **www.scotroots.com** 

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To Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.
On 14-15-16 March 2008
To Celebrate your Cornish Heritage
Organized By The Cornish Association of Victoria, Australia
For information Visit:

http://home.vicnet.net.au/~caov/blrt2008/festival.htm

#### **DATES OF CENSUS & POPULATION**

1841 JUNE 6TH 1	5,914,000	1851 MARCH 30TH	17,928,000
1861 APRIL 7TH 2	20,066,000	1871 APRIL 2ND	22,723,000
1881 APRIL 3RD 2	25,974,000	1891 APRIL 5TH	. 28,999,725
1901 M	larch 31st	32.000.000	

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