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# Family History Group

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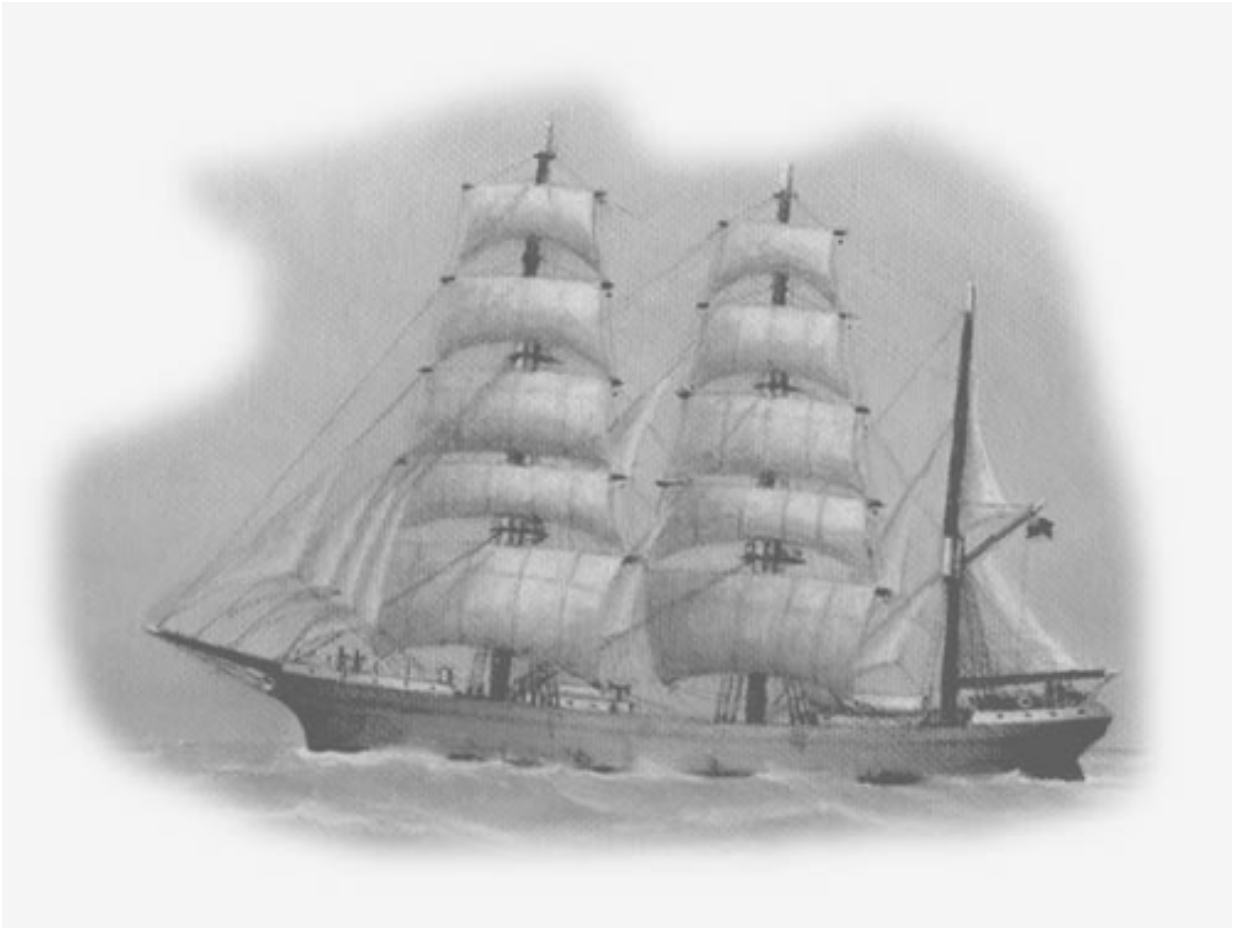

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## The Surf Coast Family History Group

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 10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesday by appointment

Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Meetings held on

The 2nd Thursday of the month

commencing at 10am at the

Historical Society Museum

McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Visitors Welcome

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**June 13th Meeting: Pat Hughes**

**"Using Ancestry"**

**July 11th Meeting: Combined Meeting**
**with the Historical Society with**
**Dr Ian Edwards - Archaeologist**
**Followed by a winter Feast**

**Aug 8th Meeting: Pat Hughes**

**"Who Do You Think You Are"**
**Emily King**

**We are aiming to have**
**Interesting guest speakers**

**to talk on all matters of research**
**Please submit topics of interest**

**Newsletter by email**
**Please forward your address if interested**

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**Don't take certificate details as Gospel!!!!!**

When looking at the details on a Death Certificate, we need to bear in mind that the subject is in fact dead and is therefore probably very unlikely to be supplying the information. The actual person giving the information is called the Informant, and as such the information may in fact be incorrect. So it's important the check who is the informant and their relationship to the deceased. With a close relationship the higher the accuracy can be inferred. But, even when the Husband suppling details of his dear departed Wife, of only 6 years marriage, don't accept the information as Gospel, as my recent personal experience will attest to.

Frank, the said Husband, gave his wife, Susannah's Mother's maiden name as Leattle, on her Australian Death Certificate in 1925. This gave me a merry chase as this was not so. You would think that only after 6 years marriage he could recall his Mother in Law's maiden name. Then I guess all you ladies out there would not be surprised. Because, firstly he was male - girls are much better at this type of stuff than mere males. Also is should be noted that Frank and Susannah had moved from England to Australia only 4 years previously without any of her relatives near.
This was the tyranny of distance in 1925. Frank didn't have anyone close to check details with.

This is when I highly endorse the Census data especially from England. This is an absolutely sensational source of family history.

My break came on checking the 1891 census for the area where Frank and Susannah were married in the UK. Low and behold I discovered Susannah's parents, living with Susannah's mother's parents. No wonder I couldn't find any Leattle, as their name was Earl. Goodness knows how Frank confused Leattle with Earl.

So, what does this teach us, apart from Frank's bad memory?

When looking at census records always look at everybody else residing at the same address and look carefully at their relationship to the Head of the household. Also carefully note any boarders as they sometimes become family members due to a latter marriage. Even after examining the occupants at the address, look at next door neighbours on the same page AND the page before and after – this may turn up little unexpected diamonds. This is especially true when children have a sleepover with Aunty/Uncle etc.

So.....as always with Family History, never take one source as Gospel. Always check, re check, cross check and cross reference since as they were and we are HUMAN and subject to all our lapses of memory. Not only but also bear in mind that the recorder of the written information was often being supplied by an illiterate relative or even perhaps worse someone who just didn't know.

Happy Sleuthing, John Morrison

# Good Anglesea Neighbours

Jack Ringham (left) with neighbours Hazel and Reg Evans.
The 'limo' is Jack's 'Hire Car', the 1938 De Soto

Ruby Ringham (left) and Hazel Evans on Hazel's front veranda,
with Ringham's Ampol Service Station in the background

Just prior to the end of WWII, Reg and Hazel Evans moved from The Wattles (the Evans 100 acre farm) to their new home at 89 Ocean Road (Lot 5 of the Marine View Estate). Just after the war Jack and Ruby Ringham built Anglesea's first service station next door to Reg and Hazel at 87 Ocean Road (on Lot 6 of the Marine View Estate). While Jack was busy in the garage, or doing plumbing work in the town, Ruby would drive the hire car, the 1938 De Soto. The Hire Car enterprise was also a first for Anglesea. Jack later sold the garage to Les Boyce and he and Ruby moved to their new home next to the garage at 85 Ocean Road.

The 1938 De Soto stayed with the neighbours, being bought in 1953 by John Evans, elder son of Reg and Hazel.
The photos are circa 1949.

# Family Group Sheet

Father: **John Evans** Birth registration 1869 #21465 Collingwood, Victoria, Australia

Mother: **Mary Kate Symons** Birth registration 1875 #2559 Garvoc, Victoria, Australia

**Children:**

1. **Alfred John Evans**
Birth registration1893 #6079 Mt Duneed, Victoria
Death 4 July 1918 in Ville-Sur-Ancre, France (Near Le Hamel)
3139, 58th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. Age 25

**George Owen Evans**
Birth registration 1895 #5698 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1961 #20664 Moriac, Victoria, Australia

2. **May Evans**
Birth registration 1896 #29829 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1944 May Mousley #18494 Geelong, Victoria, Australia

**3. Cecil Evans**
Birth registration 1898 #20897 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1966 #12982 Geelong, Victoria, Australia

**4. Hugh Evans**

Birth registration 1900 #20945 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1967 #22216 Geelong, Victoria, Australia

6. **Dorothy Evans**
Birth registration 1902 #28254 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1966 Dorothy Armistead #19688 Colac, Victoria, Australia

7. **Eric Evans**
Birth registration 1904 #27633 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1962 #24222 Belmont, Victoria, Australia

8. **Mary Evans**
Birth registration 1906 #28696 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1949 Mary Berryman #17055 Lorne, Victoria, Australia

9. *** Reginald Evans**
Birth registration 1909 #29529 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia
Death registration 1970 #1817 Geelong, Victoria, Australia

10. **Annie Ruby Evans**
Birth registration 1912 #14010 Mt Duneed, Victoria, Australia

11. **Stella Evans**
Birth registration 1914 #22394 Geelong, Victoria, Australia

All Children with Birth Registrations Mt Duneed born in Anglesea

# What's new in Genealogy

## ScotlandsPeople

The 1895 Valuation Rolls are now live on the **http://scotlandspeople.gov.uk/** website!
The new records, comprising 2,095,707 indexed names and 75,565 digital images, cover every kind of building, structure or dwelling that was assessed in 1895 as having a rateable value, and provides a fascinating picture of Scottish society during the late Victorian era.
What do the 1895 Valuation Rolls contain?
The Rolls contain the names of owners, tenants and occupiers of each property - and in many cases,
occupations are also included. The head of the household is usually the named person, although sometimes a husband and wife might both be listed - interestingly, wives are often the named tenant in rented property. What can I learn from the 1895 Valuation Rolls?
You can find out who was living at a specific address, and whether they rented or owned the property.
You can also see the rent that was paid for the house or flat, as well as the rateable value of the property, As the 1895 VRs appear
between the 1891 and 1901 censuses, we believe that these new records will help family history researchers to find ancestors who have gone 'missing'.

## What's New on Ancestry.com.au

### Marriage Collection

Marriage records are a wonderful resource for family historians as they contain lots of information to help grow your tree.
Our marriage collection includes indexes from England and Wales, Australia, Ireland, the U.S.A. and Canada.

## What's New on Ancestry.co.uk

Midlands, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1955
This database contains voters' lists—including electoral registers, burgess rolls, poll books, and absent voters lists—for Birmingham and some of north Warwickshire.
Electoral registers are lists of individuals who are eligible to vote during the time a register is in force (usually one year). Registration for voters in England has been required since 1832, and registers were typically published annually, though some years had two.
Registers were not published during the latter years of World War I (1916–1917) or World War 2 (1940–1944).

## Warwick, England, Burial Slips from Warwick Cemetery, 1859-1968

When space for graves ran out in churchyards, people turned to municipal cemeteries like

Warwick Cemetery, which opened in 1859. The burial slips in this database record more than 100 years of interment details for Warwick Cemetery.

We have guest speakers every second Thursday of the month at 10.00am

Why don't you join us, we have morning tea a chat and talk about family history.

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