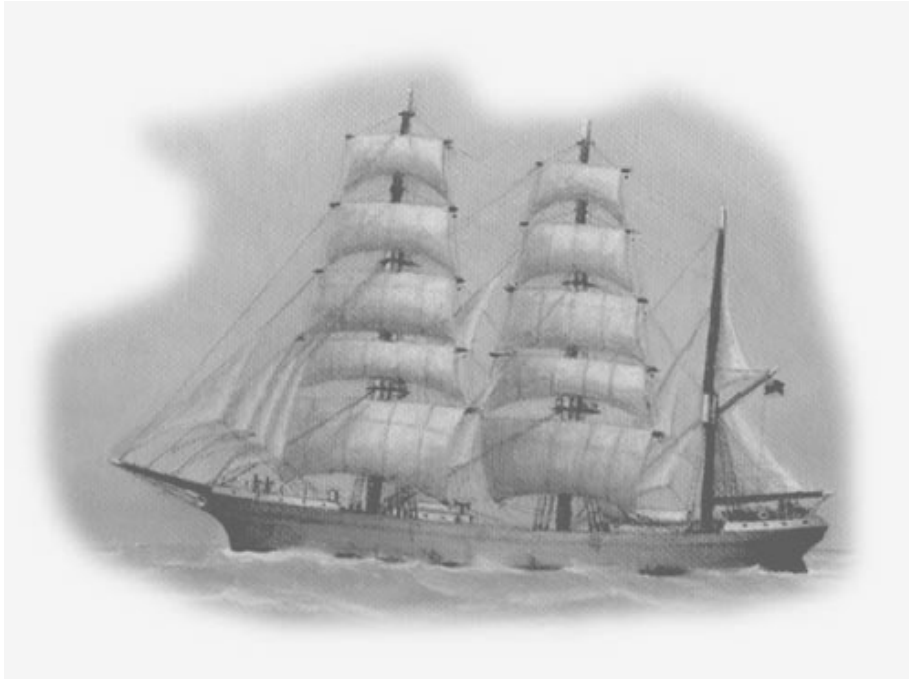


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# The Surf Coast Family History Group

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The Society is housed in the Anglesea History House

## Library and Research Facilities

Tuesday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesday by appointment

Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm

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the 2nd Thursday of the month  
commencing at 10am at  
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## Meetings:

Thursdays at 10.00am

11 June – Norma Morrison,

*Narrapumelap, Wickliffe, Western Victoria*

16 July – Mick Robinson,

*Geelong Heritage Centre Record.*

This is a combined event with ADHS and the  
occasion of our traditional winter feast.

Cost \$7 includes lunch

13 August – Cheryl Baulch, WW1 Researcher

*Together They Served: 1914-1918 Surf Coast Memorials*

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**We aim to have Interesting guest speakers  
to talk on all matters of research  
Please submit topics of interest**

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# Australian connections of a migrant

by Susan Clarke

When I started my family history research, after arriving in Geelong in 1978, I knew of only one connection with Australia – when my paternal great grandfather, who served with the British Army, passed through here in the 1860s on his way back to England after serving in the Maori Wars in New Zealand. It turns out that other more distant relatives also landed on these shores. This is the first of a series of vignettes capturing these connections of mine.

## A brief sojourn in Victoria

The first story concerns Alice Gertrude SUTTON, my maternal great grandmother's half sister. Alice was born on 25 March 1842 and baptised at Andover, Hampshire, England. Not much is known about her early life, but she arrived at Adelaide on 14 February 1863 aboard the ship “Morning Star”, and also aboard ship was her brother Hugh Gordon SUTTON. Alice's occupation was given as a domestic servant and Hugh's as a servant. Alice next turns up in Ballarat in 1868. She was a school teacher who kept a school in Drummond Street. Her name appears in an article in The Ballarat Star newspaper dated 21 October, in the report of the proceedings of the District Court from the day before [original spelling retained]:

Sutton v Reed, assault ... the defendant, who was a miner, thought proper to pay his addresses and write love-letters to her [the plaintiff], which she however treated with indifference. One of the letters was as follows: - “Ballarat, 24<sup>th</sup> June, Dear Miss Sutton, - Notwithstanding the short time that has elapsed since I saw you, I still think it Necessary to write you another note On a very Deferant subject to that of the last when I saw you on Tuesday evening I thought by your lovely Appearance I should like to corespond with you as a lover if you are not engaged to any one else. But if you are engaged to any one else I would not say Anything more about it. But in case you are free to choose I should feel quite delighted to have tour comepany to church on Sunday next, or to any other pallace in the vicinity of Ballarat, if you think it proper to do so. I hope, dear Miss, I hope you will not be displeased with me for Asking such questions ... His attentions being disregarded, he sought by purchasing the premises over her head to induce her to come to terms, and on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. He called at the school and forced his way in. His demeanour on that and several other occasions had the effect of causing many of Miss Sutton's pupils to leave the school ... Alice Sutton stated ... On the day in question the defendant came to her school and endeavoured to break open the door. There were about seventy pupils present, and they all tried to keep the door closed. He, however, succeeded in pushing it open, and he seized a young lady named Miss Reid and threatened her. He then took hold of the witness, and she in self defence struck him with a ruler ... He said he would leave her without a pupil or a crust of bread. In reply ... witness stated she did not pull the defendant by the whiskers, but in the scuffle they might have got some rough handling ... The police magistrate ... said it was evident the defendant had pursued the plaintiff, and behaved towards her in a most ruffianly manner. He would therefore fine him 40s for the assault ...

At some point after this Alice made her way to Melbourne where she married Joseph Henry CAHILL in 1870 at St James Church, and had 3 children: Ella, Mary and Florence. She left Australia some years later, because her fourth child Willie was born in London in 1879. She remarried in 1881 as a widow, but left England again in 1907 to follow her family to Canada. She died there in 1926, aged 84.

Hugh's life in Australia is a mystery, but he also returned to England, married in 1886 and lived in Birmingham where he died soon after, aged 39. The search for his story in Australia continues.

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- 1. South Australian Register, Monday 16 February 1863, p 2
  - 2. The Ballarat Star, Wednesday 21 October 1868, p 4
  - 3. Pioneer Index ref. 2541
  - 4. Register of Births, marriages and deaths, <Dec.> 1881 at Camberwell
  - 5. 1911 & 1921 Census of Canada, Ontario, Thunder Bay and Rainy River, Sub-District 21 - Fort William
  - 6. Register of Births, marriages and deaths, <Mar> 1886 at Birmingham

## Update on the BDA

<http://www.bda-online.org.au/>

The Biographical Database of Australia (BDA) is a unique resource for historians and genealogists. It is a non-profit project that was launched in September 2013. The BDA has recently almost doubled in size with its first big update, adding 400,000 new records. This database contains records you won't find on other sites. BDA allows free access to all indexes and source documentation. Biographical Reports are only available to subscribers. Subscription: \$30 per year.

Check out what's included at: <http://www.bda-online.org.au/sources/>

Check out a sample Biographical report at: <http://www.bda-online.org.au/sample/>

Check out what's on in Victoria and elsewhere at: <http://www.familyhistorymonth.org.au/>

### Australian genealogy & history blogs

The Unlock the Past website contains a long list of blogs relating to genealogy or history from Australians. Check out the list at:

<http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/australian-genealogy-history-blogs>

### Family History Month

## August 2015

Check out what's on in Victoria and elsewhere at:

<http://www.familyhistorymonth.org.au/>

## RECORDS & RESOURCES NEWS

### New Irish online genealogy resource

Almost 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilms to be available online for free from 8 July 2015

On 29 April 2015, the National Library of Ireland (<http://www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx>) announced the launch date of a new online genealogy resource. The entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library of Ireland (NLI) will be made available online – for free – from **8 July 2015** onwards. On that date, a dedicated website will go live, with over 390,000 digital images of the microfilm reels on which the parish registers are recorded.

The NLI has been working to digitise the microfilms for over three years under its most ambitious digitisation program to date.

The parish register records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records.

The press release stated:

*The images will be in black and white, and will be of the microfilms of the original registers. There will not be transcripts or indexes for the images. However, the nationwide network of local family history centres holds indexes and transcripts of parish registers for their local areas. So those who access our new online resource will be able to cross-reference the information they uncover, and identify wider links and connections to their ancestral community by also liaising with the relevant local family history centre.*

### FamilySearch.org – Facts and statistics

Launch date: 24 May 1999

Number of names in searchable databases: over 3.5 billion

Number of historic records published online each month: over 35 million

Number of digital images published online each month from original source documents: over 33 million



*Lugg's old house at Aireys Inlet as it stood in 1971.*

# LUGG FAMILY

## EARLY AIREYS INLET FAMILIES

*Reprinted from the Investigator. Volume 3 No 3 August 1968*

My Mother, Mrs Thomas Lugg, went to Aireys Inlet about the year 1890. My grandfather, Henry Lugg, was also there on the farm which consisted mainly of scrub. Mother lived at Aireys for about 55 years. She left when my only surviving brother, Charles, died. In 1942, after living his whole life at Aireys Inlet.

Four months before Charles was born mother had the misfortune to be involved in a gun accident. One Sunday morning Dad had taken his gun, a breech loader, to shoot a bird. The gun did not at first discharge, and as Dad removed it from his shoulder it fired. The charge caught mother in the right leg.

At that time there was no telephone service and only a horse-drawn wagonette to face the long journey, a party of men arrived on the scene. They had called to ask Dad about stone deposits for use in building the lighthouse. Dad hastily explained the situation, and, believe it or not, one of the men in the party was a doctor (I don't think we ever heard his name). This doctor kindly and carefully prepared mother for her ordeal, saw her safely on the road and went on to Lorne. The journey to Lorne then could only be made along the beach at low tide as far as Eastern View, and thence by rough bush track around the coast. When the doctor arrived in Lorne, he rang the hospital in Geelong (there must have been telephone communication from Lorne, possibly through Birregurra). He told them details of mother's misfortune, that she was on her way to Geelong but she would not survive the journey.

To everyone's amazement mother did survive that nightmare journey. Her leg was amputated at the knee, and she then made a remarkable recovery. Four months later she bore a son; 18 months later my sister, Emma, was born; then yours truly, a little lame girl, duly arrived. (I am still lame but never let it get me down.) Next was a son, Walter, who, aged 11 months, died in Mother's arms on the journey to Geelong. A son, Joseph, was next but he was to die at the age of 18 while on duty with the First A.I.F. Herbert, the next son, lived only two and a half years, when he too was to die in Mother's arms half way between Aireys Inlet and Geelong. I have heard mother say that he died on the day that word came through about the relief of Mafeking in the Boer War. The town was flying flags and people were rejoicing everywhere as she and Dad drove sadly through the streets with their dead child.

My youngest brother, Louis, also died at Aireys Inlet aged 14

months, only three months later Dad died of heart trouble, and mother was left with four children under the age of 13. However, as I said, she remained on the farm until the death of my brother Charles in 1942. She went then to live with my sister in Terang, and then in the last two years of her life, was an inmate of the Queen Elizabeth homes in Ballarat. She passed away in 1953 at the age of 92. In spite of her handicap of an artificial leg mother had lived a very active life, riding or driving her horses everywhere; she was often called out day or night when there was sickness or death, or when there was a child to be delivered. When mother first went to Aireys Inlet, neighbours were very few. Mr and Mrs Berthon were on the hill over the river, and Mr and Mrs Batty in the township. There was also Mr McMullen, a retired wine merchant at "Angahook" near the lake. He was a fine and dearly loved old man with his long grey beard and smiling face. He built a library and had an excellent collection of books which were freely lent on promise of a safe return. It was really wonderful to be able to obtain any book required and many happy hours were spent reading from his library. If he did not have a particular book, he would obtain it somewhere, and on your next visit it would be there.

Mr and Mrs Hasty had a small boarding house. They had bedrooms built apart from the house which we children called "the barracks." A large dining room was also built apart from the house. I think it was only used when catering for the men working on the lighthouse. Later it was rented to the Education Department for use as a school, and it was in this building that my brothers and sisters and I spent all our schooldays. This building was later removed to a site near the present hotel. It was also used as a dance hall, church and Sunday School in which I taught for some time.

I spent all my single days and many after at Aireys Inlet and have a very tender memory for the place and I love to revisit it to see all the improvements. Most of my friends have now left or passed away. My husband died 16 years ago and I now live with my daughter, also a widow, at Scott's Creek. But I still remember the place where I was born in 1893.

**THE LUGG FAMILY** went to Aireys Inlet in 1890.

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## Outing to Immigration Museum 16 April 2015

Ten members ventured to the Immigration Museum on 16 April to view the special exhibition *Scots Wha Hae*, which revealed 200 years of Scottish influence in Victoria. The exhibition was developed in collaboration with the Victorian Scottish community. For some SCFHG members it was their first ever visit to the museum, so everyone found something of interest. The Old Customs House building is, of course, always impressive, and the Discovery Centre on the ground floor holds a range of resources,

## The Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club Honor Roll

In collaboration with the Historical Society, work is in progress to research the names on the Anglesea Honor Board of those who served in the 1914-1918 War. Starting with the names of those who died at Gallipoli, so that we could honour them for the centenary, we will work through the other names over the coming months.

*Captain Joseph Terrell  
Crowl, killed Gallipoli  
27/6/1915*



## LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has been updated by Karl Jackson who is creating a computerised borrowing system. We have some great books that will help you build a picture of your ancestors life styles.

## Local families project

A working group has been formed to work on the project of putting the wealth of information about early Anglesea and District families into a genealogy software package, to make it easier to research families. This will tie in with the Historical Society's recent establishment of hardcopy files on local families, past and present.

### Volunteers wanted to help enter the information.

The members of the working group are:

- Peter Matthews
- Marilyn Robinson
- Dulcie Anderson
- Jan Morris
- Susan Clarke
- Pat Hughes



This is Surf Coast Family History Group's major project for the year. and we will keep you posted on progress!

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Thomas James LUGG 1857-1904 m. 1889 to

Agnes Louise O'MEARA 1861-1953

*Issue: 1889-1889 Thomas James b 1889 Birrigurra*

*1890-1942 Charles Henry b Lorne d. Geelong*

*1892-1967 Emma b. Lorne d. Terang*

*1893-1971 Hilda May b. Lorne d. Colac*

*1895-1896 Walter William b Lorne d. Geelong*

*1897-1915 Joseph Paul b. Lorne d. 1<sup>st</sup> AIF*

*1900-1902 Herbert b. Lorne d. Geelong*

*Of their eight children, only three survived to adulthood, two married.*

*Emma married Claude Clarke and lived in Terang.*

*Hilda married Alfred Bubb and lived at Geelong.*

*Hilda died in 1971 at Colac where she had been living with her daughter.*