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From painting by Geoffrey Soames

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Christmas Hamper Raffle Winners

- 1st prize: A 305: B. Lanning
- 2nd prize: A 168: K. Mitchell

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We have a wide range of indexes both Australian and overseas. We have internet access for researching.

Our equipment includes computers, scanners, printers, microfiche readers and an extensive library.

Need help with your research? Call in and we will help.

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 History House
unless an excursion has been scheduled

5a McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Visitors Welcome

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Wednesday

March 13th 9.30am

(Combined with ADHS)

Outing to Inverleigh. Includes look at historic buildings, talk from a local historian, & lunch at the Inverleigh Hotel (built 1856). Cost \$15, lunch at own expense

Thursday

April 4th 10.00am

Speaker: Cheryl Scott

Topic: Writing the book *War Worn and Weary*

Thursday

May 9th 10.00am

Celebrating 20 years of SCFHG! Speakers will include some of the original members of the group.

Members and visitors welcome to all activities.

This newsletter is available electronically. If you wish to receive an electronic copy please email us on surfcoastfh@gmail.com

No activities are held on days of code red or extreme fire danger for the Central Region.

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NEWS AND RESOURCES

GSV Cemeteries Index

GSV is regularly adding to its Cemeteries Index. The index contains nearly a million references from cemetery records mostly relating to Victoria. Among the recent additions is Winchelsea cemetery register and headstones 1858 – 1981. For information about using the index, go to: <https://www.gsv.org.au/cemeteries-index>. For assistance, see a committee member.

Are you searching for Italian records?

150 million genealogical Italian records have gone online for free at FamilySearch. The free collections include over 200 years of digitised images of birth, marriage, death, and other significant family history records from all regions of Italy and many other repositories. To search, go to: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927178?region=Italy?cid=bl-fsup-8201>

RHSV new website

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has updated its website.

Check it out at: <https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/>

PROV – newly opened Section 9 records

The PROV blog article about records that became available on 1 January 2019 includes interesting examples of Capital case files, 1942-1943, and records from The Haven, North Fitzroy (established in 1897 by the Salvation Army as a maternity home for young mothers from across Victoria). For the full list of records opened 1 January 2019, go to: <https://prov.vic.gov.au/index.php/about-us/our-blog/chilling-capital-cases-among-newly-opened-section-9-records>

PROV – copyright for researchers

Copyright has expired on a significant portion of records in the PROV collection, meaning they are now in the public domain. However, copyright in some records may still exist. For a useful explanation of the duration of copyright, go to: <https://prov.vic.gov.au/copyright-researchers>

Quote on ancestors for this edition

'I am bound to them although I cannot look into their eyes or hear their voices. I honor their history. I cherish their lives. I will tell their story. I will remember them.' [author unknown]

Newest Genealogy Records

Ireland – FamilySearch has added another 900,000 records to their Ireland 1901 census record collection.

This is a very important collection for anyone with Irish ancestors since it is only one of two full censuses for Ireland that has survived. A typical record in this collection lists the name, age, occupation, relationship to the head of the household, marital status, education/literacy, religion and birth country for all the members of the household. This collection can be searched by first name and last name. Access is free. [[Ireland 1901 Census Records](#)]

Wednesday, 6 February 2019

Clare County Library adds RC marriage transcriptions

Clare County Library has uploaded 1,500 transcriptions of marriage registers from six Roman Catholic parishes to the Genealogy section of its website. In each parish case, the records can be viewed in chronological order, in alphabetical order of the brides' surnames and in alphabetical order of the grooms' surnames.

In all but one parish, the transcriptions span the mid-1800s to the early 1880s. They are free to view.

The parishes are:

Lisdoonvarna Parish, 1860-1882, Kilmacduane (Cooraclare) Parish, 1853-1867

Killone Parish (Clarecastle and Ballyea), 1854-1882, Killard Parish, 1867-1881

Tubber (Kilkeedy) Parish 1871-1881, Kilfiddane Parish 1869-1880

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/genealogy/don_tran/bmd/index_bmd.htm

The Kilfiddane parish records were donated by Kevin Murphy. All the others are the work of volunteer Sheila Duddy.

Frances May Cowen born 1911, Gerangamete, Victoria, Australia. She Married George James Reid 20 Jan 1934 in Geelong, Victoria. Frances seen here celebrating her Magnificent 108 year Birthday With Daughter Elwyn & Son in law Kevin Pollard & family. Kevin & Elwyn are members of The Surf Coast Family History Group. We are featuring Frances May Read & Story of memories, places and time gone bye in our next Newsletter.



It's not all online -Early Hospital Records

Hospital Records are useful in tracing elusive forebears as they contain a wealth of information of interest to the family historian. The majority of hospitals in Victoria opened in the early 1850's to answer a need for not only sick people but also destitute people in need of care. Ballarat Hospital began as the Miners Hospital until the name change in 1860. While valuable information can be obtained, such as Name, Age, Address, Married or Single, Occupation, Religion, Admitted, Discharged, Relieved/Convalescent/Dead, Birthplace, Years in Victoria, Recommender. A recommender might be a doctor or an employer. The abbreviation TCBE is for Town Council of Ballarat East. The medical complaint will not be mentioned. Sometimes it has the mayor's name as a guarantor that the patient's bill would be paid.

Once you have obtained the admission date you might find a report in the local newspapers.

Examples are below

The Ballarat Courier Saturday 9 October 1897

The following were treated at the Hospital yesterday:- Alice Rogers, Bridge street, crushed fingers, caused through being caught in the rollers of a mangling machine; Rees Jenkins, Latrobe street, lacerated wounds on the hand, caused by several lumps of reef falling on him; Alfred Davis, Raglan street, incised wound on finger, caused by tripping and falling on a piece of glass; William Timms, Cardigan, scalp wound, caused through being thrown out of a cart; Henry Girdwood, Doveton street, wound on the head, caused by falling into an engine pit at the Phoenix Foundry; and Robert McKay, Main road, strain of the muscles, caused while lifting a heavy weight at the North Woah Hawp mine.

The Ballarat Courier Monday 11 October 1897

The following were treated at the Hospital on Saturday and yesterday:- Isabella White, Hunt street, dislocated elbow, caused by a fall while at play; Norman McVitty, Service street, lacerated finger, caused through being caught in the wheels of a chaff cutting machine.

Ballarat Base Hospital Admissions Register 1857-1913 (on 4 microfiche)

Are available at Anglesea History House.

Did you know one of the best resources we have for doing research on Family History, is The Latter-day Saints collection of records. When you visit their center, the Family History Centre Portal page gives you free access to Premium Family History software and websites that generally charge for subscriptions such as Ancestry, Find My Past, My Heritage etc. They have experienced staff who are willing to assist if needed with doing research. Two of the volunteer staff have knowledge of the German and Italian language.

**The Geelong Family History Centre
Opening Times**
 Tuesday Evening 7.30pm-9.00pm
 (except school holidays)
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am-1.30pm
 Located on the
 Cnr of Eagleview Cres & Wolseley Grove
 Bell Post Hill
 Phone: 52781691
 (Can only be contacted by phone
 during opening hours)

The Mousley Family of Anglesea Susan Clarke

This article is based on notes prepared by Jan Morris after talking to family members for the celebration of the family name plaques on the bridges at Coogarah Park in 2013. The article includes some of the family photographs donated to Anglesea & District Historical Society by Dawn Mousley (nee Sinclair) after the death of her husband Keith in 2018.

Arrival in Victoria

Andrew Reuben Mousley (known as Reuben), born on 23 September 1889, was the son of Bambra farmers, William and Ellen Mousley. Reuben's grandfather, Joseph Mousley, was transported to Hobart Town in Van Diemen's Land in 1836 to serve a life sentence for sheep stealing. He was pardoned in 1847, married Ann Hepburne the daughter of another pardoned convict, and moved from New Norfolk to Geelong in 1848. Joseph and Ann had 10 children, one of whom was Reuben's father, William, who married Ellen Turnbull in Winchelsea in 1883, and their fourth of eight children, Andrew Reuben, was born in the Parish of Wensleydale on 23 September 1889.

The convict Joseph Mousley

In researching for this article I came across interesting information about the convict Joseph Mousley, and his antecedents. A historian of Barton under Needwood, Staffordshire, England writes that Joseph Mousley's family line can be traced with certainty back to the 1650s in Barton, starting with Isaac Mousley (1651-1691) and his wife Rebecca (1652-1713)! Isaac's will (1690) shows he was a weaver by trade, was reasonably well off and owned several cattle. During the eighteenth century, the Mousleys were a pillar of the community, and several of their number held office over many years as parish officials. So how did Joseph end up a convicted felon?

Sheep stealing was not Joseph's first offence. In June 1833 he had been found guilty of stealing four strikes of wheat, and was sentenced to six months hard labour, with six days in solitary confinement. Perhaps he had fallen on hard times because his father had died in 1832, and his mother in 1830. Subsequently, for the offence of sheep stealing in 1835, he was convicted for life and sent to the prison hulk 'Fortitude'. On the transport ship 'Lord Lyndoch' in 1836 he was described as: stout, with eyes of dark grey and hair of dark brown. He was 5' 7" tall, single and listed his trade as a plowman. Joseph earned his ticket of leave in 1846, and in 1848 he was offered a pardon, and came to Geelong. Both Joseph and Anne are buried in Geelong's Eastern Cemetery.

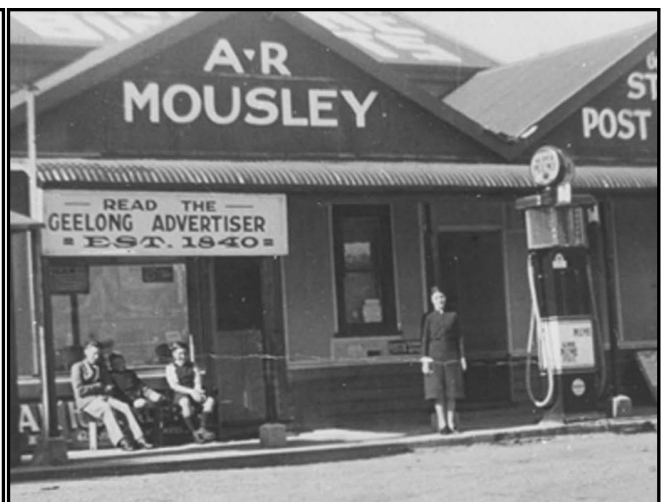
Reuben Mousley

Back to the Anglesea story. Although he listed his occupation as farmer, and Bambra as his usual place of residence, in 1914 Reuben went to Western Australia and took a job as a timber hewer trimming railway sleepers. On 5 May 1915 he enlisted in the army at Nannup, south-east of Busselton. He arrived on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 12 August 1915, received a shrapnel wound on day 2 and on day 3 was shipped out to convalesce. He was returned to Australia arriving on 5 December and was discharged from the army in June 1916.

On 24 January 1917, at the home of the bride, Reuben married May Evans, eldest daughter and third child of John and Mary Kate Evans, farmers, of The Wattles, Anglesea River. May was born in the farmhouse at Anglesea on 28 August 1896. At marriage Reuben was 27 and May was 20.

In April 1916, John Evans bought land at the Marine View Estate sale and with the help of his sons built the Anglesea River General Store, Post Office and Tea Rooms. After their marriage May and Reuben became the tenants and ran the business when it opened in 1917.

May and Reuben ran the store and post office with the help of their children, in fact Phyllis continually stood by the switchboard in the Post Office during the Black Friday bushfires of January 1939. Also in 1939 the store and post office were expanded and in 1940 May and Reuben sold the business to Charlie Drayton who in turn sold it to Price & Edwards at the close of 1946.





May and Reuben had eight children:
Phyllis Mary (Mrs Arthur Simmons) (1917-2000)
Alfred Evans (1918-1967)
Thelma May (Mrs Colin Tuckfield)(1919-1967)
Alma Reuben (Mrs Alan Simmons)(1922-1983)
Phillip Henry (1925-1995)
John William (1930-1930)
Keith Gilbert (1931-2018)
Lorna Beverly (Mrs William Griffith)(1943-)

May and Reuben were one of the families who agitated to have a state school built in Anglesea, totally understandable having four children of school age in 1927, and no school to send them to. They also built a family tennis court behind the store and residence, enjoyed by all the Mousley and Evans families, and it also became a popular place for the older scout leaders from the Scout Camp to meet and play against the local girls.

After selling the general store and post office in 1940, the family moved to a home up near where Arthur and Phyllis Simmons lived, and Reuben made a living from having a wood-yard and selling firewood, of which he lost 100 tons to the fire of January 1947.

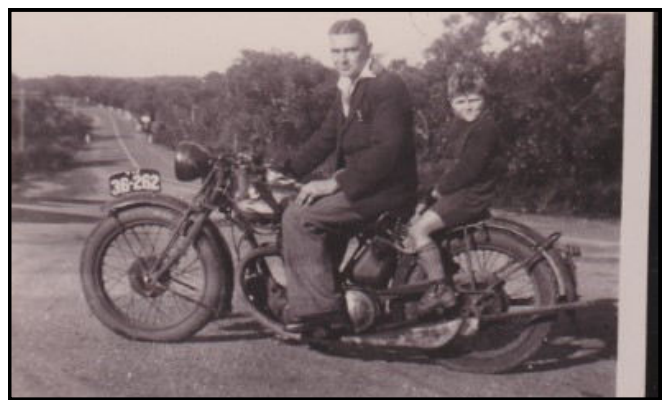
In late 1943, with May and the youngest daughter Lorna as passengers, Reuben was involved in a no-fault accident with a bus, a few miles out of Anglesea, while driving home from a visit to Geelong. May was hospitalised for some months and eventually came home, a quadriplegic, in the care of daughter Thelma who had obtained leave of absence from the army. May died on 8 April 1944.

In 1947 Reuben remarried and eventually retired to Bribie Island, Queensland where he died in Brisbane in April 1957. His second wife, Frances Thelma Romeril, died in 1987.

May and Reuben are buried at Bellbrae Cemetery. They had eight children, fifteen grandchildren, thirty two great-grandchildren.



Keith's second car



Alfred & Keith Mousley on Arthur Simmons Motorbike (Rally)

Sources

Jan Morris, 'A short history of the Mousley Family of Anglesea', unpublished notes

Barton under Needwood History:

<https://www.facebook.com/651938971494307/posts/joseph-mousley-1811-1899-of-barton-under-needwoodi-was-recently-contacted-by-jen/1226072140747651/>