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NEWSLETTER

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As a result of numerous requests for a newsletter, this has been agreed to. To assist the Editor, all members are requested to submit small items of interest for publication. For example, queries, family histories and reunions, addresses and hints.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF GENEALOGISTS AND RECORD AGENTS.

This is a new association which was only formed in 1977. It aims to help people with information about the services of genealogists and record agents. It has a small membership, at present, and its members, are people who have had considerable practice in the field of genealogy and record searching. A brochure by the Association has been published, outlining information for people who might want to obtain professional help, as well as, a list of members. A copy of the brochure can be obtained from the following address:

The Secretary,
A.A.G.R.A.,
P.O. Box 402,
GLEN WAVERLEY. 3150.
Victoria.

PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE.

The Public Records Office of Victoria, is located on the 2nd. floor, of 1 Little Collins St., Melbourne. It is opened on the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday	9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday	9.30 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch	12.45 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

The Public Records Office holds most surviving passenger lists of ships docking in Victoria up to 1923. For what passenger lists there are, these have been indexed and can be found, just as you walk into the P.R.O., to the right of you, and around the corner. (What a mouth full!) If going through the Indexes, make sure you take a pen and paper, to jot down the information on the cards. Most important, is to get the number on the card, as this gives you the microfilm volume number and the page on which they are listed.

These indexes are in two groups:

- (a) Assisted Immigrants 1839 - 1871
- (b) Unassisted Immigrants 1852 - 1874

If you are lucky enough to find a relation, you can obtain a photocopy for 25c. each. Ships arriving 1923, can be found at Australian Archives, Victorian Branch, Outer Crescent, Middle Brighton, 3186.

Other Shipping Lists (Records), you will mostly likely find at 57 Cherry Lane, Laverton.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT EXACTLY LAVERTON HOLDS? IF SO, LET US KNOW SO THAT WE CAN PRINT IT.

Naturalizations - Those of the non-British settlers have been indexed for 1851 to 1900. Those after 1900 are held at Australian Archives, P.O. Box 34, Dickson. A.C.T. 2602.

Wills, Probates and Administration Papers. - These are indexed from 1841 to 1900. With Wills and Probates, you will find that these are indexed up to 1959, in alphabetical surname from A - Z.

When going through the Probate Index, if you come across someone, it is important to write down the serial number at the beginning of that page. However, quite a few do not have much information of them. Below is an example.

Number.	Name.	Where Living.	Occupation.	D. of Death.	Nature of Grant.	When came Through.
I09.28	Jenkins, Yea. John.		Farmer.	18.06.17	P.	23.01.18

Most of the Nature of Grants are Probate. Some records - Probate. Will or Administration, are held at The Probate Office, 271 William St., Melbourne. It will cost you about \$7.50 for them to search the records. Remember to give them that number. However.

not all records are there. Prior to 1900 Wills, etc., are at P.R.O. Office. Laverton. When writing to P.R.O. Please query price of search fee and photocopy. On No Account send money first. Information on where Probates are to be found, and the search fee, was given by Mrs. Gay Rogers.

COPYING SERVICES AT THE STATE LIBRARY.

Although, the staff at the Library are understaff, you can still get what you wanted copied, but be prepared for a bit of a wait. As required by them, you must fill out a form. This simply shows that the material you are getting photocopied is for family research and no other reason. If wishing, to go up to the Newspaper Room on the 2nd. floor, you must first get a slip/pass, from one of the attendants, at the desk of the La Trobe Library. For newspapers, that are on micro film, state the paper/s and the year/s, you wish to view. Newspapers, of more recent times (say, 1910, onwards), they prefer you to have precise date and year. A lot of these newspapers are very fragile and have to be brought up from the basement. You can get a print out off the microfilm. From the newspapers, kept in binders, you can get a microfilm negative. The negatives cost 10c. each and, if it is to be posted, 30c. There is a place in Melbourne, CORONET COPY CENTRE PTY. LTD., 394 - 396 Lonsdale St., Ph. 602 2749, that will do your negative/s. Prints are supplied in the size - 18" x 24". They charge the following prices:

Copies - Bond Paper.....65c. each.

Copies - Translucent Paper85c. each.

(For engineering Dyelines)

Screening for photographs.....25c. per print extra.

Onto the total cost, you must add 15% Sales Tax. If being sent by mail, please enclose 80c, to cover the cost of packaging and postage. When sent to you, the negatives are cello-taped onto a straight piece of cardboard. This is the way you send them to the above address.

RECORD SHEETS.

Karen has a number of different sheets for recording your family. These include Pedigree Charts, an Eight Generation Ancestral Chart, Family History Sheets, etc. If anyone wishes copies, please see her or write to The Secretary, M.G.G. Of G.S.V. 64 Langford St., Moe. Please enclose either, a self-addressed envelope or a stamp to cover some of the cost of postage.

For those interested in doing research on Family Members who have served in the Armed Forces. (1914 - 18 War)

Write to*

Officer in Charge.
Central Army Records Office.
366 St. Kilda Road.
Melb. Vic. 3004.

Give details of persons name, place of birth, age on enlistment. State relationship to the person. (e.g. Grandfather). State regimental number. Battalion Number. 49 th. Batt or 4th. Light Horse or whatever. State whether person has served in Middle East, Gallipoli, France or Belgium. Give details of any decorations awarded if known. Also state if person was killed and where. If the soldier you are seeking details on, has died after the war. Tell the Officer in Charge, when and where.

The above office holds personnel records only, and does not supply photographs. (Information can take up to six weeks to arrive.)

For photographs of Units (not Individual Soldiers). And troopships apply to the:-

Director,
Australian War Memorial,
P.O. Box 345,
Canberra City. A.C.T. 2601.

A price list will be supplied on application.

For photographs of Australian War Graves (Overseas) apply to the:-

Dept. of Veteran Affairs.
P.O. Box 21.
Woden. A.C.T. 2606.

For those seeking Navy records. Apply to:-

Department of Defence,
(Navy Office),
Russell Offices,
Canberra. A.C.T. 2600.

JOHNSTONE FAMILY REUNION.

The descendants of James and Elizabeth Jane Johnstone, who arrived in Geelong on the Earl Gray in June 1856, held a reunion at Hampton Park, on the 12th. April, 1981. The Johnstones arrived in Gippsland in the 1870's and, firstly, lived in the Outtrim area. They, also, resided at Narracan, Ryton and Budigree. Family statistics showed James and Eliza had:

12 children
86 great-grandchildren
171 great-great-grandchildren
69 great-great-great-grandchildren.

These are all scattered throughout Australia. Members of the family received a detailed copy of the family tree by Mamie Wordsworth who is a great-granddaughter. Family groups included were the Johnstone, Elliot, McLerie, Curtis, Bayldew, Chambers, Dams, Little.

HELPFUL ADDRESSES. State Archives.

Public Records Office of Victoria.
1 Little Collins St., Melbourne.

The State Archives Authority.
2 Globe St., Sydney. N.S.W. 2000.

The State Archives of S.A.
The State Library.
North Terrace, Adelaide. S.A. 5000.

The State Archives of W.A.
The Battye Library,
James and Museum Sts., Perth. 6000.

The State Archives Authority of Qlds.
102 Annerley Rd., Dutton Park.

The State Archives of Tasmania.
The State Library,
91 Murray St., Hobart. 7000.

Australian Archives.
P.O. Box 34. Dickson. 2602.

Australian Archives, Victorian Branch.
Outer Crescent, Middle Brighton, Vic. 3186.

The National Archives Authority of N.Z.
129-141 Vivian St., Wellington. N.Z.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY GENEALOGICAL BOOKSHOPS?

Over in South Australia, they have one which is run by members of the South Australian Genealogical Society. Their books include overseas as well as Australian. Most of the Australian books are on S.A. It cost nothing to be put on their mailing list.

Mrs. Margaret Beckett and
Mrs. Sandra Beckett.

The address is:
Gould Books, Gould Place, Cudlee Creek. S.A.

OUR LIBRARY

The Changing Years - History of the Hill End, Willow Grove and Fumina South Districts.
Donated by Miss Karen Bush. (Secretary.)

The "Aussies" of England, Ireland and Scotland.
By Mrs. AudreyEdith Bennett.
Donated by Mrs. Bennett.

Willung 1844 - 1980.
By Don Macreadie. Purchased.

The Mills Brothers of Port Fairy.
By Alan Broughton. Purchased.

An Index to Members Queries in "Ancestor" - Vol 10 No. 4. to Vol 13 No. 5.
Compiled by East Gippsland Group. Given to us.

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HAVE YOU ANY BOOKS OR KNOW OF ANY BOOKS WORTH DONATING TO OUR LIBRARY?

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