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| PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR | vacant | |

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear of the Moe Library, Kirk St, Moe. Our Library will open at 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

Fees 99/2000: Membership Single \$18; Family \$25 Library: gold coin donation per visit for nonmembers

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There is a research fee of \$10 plus SSAE for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquiries should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

Our homepage can be found at http://members.net-tech.com.au/shine/sally.htm

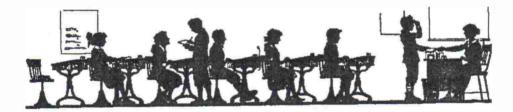
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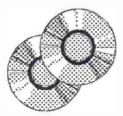
Before we get started a couple of points to clear up from the last issue of 'On Track'. Eastman's article on the 1881 census CDs was by Richard Eastman not David as reported. Secondly it appears that the local LDS family History centres do not carry order forms for the Cds, don't ask me then where Eddie got the form from, but you can order the CDs directly from The Family History Resource Centre, PO Box 350, Carlingford, NSW 2118. Enclose a cheque or money order for \$55.00 (this includes postage & handling) and quote item no.50169. The CDs should be in your hot little hands in about 3 weeks.

After the AGM in July you will find that most members are continuing in their present positions, except for Don who is retiring as treasurer. Thanks Don for a job well done over the last couple of years. We now have a vice president, thanks to Mavis. There are still some positions vacant! Can <u>you</u> take any of them on?

Ann is continuing with the school records and presented the meeting with a copy of The Walhalla School Register Transcriptions. Another job well done!



Membership fees for 1999-2000 are now due. Payments can be made to the treasurer at meetings or by filling in the renewal form enclosed and sending it, along with a cheque or money order, to PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840.



We now have The British Isles Vital Records Index on CD. These Cds contain 5 million births, christenings and marriages taken from a **partial** collection of records in the British Isles dating from 1538 to 1888. Note that information varies by time period and place.

We have received notice that the Wendish Heritage Society of Australia is holding a reunion of descendants of assisted immigrants from Germany who were passengers on the *Godeffroy*, *Wappaus*, *Dockenhuden* and *Emmy* and arrived in 1849, 150 years ago. For details phone Barbara Healy 9723 4154.

While on things German, a book Hamburg to Hobsons Bay: German Emigration to Port Phillip (Australia Felix) 1848-51 is available from Robert N Wuchatsh, PO Box 189, World Trade Centre, Vic 3005. The cost is \$45.00 plus \$6.00 postage in Victoria.

NSW and Victorian births deaths and marriages are searchable on the internet now. The bad news is that a \$10.00 minimum charge applies to the Victorian records. At the moment the NSW records can be searched free of charge but this is only for a trial period The search facilities are a bit limited compared to the fiche or CD. For example each search is restricted to a maximum of 10 years at a time. The Victorian records are at <maxi.com.au> and the NSW records are at <www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/>

The Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies is holding their annual open day on Saturday 23rd October 1999 between 10.00am and 4.00pm. According to all past reports this is certainly worth attending so head on down to the World Vision Centre, 1 Vision Drive, Burwood, Melways reference 62 D8. Admission is \$7.00 single and \$12.00 family. Enquiries 9877 3789 or 9729 5125

News from Wanda at the Moe LDS Family History Library is that they have the 1881 UK Census, British Vital Records Index and 1851 Census for Devon, Warwickshire and Norfolk on CD. Unfortunately their computer can't run the programs but appointments can be made to use them at Wanda's home. She has even offered to do some looking up for people, when she gets a chance, once she has the details. Remember that Sister Connie Gorenflo, speaker at our June meeting, is available to give people a hand with their research. Contact Wanda Moyle 5127 6046 for any queries regarding the above or the Moe centre in general.

Lastly I will apologise for the dominance of internet related material in this edition of 'On Track' and will make an effort to get a more balanced newsletter for October.

The Correct Spelling of the Word GENEALOGY

One of the most common mistakes made by beginners in the hobby of family history is to spell genealogy incorrectly. Nothing shouts out "I don't know what I'm doing!" louder than the misspelling this pivotal word in our hobby. Typically, most failed attempts at spelling genealogy put the letter "O" where the letter "A" belongs. Like this:

geneology

Because this mis-spelling is such an endemic problem, I devised a little memory aid to assist in remembering the correct spelling of the word. The first letters of each word in this very true sentence combine to form the correct spelling of genealogy. Remember the sentence and you'll be able to spell the word correctly ever time.

Genealogists Examine Needed Evidence At Lots Of Grave Yards

Please feel free to liberally reproduce this idea as an aid to the entire genealogical community.

The Correct Spelling of the Word GENEALOGY Created & maintained by Mark Howells. <www.oz.net/~markhow/writing/spelling.htm>

Thanks to Florence for this article who adds, "There are so many experienced and professional genealogists that are guilty of this sin. According to my dictionary it comes from ...genealogia latin for generation. NOTology the study of genes!"

Who's Surfing Where!

I am continually bombarded with internet sites from different members, publications etc. I don't have time to check them out so this page is an attempt to publish a few sites which may be of interest to people but which have been tried and tested by our own members. I hope to make this a regular page so all you surfers look out! I'll be regularly asking you to jot down a couple of addresses off your favourites list, accompanied by a description of the site. It is what I'd call sharing resources (and helping me out). Email me some now!! sbyrne@i-o.net.au

PAM'S PICKS

Melbourne Dead Persons Society

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dpsoc/> has lots of links updated regularly, heaps of information, tips for holding a family reunion, members interests, etc.

Aust. and NZ genealogy

<www.benet.net.au/~brandis/index.html > good links , check out
readers writings.

Public Records Office of Victoria <www.vicnet.net.au/~provic> information about the PRO, shipping lists, lists of holdings, list of records temporarily unavailable

FLORENCE'S FAVOURITES

<centenary.net.au/>

The people of Gippsland, Victoria, Australia make their contributions to Issues, Families and the Community. <kindredkonnections.com/>

I found this site just by surfing. What a data base of names this one is! It has a couple of very unique ways for you to search the indexes. Definitely give it a try!

<cyndislist.com/>

Cyndi Howell's site. The definitive site for all genealogists. Start Here...

Check out Florence's homepage for more

<www.sympac.com.au/~florence>

BOB'S BEAUTIES

AUSTRALIA CEMETERY LINKS <http://www.speed.net.au/~china/auscem.htm>

AUSTRALIAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY http://www.whitepages.com.au



AUSTRALIAN NAMES RESEARCH DIRECTORY

<a>http://www.users.on.net/proformat/ausnames.html>

AUSTRALIAN PASSENGER LISTS

<a>http://www.users.on.net/proformat/auspass.html>

EDDIE'S CHOICE

Scots At War < www-saw.arts.ed.ac.uk >

This web site is operated by Edinburgh University and invites the general public to submit details of Scottish born citizens who, during their life, have seen service in the armed forces of any

country. The key to submission eligibility is the fact that the service person was Scottish born, not what army they were in.

The site has an extensive searchable index which is growing as additional submissions are made. It also has many links to Scottish Regiments and other Scottish related information.



Family-reunion.com < http://family-reunion.com > Lays out in detail how to organise a family reunion, Mister Spiffy style. The following is part of an article from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (26/06/99) and is copyright 1999 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

- P.A.F. Version 4.0 for Windows - A Free Program

Beginning Monday morning June 28, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is offering free downloads of Personal Ancestral File version 4.0. This is a brand new version of one of the most popular genealogy programs in the world. The new version has two major changes from previous versions: (1.) for the first time it is a Windows program, and (2.) it is a free program. Personal Ancestral File version 4.0 will be available to everyone online.

Personal Ancestral File version 4.0 requires the following:

* Windows 95, 98 or NT

* 486/66 processor or faster with a Pentium processor strongly recommended

* At least 16 megabytes of memory. The program will run even faster with more memory.

* 20 megabytes of hard disk space

* A 256-color display adapter supporting 640x480 screen resolution. However, the program is optimized for 800x600 pixels.

Obviously, Internet access is required to obtain the program although such access is not required during the program's operation. Personal Ancestral File 4.0 will also be available on CD-ROM for a nominal price in early 2000. The exact price hasn't been announced, but apparently it will be just enough to cover the cost of making the CD-ROM disks, handling and postage. Users will be able to purchase the CD-ROM version from the Church's distribution centers worldwide.

Version 4.0 of Personal Ancestral File for Windows should be available Monday morning at: <www.familysearch.org>

Editor's note: When reading articles from Eastman's Newsletter keep in mind that prices referred to will be American.

NEWSLETTER NOTES

We now exchange journals with Central Coast NSW and Hughenden & District QLD.

We have received the Casino & District Family History Group Members' Interest 1999.



The Stawell Biarri group now have email. Mail them at stawellBiarri@hotmail.com

South East Family History Group (Millicent SA) May 1999- New Names For Old Places Jan 1918. A list of the new names given to places in South Australia bearing names of enemy origin.

Lithgow Pioneer Press, May - The group now has a home page and email address. <http://lisp.com.au/~ldfhs> ldfhs@lisp.com.au In their journal you will find articles on Some Local Resources at their Library, Members'Interests and some Lithgow Businesses c1915.

The Family Link (Sale & District), June. Their library has moved to the Temperance Hall (next to the old Sale Library building), Macalister St, Sale. It is open Tues 1-4, Fri 10-4 and the 3rd Tues of the month 6.30-9pm except Dec and public holidays.

Mount Isa Family History Society, May - Extracts from the Barcaldine News, Electoral District of Barcoo Within the Division of Blackall, Qld Govt Mining Journal Extracts and the website for the State Archives of QLD <www.archives.qld.gov.au>

Sth Gippsland Genealogical Society - Brief history of State Education from 1870 to 1944 in England and the following web addresses for WW1 and WW2 respectively <www.anzac.org> <www.cwgc.org>

The June newsletter from GUM features Tasmanian Resources on the Internet.

Fiche-ing Around (Lakes Entrance), June - Some BDM collated from local papers.

The Winter Quondam (Toora) gives the following internet address if British wills interest you. <www.prom.net/genealogy/genealogy/htm>

The Winter edition of *Colad jins* (Colac & District) includes a list of family histories in their library.

Heyfield Family History Group - Library Holdings and the McFarlanes feature in their Pioneer Series.

The Genealogist June 1999 - As well as their regular features articles on: Brighton, Sussex Emigrants to Australia 1849, Early Policing in Ballarat; Cemetery Records for Golden Plains Shire, Raise the Cerebus and Correspondence to the Health Commission of Victoria.

Descendants Of Convicts July-August A good article on the Convict System.

PROACT.IVE (Public Record Office) With the move to Nth Melbourne some records will be temporarily unavailable. Check before you go with the Reference Archivist on 1800 657 452 or at <www.vicnet.net.au/~provic>

Re flections (Bass Coast), June 1999 - Continues the alphabetical listings from the photocopies of random pages of the V.D.L Registers with **Births in the District of Green Ponds 25th Jan 1839 - 5th Dec 1840**.

GUM, July Report on the LDS website <www.familysearch.org>

Kith'n Kin, June (West Gippsland) - Copying and restoring photographs and slides.

Articles are needed for 'On Track'. See me at meetings, phone me on 5167 1784 or email me at sbyrne@i-o.net.au Wangaratta Threads, July suggests you try <http://www.kindredconnection.com> for the 1871 Census of Cornwall. Open the site, then select free services and 1871 Cornish Census. Results include full name, age, family relationships, marital status, occupation, place of birth.

Leeton family History Society, Oct-Nov 1998 - Timeline of Leeton and articles on 'Jim'Bruno, Toorak Winery, Nicola Gravina, Silvestro Giuseppe and the children of Giuseppe Mimmo.

Feb-Mar 1999 - details of BDM extracts from the Murrumbidgee Irrigator and a History of Murrumbidgee Irrigator includes histories of some employees.

Winter Ancestor - As well as the regular features the following articles: The Emigration of Derry Factory workers to Melbourne, Are They Really Lost? (asylum records), Australian First Class Cricketers Project, Ireland Research Trip Tips, 1881 Census Project Reported Mistakes, 1901 Census Employment Details, Restoration of Faded Photographs, Sources for Channel Islands in the GSV Library, Griffith Valuation of Ireland, Irish Web Sites.

Gippsland Roundup reports that an internet mailing list for Gippsland family and local history has been launched and that requests for information and notification of websites on Gippsland history form a significant part of the traffic. To subscribe and for further details email kapana@netspace.net.au

Peninsula Past Times (Mornington), May 1999 reports that Sale Family History Group provides a Look Up Card service. It is mainly useful for the areas of Port Albert, Tarraville, Sale, Maffra, Heyfield and Stratford. To check your names submit a SSAE to the President of Sale & District Family History Group, PO Box 773, Sale 3850. They will advise you of the results and then, if requested, will provide copies for a small fee. In the same journal you will find details of transcription dates and services for St Paul's Anglican Church Registers, Frankston.

The June newsletter from the Yarram Genealogical Group includes their members' interests, Obituaries from the Sentinel Times, Alberton Cemetery cont and the passenger list for 'The Wanderer' April 1853.

Roses & Thoms (Benalla), June - An interesting article on war wounds and injuries.



Mid Gippsland Family History Society.Inc P.O. Box 767 Morwell, Vic 3840 or contact Jean McNally, Phone: 03 5174 3137 Fax: 03 5176 0520 E-mail: mac@net-tech.com.au

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Books (postage cost on application)

| Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions | | \$5.00 |
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| Gippsland Crematorium Register | | \$15.00 |
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| 2 vols | 1879-1995 | \$30.00 |
| | 1891-1996 | \$20.00 |
| vols | 1881-1997 | \$30.00 |
| | 1872-1995 | \$15.00 |
| | 1873-1994 | \$15.00 |
| | 1887-1995 | \$15.00 |
| | 1886-1994 | \$20.00 |
| 2 vols | 1872-1994 | \$40.00 |
| | 1869-1995 | \$15.00 |
| Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions | | \$15.00 |
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Microfiche (postage included)

| Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions | 1879-1994 | \$ 4.00 |
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| Gippsland Crematorium Register | 1985-1995 | \$ 8.00 |
| Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions | 1985-1995 | \$ 8.00 |
| Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions | 1879-1995 | \$15.00 |
| Moe Cemetery Register | 1891-1996 | \$10.00 |
| Moe Cemetery Transcriptions | 1881-1997 | \$15.00 |
| Toongabbie Cemetery Register | 1872-1995 | \$ 8.00 |
| Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions | 1873-1994 | \$ 7.00 |
| Trafalgar Cemetery Register | 1887-1995 | \$ 8.00 |
| Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions | 1886-1994 | \$ 7.00 |
| Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions | 1872-1994 | \$25.00 |
| Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions | 1869-1995 | \$10.00 |
| Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions | 1898-1993 | \$5.00 |

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