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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 99/00: Membership Single \$18 ; Family \$25

Library: gold coin donation per visit for non-members

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.

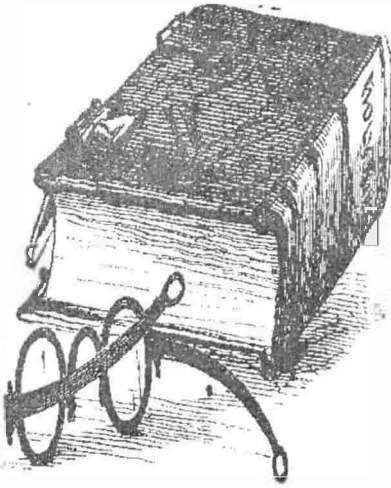
Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

Articles for this newsletter are accepted in good faith and, while every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the editor takes no responsibility for submitted items.

NOTICE BOARD

Firstly an apology for the lateness of this issue of 'On Track'. The November-December issue will be available at January's meeting, as we don't meet in December. It will only be available to those who are financial members.

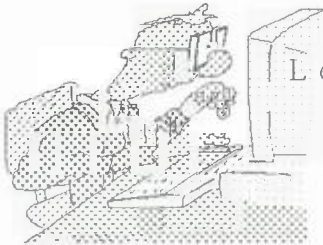
Congratulations to Elaine who has published her Family History in the form of a book, *It Is The Pen Gives Immortality to Men*. Elaine has kindly donated a copy to our library.



Murray Tucker, the advisor, printer and binder of the book, spoke at our last meeting. Murray has experience in print and media, being a former journalist. He found when he went to publish his own story, about his grandfather, that commercial printers were not interested in printing small quantities so he went off to RMIT, did a book binding course and at the end of that had put together his own book. He later set up business helping people, such as family historians and ex-servicemen, get their stories printed. He usually prints 25-35 copies of a book and reprints can be done if required. If your story

is ready to go and you need a hand have a chat with Murray. He can be phoned on (03) 51743021

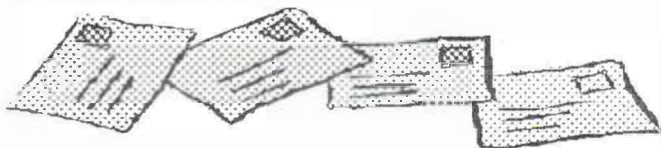
Eddie has reported that the LDS centre in Burwood East, known widely for its Irish records, has relocated its records to the Box Hill Centre while rebuilding the church. Probably worth a call before making the trip.



On October 13th eight members from our group took part in an Internet night put on for us at Lowanna College. We had some time to browse and then were given some tips on searching before individual questions were answered. Everybody seemed to get something from the night.

Also in October members attended the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Open Day and from all reports had a great day. A tour of the National Archives building, just down the road from the Open Day, sounded pretty amazing and had everyone talking

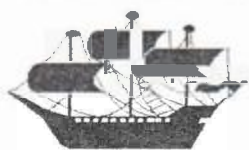
Bob saw the following in the "Lithgow Pioneer Press" and thought it may be of interest to those who correspond with people in England. Cost of a letter from England to Australia - up to 10 grams now 44p. Cost of a letter from England to Australia-up to 20 grams - now 64p.



Thanks to Claire for the following update on the Shire libraries' genealogical resources.

The Morwell branch of the La Trobe Shire Community Library has the Victorian Pioneer (1837-1888) and Death Indexes (1829-1985) on CD-Rom. Booking to use these Cds can be made by ringing the Library on 5134 1047.

The Federation, Edwardian and Great War Indexes on CD-Rom for Victoria are held at Morwell, Moe and Traralgon public Libraries.



Assisted Shipping Records from British Ports 1839-1871 and the Foreign Port Records are generally stored at Morwell branch, but will be circulated on request to Moe, Traralgon and Churchill branches.

The GSV reported in *What's Going On* (October), that they offer two new services. One is in relation to Victorian Shipping Indexes. If you find your ancestors name on the Unassisted Shipping from the UK or Shipping from Foreign Ports indexes the GSV will do a printout of the relevant pages from the passenger list and post it to you. You need to quote the full reference from the indexes and send payment with your request. Members \$8.00 and non-members \$10.00.

They will also search various CD-ROM indexes for births, deaths, marriages and burials. (see *What's Going On* for list of indexes) Members \$6.00 Non-Members \$9.00

Elaine brought to our attention at the last meeting another service the GSV offers for its members and that is two hours research free for members who live over 100kms away and are unable to get to them.

The Public Records Office of Victoria has a new web address <www.prov.vic.gov.au> They are receiving a lot of queries regarding the move to their new building and published the chart overleaf in their recent newsletter hoping to clarify things.

Where we will be

Location	From	May 2000 to
	November 1999	December 2001
	By April 2000	2002 Onward

Laverton	Laverton Search Room remains open	Laverton	Laverton closed	Laverton closed
Repository and Search Room		Repository and Search Room close		
57 Cherry Lane				
Laverton North				

Melbourne	City Search Room remains open*	Extended City Search Room opens	Extended City Search Room open	Extended City Search Room closed
Archives Centre				
Level 2				
Casselden Place				
2 Lonsdale Street				
Melbourne				

Victorian Archives	No search room	No search room	No search room	New North Melbourne Search Room opens early 2002
112 Macaulay Road	Commence move of records from Laverton to Victorian Archives	Transfer of records from Laverton to Victorian Archives completed		
North Melbourne				

* There may be some interruptions to the availability of records during our relocation, however, these will be advertised well in advance.



Who's Surfing Where!

Hopefully a regular column to allow members to share interesting web sites. Members please contribute by emailing me (sbyrne@i-o.net.au) with some of your favourites and please include a brief description of the site.

A Couple from Claire

<http://www4.tpgi.com.au/users/omeo/>

High Country Heritage Research Centre - includes Omeo and Buckland Cemetery Indexes.

The indexes take a minute or two to load. Also includes a Pioneer database.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/AVG/>

Home page of the Gippsland Mailing List

Mavis' brother

www.cwgc.org/

Commonwealth war graves commission

<http://www.wicklow.ie/heritage/Indcx.htm>

Wicklow heritage

www.kst.dlt.ie/nat-arch/genealogy.html

The National Archives Of Ireland: Family History and Genealogy

Eddie's choice

<<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/CACulman/MultiGen.htm>>

Multi Site Search

Sick of jumping from web site to web site to carry out your family history search well try the following address for multi searching.

The site consists of the following search engines, Ancestry.com, Family Tree Maker, Gendex, Genealogy.com, Jewish GenfamilyTree Finder, Kindred Konnections, LDS Family Search and Roots Surname List. That list should keep most Family History buffs going for some time.

Robyn's rippers

www.records.nsw.gov.au

State Records NSW.

Includes the following online indexes.

- Index to assisted immigrants arriving in Sydney and Newcastle, 1844-59
- Index to assisted immigrants arriving at Moreton Bay (Brisbane), 1848-59
- Index to Certificates of Freedom 1823-69.

www.ihr.com.au

Internet Family History Resources NSW Family History Document Service

I have subscribed to this site for 12 months at a cost of \$40.00. (A one off fee of \$20.00) is available. But hey, when I live in country Victoria and have a baby and a toddler any research I can do from home is worth it. I am able to search images of - Directories, Electoral Rolls, lists of Miners and Mining Leases, Land Purchasers and Lessees, Farmers, Graziers, Shearers and Station Hands, Other Occupations Including Civil Servants, Teachers etc., Voters, Petitioners, Friendly Society Members etc.

Rod Recommends

<http://raogk.rootsweb.com/>

Lastly Leonie's

<http://rontay.digiweb.com/>

Ron Taylor's Uk Census Finding Aids and Indexes

This site contains various indexes to UK Census Data, mainly from the 1851 Census. There are indexes to strays from various counties and from Scotland, Ireland, Germany and France. There are indexes to some occupations (e.g. servants, apprentices, doctors, policemen, nurses, navy, army, fishermen, travellers and clergy). Also there are indexes to those likely to be institutionalised (paupers, inmates, prisoners, prostitutes) A particularly useful Index is to those people enumerated as visitors, since, by definition, they were somewhere other than their own residences on Census night it is a good place to look for those missing people.

‘CORONER’S INQUEST SERIOUS CHARGE

EXHUMATION OF THE BODY’

This heading appeared in *The Maryborough And Dunolly Advertiser* of December 3, 1862 and was referring to the body of my 3rd great grandfather Peter Egan who, with his wife Margaret (nee Colahan), arrived in NSW in 1838 on the ship *Fairlie*. They were both natives of Laurencetown, Galway Ireland. By 1862 they had 11 children and were living in Victoria at Blackman’s Lead, near Maryborough. Peter died in the family tent and the circumstances surrounding his death, which fortunately were well documented at an inquest and in the local papers, add a bit of spice to my family history.

His death, if going by his death certificate, appeared a pretty straight forward case of *delerium tremens* but as reported in the paper mentioned above, the coroner directed the body be exhumed ‘in consequence of it having become known that the deceased man had died with a severe wound on his head’ and ‘Rumour had, with her hundred tongues, pointed to the possibility of death

having been primarily caused by violence' The paper also reported that 'two young men, sons of deceased, named John and Peter Egan, and a son-in-law named Anderson, were ordered by the Coroner to be taken into custody' and that 'John Egan was committed for the murder.'

So what did happen leading up to the death of Peter Egan? His wife's, son Peter's and a neighbour's account follow. Margaret's account is from a report in the paper and the other accounts are from the inquest papers.

From Margaret Egan.

On Sunday, the 16th of November my son-in-law, James Anderson, came to my tent and brought a bottle of gin; his wife accompanied him. James Anderson and deceased commenced to drink in an inside room. My daughter, Anderson's wife, went to an outside room with me. She tasted the gin once and I tasted it four or five times. It was offered to me several times. I went into the place where Anderson and the deceased were several times whilst I was doing my household work. It was about twelve o'clock when Anderson came with the gin. About three hours after this, the bottle was empty, and my husband sent my girl for another, which she brought to the tent. Anderson and my husband drank a part of this one, and about dusk they both went outside the tent, and my husband wanted to spar with Anderson. They were tipsy at the time. I did not see either of them strike each other. I tried to prevent them from quarrelling, when my husband turned on me and knocked me down, and kicked me on the right eye, from which I am marked. My son, John Egan, came up at this time, and took his father away. and I went away into the bush, and was away about four hours, because I was afraid he would hurt me. I was waiting until daylight, until I could get to the police office. I was so far away that I could not hear voices speaking in a moderate tone, but if there had been any row I must have heard it. I hid in the bush, and in about three hours heard deceased walking up the road from the direction of Maryborough to his tent. Almost immediately after my children came to me and I went into the tent and saw deceased sitting on a form quiet. Blood was on his face and his shirt. I went for a doctor, and Dr. Southee came at daylight. He dressed the wound in the head and told deceased to call on him in Maryborough on the next Wednesday, and he went in and had his head dressed accordingly. On the Friday following, when I dressed the it, I saw a hard substance about the size of a grain of wheat in the wound. I removed this. When I first saw deceased was hurt in the tent, I asked him where he had been. He said he had been at several tents, and could hardly find his road home. The hard substance I speak of was not glass, but the colour of black glass, but was more like a seed that grows on the trees in the bush. When my son took deceased away from beating me, I heard deceased abusing my son and call him names, at the same time he called me a whore. I heard my son tell my husband to be quiet, and then he went away. Deceased has been in the habit of drinking heavily lately, and on the Saturday previous to him being hurt he had been drinking. I dressed the wound several times during the week. On the Saturday following, about three o'clock, he was attacked with fits, and had four. Dr. Benson came next morning, and attended him up to his death. Deceased never came to himself after the fits, he appeared to wish to lie down and keep quiet. He never complained of much pain about the cut. No one was with deceased when he came up the road from Maryborough.

There are some spare handles of axes about the premises. I do not know how many. Deceased died on Friday following the fits, and was buried last Saturday evening. Deceased said in my presence that he got the cut in a row, and I heard him afterwards tell Dr. Southee that my son had struck him. My son was not present. The doctor and my husband were together. Went out for some water, and cannot say what took place afterwards. Dr. Benson dressed the wound everyday. I saw no blood on my son's clothes. My son saw deceased several times during his illness and asked him how he was, and to shake hands. Occasionally my son and deceased had a few words and this generally was after deceased had been drinking. A few minutes after I came in, after my husband was hurt, Anderson came in and had two cuts on his head, and had no shirt or flannel on, he was tipsy, and went to sleep. John, aged twenty three, was the only one of my children when my husband struck me. When I came into the bush I was not sober. I never heard my son John or Anderson threaten my husband. A day or two after, I told Dr. Benson about the little substance he ordered the deceased a teaspoonful of brandy occasionally. When my son (line not legible) I am certain he had nothing in his hand in the shape of a stick, nor do I think he had a stone either. I cannot say if deceased had a struggle when John protected me, nor do I remember anything after this, as I left as quickly as I could. Deceased's shirt was torn.

Peter Egan being duly sworn saith- I am a Puddler living at Blackman's lead- Deceased was my father & I boarded and lodged with him I remember Sunday the 16th November last. I was away all the afternoon from after dinner till about seven o'clock in the evening - When I returned I found Anderson & my sister sitting in the tent- My father & mother were there also & the children - Anderson and my father were drunk - I was in the tent about 15 minutes when some words arose between my father & mother - my mother went outside and my father followed her I went outside also when my father ran at my mother to strike her I got between them and tried to prevent it Then father came after me for some distance when he fell by being tripped up by a bush I then ran away & was away about half an hour I then returned to the tent when I found Anderson, my brother John & my father all quarreling together in the kitchen, they had hold of each other & were shuffling- I took my brother John by the arm & dragged him outside, Anderson & my father then came outside and went away talking, but did not go out of sight- John and Anderson then had some words they came close together and John took up a large bush stick & struck Anderson once only- I got Anderson away & we sat down together in the bush Shortly after father came up & I ran away & left Anderson & he together I went towards Smith's tent & was away about an hour or two when I again went home to the tent where I saw Anderson Lying on the floor in the tent, his head was bleeding & some blood was on his face - He had no shirt on but a coat was thrown over him and he was asleep - John was in the tent as also was my sister-Directly I saw Anderson I went to look for my father but could not find him I was away about an hour I returned home & shortly after

my father came in, there was blood on his flannel shirt and on his face, there was a large deep cut on his head just over the forehead- I then ran for a doctor previous to going I had some conversation with my father, my father did not tell me how he got the cut- When I ran away from him leaving Anderson & he together I believe my father had two shirts on but I cannot swear positively. I know that he had when I stepped between him & my mother - He had only his flannel on when he came in with his head cut - Directly he came in he sat down and did not speak to anyone - Doctor Southee came & saw father & dressed his head- I heard my father tell the Doctor that my brother John had struck him on the head with a quartz stone I cannot say whether or not John was present at this time I then went outside and heard no more - My father has never complained about his head He has never been at work since he received the blow - He stated to Dr Southee that when he received the blow he was sitting on a form & that John came in and struck him with the stone It was about 10 or 12 o'clock p.m when my father came in with the cut - On Saturday week last about 3 or 4 o'clock my mother called me to come into the tent I went in directly & found my father in a fit, his whole frame appeared to be in a state of shiver, his jaws were working - He was in the fit some few minutes & then he recovered I then went for a doctor - Doctor Benson came next morning and saw deceased and attended deceased daily up to his death which took place on Friday morning last about 8 or 9 o'clock - After the first fit father never spoke to me, but he knew me & was sensible - I never heard him muttering to himself, he used to sleep but was easily awoken, sometimes when I was staying for a time with him he would look at me steadily & his attention would never be attracted from me in fact I am positive he was sensible - He was not restless & always laid very quiet - I do not know how my father got the blow except from what he told Dr Southee on his first seeing him - I cannot say if John was present when father told the doctor about the blow - Deceased was not in the Horrors (Delerium Tremens) this time at all - but he has been several times from drink - I did not notice any blood on John's clothes - I have not seen any quartz stone or stick with blood on it about the place - there are plenty of quartz stones all over the hill near the place - Deceased was a quarrelsome man when drunk I had a conversation with Mrs Smith about the row but I cannot remember what it was - I heard a noise resembling blows shortly after leaving Anderson with my father in the bush I also heard some talking near our tent - I believe those voices were John's and Anderson's but I cannot swear positively - I think Mrs Smith was with me at this time - It was shortly after this that I went back to the tent and found Anderson lying on the form - I was perfectly sober - My father did not mention Anderson's name when he told the Doctor how he got hurt=

Laurence Walsh being duly sworn saith, I am a Puddler living at Blackman's lead - Two or three days after Egan Senr got cut on the head John Egan came to my tent and spoke about the row that had taken place at his tent - He said that when he arrived at Home on the Sunday evening he found his father and his brother in law Anderson beating his mother & calling her a Whore & that they then called him a bastard & that he had given them something that they would remember for sometime - He also said that he had not intended to hit his father so hard & that he thought he had Anderson when he struck He further stated that one time they both had him down and that they would have hurt him if he had not done the best he could for himself.

So there is a bit of a colourful, and quite tragic, event from my family history. Some of the characters don't seem that likable but as the saying goes you can choose your friends but not your relatives. By the way John Egan was found not guilty of murder. Margaret Egan lived another 37 years dying at her niece's home at Stuart Mill. Imagine being in a marriage as she was and then widowed with 11 children aged from two years up. Peter Egan Jnr was a goldminer 10 years after the death of his father, working at Crooked River. He married my great great grandmother, Margaret Mc Dougall, at Omeo in 1872.



Robyn Byrne.

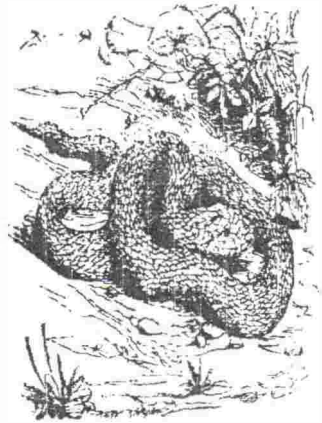
Entries for the Genealogical Research Directory 2000 close November 30th. Forms are available in our library.

The following articles and advertisements are from editions of *The Advertising Times*, Prahran, dated the 13th and 27th September 1862.

The paper was printed and published by my gg grandfather, George Romeril, who arrived from St Hellier, Jersey, Channel Islands in 1855.

Sandra Dumble

BITTEN BY A SNAKE.—On Tuesday week last a man in the employ of Mr. Harris, painter, White Hills, while engaged painting the outside of the house of Mr. Taylor, crusher, Epsom, felt something touch his leg; on looking down he saw the tail of a brown snake sticking out from the inside of his trouser's leg, at the same moment the snake bit him on the lower part of the calf, and then made its escape into its hole, beside which he had been standing. He immediately cut out the part bitten with a penknife, and then fired the wound with gunpowder. He experienced a stiffness in his leg for two or three days, but was able to resume work on Thursday. There is little doubt but the snake is one of a brood that have their nest in the hole in which it disappeared, and we would recommend Mr. Taylor to dig up the ground and destroy the "varmints," if he has not done so already, as it is anything but pleasant to suspect that a lot of snakes have taken up their quarters under the same roof.—*Bendigo Advertiser.*



TOORAK HOTEL.

THE EIGHTH

ANNIVERSARY BALL,

Will be held in the large room of the above Hotel,
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1862.

Tickets, including Refreshments :

Double ticket (Lady and Gentleman)	10s. 6d.
Single „ (Gentleman)	7s. 6d.
Single „ (Lady)	5s.

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NEWSLETTER NOTES

We have received a lot of newsletters in the last few months, most with interesting articles in them. I am unable to print a summary though as I have misplaced my notes.

MISS ROBERTSON,
MILLNER & DEES MAKER,
Next Pfeil's Grocery Store,
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Country orders carefully executed.

FOR SALE—A Cottage Pianoforte, Cheap.
Apply office of this paper.



EARLY MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DISEASES CONTINUED

ERYSIPELAS	skin disease caused by an infection of the blood, aka St Anthony's Fire
FATTY LIVER	cirrhosis of the liver
FLUX	discharge of fluid from the body
FLUX OF HUMOR	circulation
GATHERING	a collection of pus
GLANDUALR FEVER	mononucleosis
GRIPPE	the flu; influenza
GROCEP'S ITCH	skin disease caused by mites in sugar and flour
HEART SICKNESS	condition caused by loss of salt from the body
HECTICAL COMPLAINT	recurrent fever
HEMATEMESIS	vomiting blood
HEMATURIA	bloody urine
HEMIPLEGY	paralysis of one side of the body
HORRORS	delirium tremens
HYDROCEPHALUS	dropsy of the brain, water on the brain
HYDROPERICARDIUM	heart dropsy
HYDROPHOBIA	fear of water, rabies
HYDROTHORAX	dropsy in the chest
HYERTROPY OF HEART	enlarged heart
IMPETIGO	contagious skin disease characterised by pustules
INFANTILE PARALYSIS	polio
INTESTINAL COLIC	abdominal pain due to improper diet
JAIL FEVER	typhus
JAUNDICE	condition caused by blockage of the intestines
KEUCHHUSTEN	whooping cough
KING'S EVIL	scrofula



Merry Christmas!



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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Books (postage cost on application)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 5.00
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$15.00
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions	1985-1995	\$15.00
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1879-1995	\$30.00
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$20.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1881-1997	\$30.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$15.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$20.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1872-1994	\$40.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$15.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$15.00

Microfiche (postage included)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 4.00
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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