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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".

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HAPPY



Well we are into a new year, century and millennium. I hope it is a terrific one for everybody. I hope those elusive ancestors show up and that many mysteries are solved.

One of my resolutions is to really get stuck into finding out about the death of my ggg grandfather. In this issue of *On Track*. I'll be asking for some ideas on how to go about that. If other members have some problem they'd like published, in future editions, then get the details to me I'll print it and hopefully set some minds working on it for you.

Our last meeting brought to light some interesting stories about members' ancestry. Bob and Rod claimed the ancestor who settled in the most remote area. Believe it or not they settled in the same place! And no they are not related. Claire was the only one who could claim she was related to nobility and she also has six sets of twins in her family tree. Mavis took the prize for having researched the longest, since 1963! The earliest settler was one of Carol's ancestors and Florence's convict ancestor took 12 years to get his ticket of leave. These things, along with the fact that Helen has 12 grandchildren, were learnt throughout the night.

On the business side of things a 30 minute time limit for using the computer is now in place, if more than one person wishes to use it. We are looking at replacing our unreliable microfiche readers and have been in touch with a supplier. There is also a possibility that another computer will be purchased.

For your
Diary

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2000

27 January	27 July
24 February	24 August
23 March	28 September
27 April	26 October
25 May	23 November
22 June	

There is a chance the meeting time and day could change, during winter, if by doing so more people would venture out. If you have an opinion on this please let the committee members know.

A reminder that the GSV opens on the Sunday following the last Saturday of the month. This does sound confusing doesn't it? So in a nutshell the GSV will be open on the following Sundays between 10am and 3pm.

30 January
27 February
26 March
30 April
28 May
25 June

30 July
27 August
1 October
29 October
26 November

The GSV is now part of the Seniors Card Program. Card holders will receive a 10% discount on membership renewals and new members will receive a one off \$15 discount which applies to the joining fee and one year's membership.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE MOVE - UPDATE AND SUMMARY

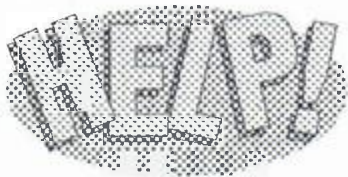
- The records you are most likely to need will be available as usual at least until mid Feb 2000.
- Before you visit, check the availability of the records you want by using the website <www.provic.vic.gov.au> or phoning toll free **1800 657 452**
- Records already moved to North Melbourne will be available, but you need to visit a search room to order them.
- The Laverton Search Room will close by April 2000 but you can then conduct your research in the City Search Room.

By arrangement, volumes and large format records that have been moved can be viewed at North Melbourne.

From
The Advertising Times,
September 1862.
Printed and Published
by George Romeril

WILLIAM TILL,
NIGHTMAN
BILL POSTER & BELLMAN,
(Late F. Batchelder.)
HIGH STREET, PRAHRAN.

Nearly opposite the Duke of York Hotel.
BEGBS to inform the public that he still continues
to Cleanse Water Closets and remove rubbish,
at the lowest possible charge.



Well I'm going to make a start on my main genealogical goal for this year, which is to find out a date, place and any other details of **the death of my ggg grandfather, John COLLET.** I am asking readers for some ideas

of where to look and how to go about achieving this goal. Here's the story so far.

John Collet, born in France (St Malo), married Ellen Hayes in Melbourne in 1856. They had the following children;

- 1.Mary Ann, birth registered 1857 in Melb, died <1869
- 2.Catherine, birth registered 1858 in Melb
- 3.John, birth registered 1860 in Melbourne
- 4.Ellen, birth unregistered but about 1862, died most likely <1864
- 5.Thomas, birth unregistered but about 1863
- 6.Ellen, birth unregistered but about 1864
- 7.Margaret, birth registered 1869 in Yarra Flats.

Ellen Hayes/Collet, widow, married John Tooley, widower, in 1872, at Lilydale. So I presume that John Collet has died prior to 1872 but can not find him in the death indexes or probates. I will certainly be checking the new inquest indexes again, once I get near the recently released CD Rom. Ellen's 2nd marriage certificate clearly states that she was widowed in September 1863. But this can't be as he supposedly fathered four children since then! (It also says that she has three living and three deceased children, but that's another problem to solve, another time.) So where do I go from here? Well I have written to the Healsville and District Historical Society and they checked some cemetery records which didn't really go back early enough and now I don't know where to go or what to do. I would be grateful if any readers have any ideas for me.

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Members, feel free to share one of your genealogical problems in these pages.



Who's Surfing Where!

I have had no contributions for this column these last two months so thought I'd print the websites which were popular among the the readers of Eatman's Online Genealogy who voted in the annual 'Best of the Web' competition.

According to the readers of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, the best genealogy site on the World Wide Web is the Hessen Web site at

<http://users.rootsweb.com/~deuhes/Hessen/index.htm>

One look at this site will show why anyone with German ancestry, especially Hessen ancestry, will find this site so useful. Hessen (or Hesse in German) during the 19th century was a region of Germany with fluctuating boundaries. It was situated somewhat west of mid-central Germany on today's maps. Today there are hundreds of cities, towns, and villages in the Federal German State of Hessen. However, anyone with ancestry from another part of Germany will still find a lot of resources on this site. A counter on this site shows more than 704,000 visitors in the past two years.

Webmaster Don Watson has obviously put a lot of thought and many, many hours into the logical layout of this site. The following is a brief list of some of the items I found available at the site this week:

- * A very brief explanation of German history
- * Information about the German Empire, 1871-1945
- * History of 16 modern German states
- * "How to" information for the newcomer
- * Maps
- * Hessen Query Board * Links to other German query boards
- * The Hessen Club
- * German Cities and Towns on the Internet
- * German music
- * The Hesse-L mailing list

- * Information on other German genealogy mailing lists
- * A German Language Mailing List will be launched soon

Many of the sections listed above are actually on other sites and connected by links. The Hessen Web site serves as a central point for German genealogy research.

- Other Great Genealogy Sites on the Web

While only one site can claim the title of having the most votes cast for the Readers' Choice Award, there are many other great genealogy-related sites on the World Wide Web. All of these deserve an honorable mention; they all have great information and have gathered enthusiasts. Here is a list of other sites that received a lot of votes in this poll:

Second Place: RootsWeb.com at <http://www.rootsweb.com> - This site proclaims "Hundreds of gigabytes (millions of pages) of free genealogy data, with more added every day. Over 6 million individuals on file in RootsWeb's WorldConnect Project." It is interesting to note that RootsWeb also hosts the Hessen site that was voted number one. If the Hessen votes were combined with the other RootsWeb votes, the result would have been more votes than the next three Web sites combined.

Third Place: Genealogy Exchange & Surname Registry at: <http://www.genexchange.com> - Quoting from the Web site: "The Genealogy Exchange & Surname Registry, simply put, is a genealogical data exchange where visitors and researchers alike can go to find specific persons, and exchange specific data with one another. The GenExchange is one of the two or three largest non-commercial genealogy projects on the Internet and is a community effort where visitors and project volunteers can contribute data for the free use of others. The mission of the GenExchange is to further our goal of ensuring permanent free access to as much raw genealogical data as possible."

Fourth Place: The huge databases offered by the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** at: <http://www.familysearch.org> - I suspect that everyone uses this site. The Mormon Church has spent a lot of money to put much of their information on line and they don't even ask for reimbursement.

Fifth Place: **Cyndi's List** at <http://www.cyndislist.com> - The winner of the first and second annual awards, this great resource continues to have many fans.

All of the above sites are to be congratulated on their superb work. We genealogists are fortunate to have them.

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The following article also appeared in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.

Australian Census to Preserve Personal Information

Everyone seems concerned these days about personal privacy. This is a two-edge sword for genealogists, as we want to know more about our ancestors' lives. Therefore, we should be interested in preserving information about our lives so that our descendants can learn about us. The quandary is: How to do this in a manner that protects privacy today and yet ensures easy access after we are gone?

The next Australian census may have discovered the answer. Residents have the option of having their personal information retained for future studies, including genealogy. The keyword here is "optional." The following is from the Australian Census Web site:

The Minister for Financial Services & Regulation, Joe Hockey, today [17 December 1999] announced that the next National Census of Population and Housing will be retained by the National Archives and released for research purposes in 100 years.

The next Census will be held on Tuesday August 7, 2001.

In the 2001 Census, Australians will have the choice of having their name-identified and data retained.

"This is a one-off for the celebration of the centenary of Federation."

"It will provide a fantastic snapshot of Australians at this time for Australians of coming centuries," the Minister said.

"People choosing to have their data retained can do so with the full confidence their information will be protected. The Australian Archives will be the agency responsible for the secure storage and release of the information," the Minister said.

The 2001 Census content has been prepared following extensive consultation. Public meetings and bilateral discussions with major users of census data were held in all capital cities

The Census will contain 53 questions, one more than in 1996. The census form will remain unchanged at 16 pages and the time needed by householders to complete the form will be similar to the 1996 Census.

"Three new questions will be included for the 2001 Census: one question on ancestry and two on the use of computer technology at home."

The Census's main objective is to measure the number and certain key characteristics of the people in Australia on Census night.

This provides a reliable basis for estimating the population of each State/Territory and local government area, primarily for electoral purposes and the distribution of government funding.

The Census provides the quality statistical foundation for a vast array of information used in informed decision-making.

My thanks to Faye Guthrie for letting me know about the 2001 Australian Census.

Genealogical Taglines

From Australian Family Tree Connections February 1998

Hunting season is all year long in genealogy

My ancestors must be in the witness protection program!

My problems are all relative

Whoever said 'seek and ye shall find' was NOT a genealogist!

NEWSLETTER NOTES

We now receive a newsletter from the N.S.W
Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

You can find the **Nathalia Members' Interest** in
Red Gum Tree of October 1999.



The Summer *Ancestor* includes some **International Sites on the Web.**

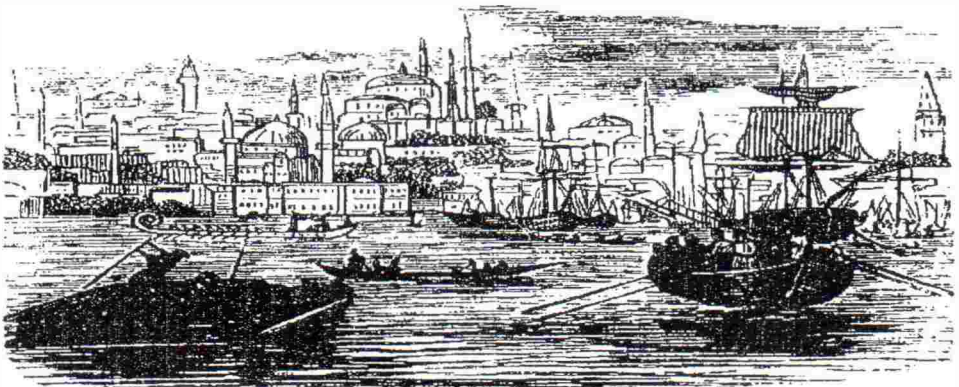
The Mail (Descendants of Convicts), Nov-Dec 1999, has an article, **Sources in the National Archives of Scotland.**

Mallee Scratchings, No. 20, begins **The Story Of Ouyen.**

The Pivot Tree (Geelong), October 1999, is always a good read and in this issue is a list of **Melbourne Cemeteries** and information on them. There is also a list of **Immigration and Convict Terms.**

Seven Creeks Secrets (Euroa), November 1999, gives their website and email addresses. <<http://www.vicnet.au/egg/>> and <eggs56@hotmail.com> respectively.

One of their members also recommends a book for those interested in the conditions aboard ships to Australia. The book is **Shipboard Diaries 1852-1870** by Andrew Hassam. The book contains eight diaries written by working class men and women, who sailed to Australia.



The Family At War is the theme for the AFFHO, Aug 1999 Newsletter. It includes articles on the **Red Cross, Women, Darwin and Prisoners of War in Europe and Asia**. Another article **'Defence Service Records Held in the National Archives of Australia'** informs readers which records have been kept and how we can access them.

In another article **'Netting our Military Ancestors'** an address for a web page, which includes **a selection of addresses to begin your military research**, is given. It is <http://carmen.murdoch.edu.au/community/dps/military/links>. If you wish to subscribe to **a mailing list for anyone with an interest in Australia's military history from 1788 to present** send a message to:

AUS-MILITARY-L-request@rootsweb.com

that contains (in the body of the message) the command:

subscribe

and no additional text.

Belfast Genies, (Port Fairy) Spring 1999, includes **Sampford Brett Burials** and items on **Archaic Words and Phrases, English/Irish names, nicknames and surnames**.

The Nov 1999 newsletter of the Echuca/Moama FHG has an article on the **Echuca District Hospital**.

The Hughenden and District FHS newsletter, Sep 1999, has lots of lists, stories and articles pertaining to that local area.

EARLY MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DISEASES

CONTINUED

Lock Jaw	tetanus
Lung Fever	pneumonia
Lung Sickness	tuberculosis
Marasmus	condition caused by malnutrition or intestinal disease
Meningitis	inflammation of the brain or spinal cord
Miasma	poisonous vapors thought to infect the air
Milk Fever	fever which affects lactating women



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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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