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History Society Inc.



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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.

Membership Fees 00/01: Single \$20; Family \$25
Library: gold coin donation per visit for non-members

Our library is open to the public Wednesday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm. Volunteers from our group are available to assist with research at this time.

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

The AGM, as usual, took place in July. Sandra Dumble has taken over the reins as President and Raymond Hough as Vice. Mavis has changed roles to Secretary. Other positions have been retained by those who held them last year (see facing page). A big thanks to Jenny and Irene for their work as President and Secretary over the last couple of years.

From the various reports at the meeting it is clear that things have been happening over the last twelve months, thanks to various people within our group. There is always room for others to help out too so if you wish to be involved let someone know.

Fees are now due! Single **\$20.00** Family **\$25.00** See David at the next meeting or fill in the enclosed form and post it along with your cheque or money order to:

Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc., PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840

One fiche reader
A second computer

Books

Log of Logs Vol 3 by Ian Nicholson

CDs

Immigration to Victoria 1852-1879

Index to Victorian Inquests

**Victorian Federation Index 1889-1901*

**Victorian Edwardian Index 1902-1913*

**Victorian Great War Index 1914-1920*

* kindly donated by Don Tylee

New in the Traralgon LDS Family History Library

Fiche

Index to Victorian Inquests

1891 census for most of Liverpool, especially around Toxteth Park



Welcome to new members Joy Barrett, Toni Semple and Victor Breadon.

Joy is researching her **Lewis** family. They arrived in Australia pre 1862 from Wales. How and when is still a mystery. Her grandfather was **Hugh Lewis**, the son of **Richard Lewis** (born Wales) and **Catherine Hughes**. Hugh married **Susan Thomas**, 1862 in Bendigo. Susan was born 1844 in Breage, Cornwall, England to **Josiah** and **Margaret Thomas**. They arrived possibly in 1854.

Thomas Lewis, son of Hugh and Susan, was born ?1880, Bendigo, Vic and married **Katie Scudamore**, 1926, Collingwood Vic.

Katie's family migrated to Australia 1880. Parents, William and Mary (nee Kelly) Katie was born 1885, Prahan, Vic.

Joy's father, **Tasman Lewis**, was born 1910, Richmond, Victoria, and was bought up by his maternal grandmother, till he was 12. He did not know anything about his family background except they came from Wales. He died in 1989 and his three brothers died shortly after.

Joy Barrett ajay@net-tech.com.au

Toni's research interests are as follows:

Semple, Brooks & Green.

John **Semple** m. Mary Ann Snowden 1860 Auckland NZ

Children – Theodore b. 1862 Matakana NZ. Possibly more. They moved to Australia not long after this.

Theodore m. Mary Sterling abt. 1891/2 in Melbourne.

Children – Catherine b.1893 Melbourne (died young), Francis b. 1897 Melbourne, Charles b. 1899 Coburg, Catherine b. 1903.

There is a family story that a Semple changed his name from Mueller? to Semple. This Semple originally came from Germany.

Robert Brooks (b. Adelaide) m Emily Ansell (b. Lake Hindmarsh) in 1893 Melb.?

Children - Ivy, Lawrence, Burditt, Eva, Ida, May, Alfred, Gordon, Clifton, Daisy, Mavis, Myrtle, and Unice. They were all born around Woorak, Nhill area. The Brooks family are of Cornish descent.

James Dunstan Green m. Anna Jane Munro.

Children - Kathleen, Charles, Leonard, James, Albert, William, Silas, Lillian, Leo, Robert. They were all born and raised around the Buangor area.

Toni would love any help in researching these families.

Toni Semple t_semple@i-o.net.au

Have you saved your photos yet? At our May meeting Sharon Wooton spoke about safe photo storage. As most of us know magnetic photo albums (those where you pull a plastic sheet back and place your photo on to the adhesive covered page) are our photos' worst enemy. She gave some tips on getting stubborn photos out of such albums.

- 1 Carefully slide dental floss under the photo and gently move it back and forth
- 2 Cut the page out of the album and open it out (it is just a piece of cardboard folded in half) so the photos are face down. Pull the backing away from the pictures You may need to use a sharp knife or peel the backing off layer by layer.
- 3 If all else fails get out the blow dryer and on the lowest setting blow the front of the photos until the adhesive loosens.

Sharon showed us creative ways of keeping our photos and sells a range of photo friendly products. She is conducting workshops on Sunday 27th August at the Newborough Scout Hall, Tuesday September 19th at 1 Railway Crescent, Moe and Sunday 24th September at Newborough Scout Hall. Each workshop runs from 12.30 - 4.30 and costs \$10.00. She is also holding a special Fathers' Day workshop on Sunday 10th September at 1 Railway Crescent, Moe, 10.30 - 5.00. Includes sentiment album, papers, selection of stickers, use of all hardware and a lovely box for presentation. Cost \$55.00. For further information on workshops or products phone Sharon on 5127 3693

At our June meeting Carolyn Landon spoke about her experiences writing Daryl Tonkin's story in her very successful book *Jackson's Track*.

Who's Surfing Where!

Madam President

I have found a website which contains 2% of the 1851 Census in the UK. It is worth a look. You do need to unzip the files to read them. The address is <<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/sheila.jones/cininfo.htm>>



Claire

<<http://www.iol.net.au/~conway/index.html>>

This site intends to cover the history of Australia's armed services in the various wars that Australians have participated in since settlement in 1788. This site looks at the people, places and events that have made Australia's military record something to be proud of. For a nation with such a small population, Australian efforts have been spectacular in both World War One and Two. Not only having important roles, their actions have often changed the course of the war, and in doing so, changed the future of the World.



Bob suggests

Anybody with racing(horse) in their history get onto the web site of the Racing Museum of Caulfield. It's a beauty!

<<http://www.racingmuseum.com.au>>

From Carol's Collection

Carol continues to find some hot sites and information from
Wonthaggi Genealogy's 'The Web' Newsletter.

Including the following

The Anzac Research Website now has a new website address.

The new address is <<http://diggerz.org/users/anzacs>>

== AUS-MILITARY Mailing List ==

Anzac Research

<<http://anzacresearch.tripod.com/index.htm>>

<<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>>

FREE BDM sites for researching NEW SOUTH WALES.

The search is available in 10 year periods

Births 1788 - 1905

Marriages & Deaths 1788 - 1945

PEERAGE

Royal Genealogy Page

Excellent site to explore the many links.
This site contains where available complete
BDM & Descendants lists.

<[http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/genealogy/
royal/gedFx.html](http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/genealogy/royal/gedFx.html)>

Alphabetical Listing by FORENAMES
OR

<[http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/genealogy/
royal/gedx.html](http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/genealogy/royal/gedx.html)>

Alphabetical Listing by SURNAMES



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The following has also been forwarded by Carol, from 'The Web'

Finding information about your convict

... If your convict was tried at the Old Bailey (Middlesex) you may well find a copy of the trial at the Mitchell Library in Sydney on microfilm. Other major libraries may also have them and others may be able to assist there.

If your convict was tried in England (other than the Old Bailey) check the Indent for the trial details. If tried at the Assizes Court then the Public Records Office (PRO) in England may have the records...if tried at the Quarter Sessions then the Country Record Office may hold those records. You may find that local newspapers of the particular area covered the crime also.

When a convict was convicted he/she may have been sent to a Hulk awaiting transportation - check the Hulk Returns 1783 - 1818 at the Archives Office in NSW For the voyage to Australia check the Surgeon Superintendents Journals 1785 - 1856 at the Archives Office NSW. On arrival of the convict - check the Assignment and distributions lists for convict ships at the Archives Office of NSW. A convict on arrival may have been sent to work on/for

1. Iron/Road Gang
2. Private individual
3. Government work with official or private

For Irish convicts you may find information at the Society of Genealogy in Sydney - Irish Transportation Index 1780 - 1870 .. but may also find brief information on the Irish 'gift' to Australia (web site). Peter Mayberry aka 'shaking shocker' may enlarge on this subject dear to his heart and his web site is at:

< <http://www.pcug.org.au/~ppmay/> >

On the topic of convicts Toni suggests
<www.standard.net.au/~jwilliams/cons.htm>

From the online newsletters of
Southern Cross Genealogy and
Richard Eastman



NSW STATE RECORDS-IMMIGRANTS

<<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>>

The index to assisted immigrants arriving in Sydney 1860-79.
has been added to this site.

A DATABASE of MINING DEATHS in GREAT BRITAIN
Compiled by Ian Winstanley

<<http://wkweb5.cableinet.co.uk/ian.winstanley/index.htm>>

The database is probably the most comprehensive that is available. As of today there are over 70,700 names of people who died or suffered injury in the mines of Great Britain from 1850 to 1908. You can search for the name of your relative in the LIST of NAMES, trace a family name or find how many deaths there were at a particular colliery or county.

Online Timelines

<http://www.ourtimelines.com/>

OurTimeLines.com offers personalized web pages that show how your life (or the life of anyone else you choose, such as ancestors) fits into history.

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Passengers On Line - 1844

<<http://www.bloxland.com/ozships/>>

Peter Larsen has just placed passenger lists for 1844 on-line. There are several thousand names on this bonzer site, for around 600 ships.

Notice

21 June 2000

Public Record Office Victoria

RECORDS TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

The relocation of records from our Laverton Repository to the new repository at Victorian Archives in North Melbourne has started.

Over the next three to six months all records will become unavailable for short periods. Each week we will produce lists of records that are unavailable in the coming week. You can examine the lists at the Melbourne Archives Centre, the Ballarat Search Room or through the 'What's New' page on our web-site

✕ (<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>).

Contact us with any queries by:

- email ask.prov@dpc.vic.gov.au
- telephone (03) 9285 7999 or toll free 1800 657 452
- fax (03) 9285 7953
- mail Reference Services
Public Record Office Victoria
PO Box 2100
North Melbourne VIC 3051.

Notice

Public Record Office Victoria

Current Services through the
Melbourne Archives Centre

Ordering Records:

All records are stored either at the Laverton Repository or in our new Victorian Archives in North Melbourne. All file based records can be retrieved for your use at the Melbourne Archives Centre. For research using volumes, large format and fragile records we will make space available either at the Laverton or North Melbourne repositories where such records can be consulted.

To order records you need to provide:

- Your name
- Your researcher number (you can register on your first visit)

And for each record item you want:

- VPRS number and Consignment number (e.g. VPRS 24/P0, VPRS 7591/P2 etc)
- Unit number (usually box number)
- File reference (note that if your research requires it we will issue whole boxes)

You can order records in person at the Melbourne Archives Centre or by:

- email ask.prov@dpc.vic.gov.au
- fax (03) 9285 7953
- mail Reference Services
Public Record Office Victoria
PO Box 2100
North Melbourne VIC 3051

You can order up to 20 items at any one time.

Four items ordered before 10:30 am Monday to Friday will be available the same day after 2:30 pm. Additional items are delivered four items per delivery, in two deliveries per day. You therefore need to give us about three days to deliver 20 items to the Melbourne Archives Centre.

If you have special needs that our standard services don't satisfy, or if you have suggestions about our services, please contact us.

NEWSLETTER NOTES

In *Wonthaggi Genealogy*, June 2000, read excerpts from 'Immigrants Guide to Australia' published Liverpool, England, 1853.

Heyfield Family History Group's June newsletter has articles on the meaning of property names in Cowarr and some history on Lake Tarli Karng, Glenmaggie, Glenfalloch and Glencairn.



The newsletter of the South Gippsland Genealogical Society, June 2000, compares wages and cost of living 1939, 1951, 1993, focuses on Kardella, Kardella South and Ruby State Schools and shows Australian state and territorial boundaries 1788-1931.

Some admissions to Melbourne Protestant Orphan Asylum 1853-1863 are listed in *Red Gum Tree* (Nathalia), May 2000. It also lists some Gloucestershire web sites and give the address for a new website for north east Victoria

<<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surrealAVNE>>

GUM, June 2000 'Researching the Korean War on the Internet'

Furphy Murmurs (Shepparton), May 2000, gives a web site address for those interested in mining accidents in Victoria

<www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/miners.htm>

The group is also seeking information on early families of Shepparton and District.

You will find a list of some German occupations in *The Crossing Place*, (Casino & District), June 2000.

We have received the Members' Interest of the Benalla & District Family History Group.

Wattlebark (Maryborough), Winter 2000, gives details of the Family & Local History Fair to be held on the 2nd September. Has articles on the **Bendigo Library** and *The Emigrants Friend*, published 1848.

The Mt Isa group advises us that due to high costs we will no longer be receiving their newsletter. It is still being printed for members.

From the **NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages** newsletter, May 2000, some interesting statistics on their internet site.

- from 12/3/2000 to 20/5/2000 the website has had about 2.65 million "hits"
- done about 1.34 million searches an average of 800 per hour
- most active day was 25/4/2000 (Anzac Day), with over 25000 searches performed
- the most active countries (in terms of where the people looking at the site came from)

1. Australia
2. United States
3. UK
4. New Zealand (Aotearoa)
5. Canada

Also in the same newsletter, the following

BIRTH RECORDS OF EXNUPTIAL CHILDREN

I have often been asked why a birth record has been typed rather than a photograph of the certificate being issued. While there are other reasons, one the most common is the display of the word "illegitimate". Legislation does not permit the Registry to issue a certified copy with this displayed.

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A point that was recently raised was that the by issuing a record without "illegitimate" displayed, the Registry was omitting vital information, and that genealogists could be going to great lengths looking for the parents' marriage which may not exist. The details recorded on the birth should indicate this.

When a child is born, it is required that one parent comes forward and registers the child. In the case where parents are married to one another, the parent is required to supply details of both parents and marriage details. These are then recorded on the birth certificate.

When a child is born exnuptial, that is the parents are not married to one another, to enable the father's details to be recorded the father is required to come forward and sign to say he is the father. (if no father is recorded, then no marriage details are either)

When a birth is registered with no father's details or parent marriage details, these columns on the birth record are left blank, and in early times, it was a practice of the Registrars to include the word "illegitimate". This practice ceased in 1934, and births registered since then do not contain this. The fact that the birth is registered without father's details and parent marriage details, indicate the circumstances at birth, without "illegitimate" needing to be displayed.

It is the legislation that governs both historical and non-historical registrations, and as you can imagine, many of us would feel uncomfortable producing our own birth certificate if it contained "illegitimate" displayed.

I am always in need of contributions for this newsletter. If you have any item, big or small, catch up with me at meetings, at home (5 Murray Road, Yallourn North, 3825, ph 5167 1784) or, ideally, via email sbyrne@i-o.net.au

EARLY MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DISEASES CONTINUED

Stoma titis	inflammation of the mouth
Stranger's Fever	yellow fever
Sudor Anglicus	sweating sickness
Summer Complaint	diarrhea
Sweating Sickness	infectious & fatal disease common to the UK in the 15th century
Tetanus	infectious fever characterised by high fever, headache and dizziness
Thrombosis	blood clot inside a blood vessel
Thrush	childhood disease characterised by white spots on the mouth, lips and throat
Toxemia of Pregnancy	eclampsia
Tussis Convulsia	whooping cough
Typhus	infectious fever characterised by high fever, headache and dizziness
Viper's Dance	see saint vitus' dance
Winter Fever	pneumonia

— Joan Brane 1997 —

Can you relate to these gems?

Thanks to Wes for passing them on.

- ◆ My family coat of arms ties at the back....is that normal?
- ◆ My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.
- ◆ My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
- ◆ Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
- ◆ My hobby is genealogy, I raise dust bunnies as pets.
- ◆ How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??



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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Books (postage cost on application)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$5.50
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$16.50
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions	1985-1995	\$16.50
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1879-1995	\$33.00
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$22.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1881-1997	\$33.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$22.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1872-1994	\$44.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$16.50
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$16.50

Microfiche (postage included)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 4.40
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$ 8.80
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Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	1879-1995	\$16.50
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$11.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	1881-1997	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$ 8.80
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$ 7.70
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$ 8.80
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$ 7.70
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	1872-1994	\$27.50
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$11.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$5.50

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