

ON TRACK

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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

New members: I have missed a couple of meetings and been out of the country for a couple of weeks so feel a little out of touch with things at the moment. I have however noticed some new names on our membership list. Welcome to Lesley Langdon, Rose O'Neil, Barry Warner, Glenn Watkins and Robert Williams. We wish you well in your research.

Fees: A reminder that fees for July 2000-July 2001 are now overdue. The next edition of 'On Track' will only be available to financial members.

Housekeeping: As the end of the year approaches Bob asks that you return all library books (by the end of November please).

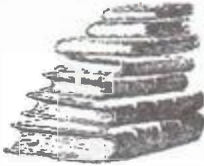
Pam is organising the roster for next year's library duty. If you are able to help out one Wednesday afternoon every couple of months let her, or one of the committee, know as soon as possible.

Cemeteries: We need a coordinator for our cemetery projects. Over the years members of our group have done a terrific job indexing and transcribing cemeteries in the local area, see our list of publications on the back page. There is still work being done on Yallourn, Boolarra and Erica and there is a need for someone to coordinate this work if we are to get them completed. Eddie and Florence are experienced and available for advice and guidance in this role and Eddie assures us that all the hard yakka of setting things up etc. has been done. He also says that seeing the finished publications is very rewarding. Think about where we, as family historians, would be without family history societies doing this sort of work. Give it some thought and do it if it sounds like your cup of tea.

At the November meeting a date will be set for proof reading at Yallourn cemetery. The more the merrier. If you are not at the meeting make an effort to find out the arrangements and get involved.

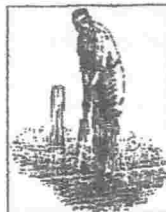


Horsfall: We are seeking one of our members who entered the surname Horsfall in the 1999 surname register of Australian Family Tree Connections. We entered our names as a group but we have misplaced our list telling us which individuals entered which names. We have received a letter regarding the entry of Horsfall. If it was you see Mavis.



Library: Bob has been busy getting our catalogue on to computer. Probably at the January meeting he will have the floor and show us all about it and other aspects of the library.

Memorabilia: The Memorabilia show and tell at October's meeting was very interesting with members sharing some weird and wonderful things. Carol brought along some lace from her grandmother's 1928 wedding dress. Greg showed a newspaper report and photo from the turn of the century about his test cricketer grandfather. An Indian weapon and accompanying letters from 1888 were Pam's offerings. Irene showed an assortment of things including camphor beads from the Boxer War in China and a writing desk. This had some writing on the lid which was interesting mentioning names, addresses, ships and dates. Mavis showed her great grandfather's 1865 Lodge membership certificate. Sandra's bag of goodies included an interesting little clock which belonged to her 3rd great grandfather Rankin. Anyone who knows anything about clocks see Sandra as she is interested in finding out more about it. David brought his own little museum along with diaries, whisky flasks and more and Rod also brought along a collection of items ranging from cuff links and a pocket watch to copies of the Dublin Penny Journal from 1832-3. I showed a composite photo from 1909 which was given to the families of the fishing crew of 'The Orme' who were lost at sea off the coast between Lakes Entrance and Mallacoota.



How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE?? I finished the last newsletter with this little saying and after reading this I think Pam can relate to it with Charles or James or whoever he was. Read on.

'Talk about modern relationships making things difficult, what about this!

ELIZABETH WOODCOCK

In London about 1836 Elizabeth **Woodcock** was born to Joseph **Woodcock**, a chair-maker, and Elizabeth **Burdett**.

In 1852 Elizabeth **Woodcock** married in London, but was it to Charles **Hiam**, brick-layer or James **Oxley**, woodturner or were they actually the same person?

Elizabeth and her husband and son Charles **Hiam**, born about 1852, came to Australia between 1853 and 1856.

In 1856 Mary Ann **Hiam** was born at Collingwood and died the same year.

Margaret **Hiam** was born at Emerald Hill in 1857, but I believe she died as Mary Ann **Oxley** in 1874 aged 17. On Elizabeth's death certificate there is a Mary Ann aged 14 in 1872 but no Margaret.

1859 Elizabeth **Hiam** was born at Collingwood but died in 1861 as Elizabeth **Oxley**.

Emma was born in 1861 as Emma Oxley **Hiam**, her birth certificate gives her father as Charles **Hiam**, bricklayer. Her marriage and death certificates give her father as James **Oxley**.

In 1863 Elizabeth **Oxley** was born in Melbourne, 1865 Rose Grace **Hiam** was born in Melbourne. George must have been born about 1870 but I can find no record of this.

Charles **Hiam** born about 1852 married Mary Annie **Ward**. Their first child, born 1875 was registered as Charles James Oxley **Hiam**, and on his death also in 1875 the father was Charles James **Oxley**. Charles and Mary Annie subsequently moved to N. S.W. where they had several more children. Charles died in 1898 in Newcastle Hospital, as Charles **Hiam**, woodturner, aged 48. The cause of death was uraemia, convulsions following on the diseased state of the kidneys and accelerated by intemperance. An inquest was held into his death. Two of his children were living when he died, Elizabeth, 20 and Charles E. 12.

Elizabeth **Woodcock** died as Elizabeth **Oxley** on December 31, 1872, of pneumonia. The informant was the Hall Porter at the Melbourne Hospital. He said she had been 19 years in Victoria, and was married in London to James **Oxley** when she was 16. The children named on her death certificate were Charles, 18, Mary Ann, 14, Emma, 10, Rose, 6 and George, 2. Elizabeth was buried at the General Cemetery, Melbourne as a pauper in a common grave, in Section LL. These graves were then covered and more people buried on top.

A James **Oxley** died in 1894 aged 64 at C.Hill Lun. Asy. I have yet to verify if this is our James. Sands Directory of 1904 lists a George **Oxley**, woodturner at 136 Leicesters St. Carlton. This could possibly be Elizabeth's youngest child.

Who's Surfing Where!

Claire's contribution

Index of the Echuca Technical School registers of female enrolments.

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~emfhistory/tech1.htm>

Girls were permitted to attend for dressmaking & drafting classes after they had turned 14 yrs. This index gives Register No. and Surname, Christian or given name, date of birth, date of enrolment, parent's name, residence of parent & prior school attended. The earliest date of birth is 1913 and the latest is 20.01.1939.



Florence's Favourites

The new address for Florence's web page is
<http://vic.australis.com.au/florenceb>

Here, amongst other links, you will find
<http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/nzsoghamilton/australi.htm>

for Australian FH Research

Lost London Street Index at
<http://members.aol.com/Whall95037/london.html>

From Carol's Collection

Carol passes on the following about Wonthagi Genealogy's popular and informative internet newsletter. THE WEB has a new home page and many updated sites and information the new address is
<http://wonthaggi.genealogy.cjb.net/>

If you wish to become a member send an email to
noelene@ompac.net.au

The following sites are a selection from The Web
Launceston Courier 1841-1843

Located at

<http://www.nla.gov.au/ferg/issn/14401436.html>

A site which is part of the Australian Periodical Publications 1841 -1845, there is down-Loadable (In adobe .pdf form) micro-filmed copies of the Launceston Courier 1841 - 1843 via "The Australian Cooperative Digitisation Project"

Free BDM sites:

Tasmania Australia 1803 - 1899

<http://pioneers.tased.edu.au/>

England, Wales & Scotland (some Ireland)

Enter name, then enter All Districts

This site is being constantly updated.

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl>

World F.H. Surname Register

Check register to see if your family name is recorded,
also add your name for others to contact you.

<http://e-genealogy.co.uk/>

IRELAND National Archives

The database can now be searched on-line
<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/search01.html>

Western Australia

Research on this site covers, Shipping & Cemeteries
searchable database
<http://www.benet.net.au/~brandis/gendata/index.html>

The Internet Family History Association of Australia

<http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/ifhaa/>

Following is information about this group.

"The Internet Family History Association of Australia (IFHAA) was launched on 1 January 1999 by two internet savvy Genealogical researchers, Scott Brown and Cathy Dunn. The perceived role of the IFHAA was to act as a gateway or starting point to the internet for researchers interested in Australian genealogical and local history research. It was also intended that the IFHAA be a central repository for researchers to share the results of their research with others.

To achieve these aims the web site incorporates different categories of pages including Biographies, Local Histories, Military records (including Role of Honour and a Military Register), Links to other sites of relevance to Australian Researchers and many other categories. Other roles served by the IFHAA include the set-up and running of Mailing Lists, Weekly Internet RelayChat (IRC) sessions, a listing of Members research interests and members pages and a certificate exchange. The IFHAA can also list researchers publications and set up on-line order forms for researchers to receive orders

for their publications directly from the Internet. The IFHAA is also host to a number of Family History Society web pages, the most recent FHS site to come on board was the Forbes Family History Society who launched their new web site, hosted by the IFHAA, in May 2000.

The IFHAA web site currently consists of nearly 300 pages and we have a total of 70 Mb of web space available to us. As of 1 June 2000 the IFHAA has over 900 members, most of whom have listed at least half a dozen of their surname research interests with us - these are available on the web site. Membership of the IFHAA, and access to the web site, is totally free of charge as the IFHAA is run by volunteers and the only costs currently involved with maintaining the web site is the time that volunteers put in.

The IFHAA is constantly in need of volunteers to manage different categories of the web site and a list of available positions is available on the web site. The majority of the pages on the web site are contributed to the IFHAA by it's members and the copyright of any work contributed to the IFHAA site remains with the contributing researcher.

The IFHAA site is sponsored and maintained by Ozgenie Research (<http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/ozgenie/>), authors of the Australian Colonists Series of CD-Roms, and the pages are hosted free of charge by Bizland (<http://www.bizland.com>).

The domain name [historyaustralia.org.au](http://www.historyaustralia.org.au) is registered to the IFHAA. Other sponsors of the IFHAA are CDs Web Design (<http://www.shoalhaven.net.au/~cathyd>) and Southern Cross Connect -Australia's Genealogy ISP (<http://www.southernx.com.au>)"

NEWSLETTER NOTES

This is just a selection of items from some of the newsletters we have received lately.

We have received the **Members' Interest** from the Southern Peninsula FHS Inc.

Terang and District Genealogical Society are seeking entries for a **Pioneer Register 1900-1926**. The details are in *Twigs and Branches*, Sept 2000.



Traceback (Sunbury), July 2000 contains their **members' interest** and part 2 of a **Beginners Guide**.

We now exchange newsletters with the Society of Australian Genealogists.

The **Origins Net** newsletter of August 2000 has information on the London Society of Genealogists indexes which will be put on the internet and an update of the Scots Origin records which now include deaths 1900-1924. The complete list of current Scots Origins index data is as follows

- Indexes to Old Parish Registers of births/baptisms and banns/marriages 1553-1854
- Indexes to Statutory Registers of births and marriages 1855-1899
- Indexes to Statutory Registers of deaths 1855-1924
- Indexes to Census records for 1891

www.origins.net/GRO

In Update no.5 (September 2000) from the **GSV** we are advised that their new web address is **www.gsv.org.au**

Email addresses are as follows:

Admin and normal contact **gsv@gsv.org.au**

Research department **research@gsv.org.au**

The AFFHO newsletter for August looks at the **Desperate and Destitute in Britain and Australia**.

The Pivot Tree (Geelong), July 2000 has articles on **Early Funeral Directors of Geelong, Burial Customs Through the Ages and Coachbuilders of Geelong**.

Hughenden & District FHS Inc. continue their vast array of articles on the local area. in their June magazine. A form for the Charters Towers and Dalrymple District Federation Register of Settlers 1900-1920 is also included.

GUM November lists **Continental European Research Sites on the Web** and some sites for translating paragraphs and words.

Sally Shine has passed on the following update from the
Traralgon LDS Family History Centre

The closing date that was listed was 20th Dec to re open 5th Feb 2001..... but

The Library is about to have renovations, which could start at the end of November, but no word has come through yet as to the start date. David Harkness did say that if people had films and the work began before the closing date. He would make special arrangements for them only, and by appointment.

The Western Australia deaths index has been purchased in fiche format and goes up into the 1950's, maybe 1958?

Many patrons have purchased fiche of the 1891 census, and the collection is getting very large. I have added the 1891 census for the whole of Liverpool, most is in the library and the rest are still coming from Salt Lake.



**Merry Christmas and all
the best for the new year.**



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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

All prices are inclusive of GST

Books (postage cost on application)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 5.50
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$16.50
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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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