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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 01/02: Single \$20; Family \$25 payable July
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.

Welcome to new members Carmel Petkovic and Alan Nothnagel.

Reading through other groups newsletters I have often noticed they mention members who have passed away and I have thought myself lucky that in the five years of doing this newsletter I have never had to do that. Well unfortunately my luck has run out and it is with great sadness that I must write that Pam Pratt is no longer with us. Pam passed away at the Latrobe Regional Hospital in April. Pam has been actively involved with our group for many years. She has held the position of secretary, helped in the library and coordinated and worked on the Wednesday roster. Pam was also a regular on local and Melbourne trips. She will be sadly missed.

State Library Tour this Saturday!

Wednesday roster: If you can spare some time on a Wednesday afternoon every now and then put your name on the library roster. Our resources are available to the public between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. but we need members to be present. If you are interested but not sure what is required or how it all works we can run a training session or two. Please consider.

Our photocopier is now available in the rooms. 20 cents per copy – put your money in the tin. Both computers are now connected to the printer you just need to make sure the switch corresponds to the computer tyou want to print off.

June 27th Meeting: School records with Ann Pawley. Please come along it would be great to see some more faces at meetings.

July 25th meeting: AGM and all committee positions become vacant. We will definitely be requiring a new president and newsletter person/team. Fees for 2002-2003 are also payable at this meeting.

Library news:

Wes has kindly donated the following books to our library.

Purvis for Survis, Mary Higgins

Yallourn Power Station, Colin Harvey

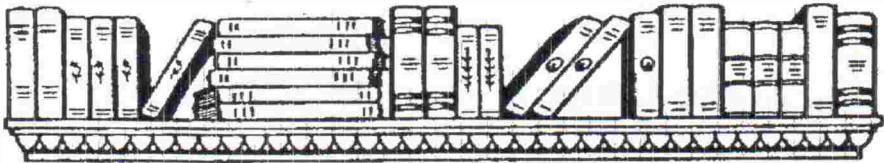
Our Yallourn, Lauris Stanger-Brill

The Old Brown Coal Mine, Kath Ringin

Yallourn Was, Prue McGoldrick

Across the Old Bush Track, Dorothy Squires-Taylor.

The *2002 Genealogical Research Directory* is also on the shelves



Value in Old Photographs

Ray Hough

Last year my sister, knowing that I was putting together a family history, gave me an old suit case that had belonged to my mother. In the case were hundreds of old photos and negatives which I spent many hours sorting through. Some I sent to a distant cousin in Bunbury, some to another cousin in Melbourne and others I kept. There were some that unfortunately I could not identify at all.

Among the many negatives in the case were two that looked very promising, as I recognised my father in one of them. I had these negatives, which were over 70 years old, developed and to my joy found that they had been taken in front of my parents' house in Balwyn, on the occasion of my sister's christening in 1929.

The most exciting thing about the photos is that they show me, for the first time, the house that my parents had to abandon during the Great Depression, unfortunately a fate shared by many others during that disastrous period. The main clue to positively identifying the house was the name plate on the wall, BENWICK, so named because my father was born in Bendigo and my mother was born in Brunswick.

Members Profile - Vicki Evans

When and why did you get started on your family history?

1992-My husband was interested in doing his family--after his death I went to the library to get started and then talked to my Mum.

Names researching:

Gill, Wakefield, Knight, Wright, Runnalls, Mitchell, Evans, Day, Harris

How far back have you researched?

1654

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

George and Ann Wright on the 10 January 1859 on the *Annie Wilson*.

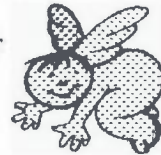
Who is your favourite ancestor? I seem to lean more towards my fathers parents, as they came from Cornwall and England has always intrigued me. Then I have my Mothers father, he came from Beechworth and there is an association with Ned Kelly, so they come out equal.

Most interesting find so far?

This is a hard one as things have been pretty run of the mill. No-one is more interesting than any others, unless you can say my Great grandfather is more interesting for making Joe Byrnes suit of armour. Nothing else has come up.

If the family tree wish fairy could give you the answer to one question which would it be?

That I could meet all my ancestors and pick their brains.



TREADWELL FAMILY REUNION

A Family Reunion of descendants and families of THOMAS and MARTHA (nee Hornblow) TREADWELL will be held on Saturday 12th October and Sunday 13th October 2002 at Geelong. Thomas and Martha arrived at Pt. Henry (Geelong) in 1849. Their surviving children were Maria (Mrs William RENSHAW), James (married Mary Jane CHING), Elizabeth (Mrs William PRATT), William (married Mrs. Mary Ann RILEY), Vincent (married Maria SAVAGE), Thomas (married Hannah Fanny COOK), John (married Agnes Fanny RILEY) and Martha Moriac (Mrs. Albert RILEY). Many of these families settled in Gippsland in the Poowong, Drouin, Warragul and Wonthaggi areas.

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Who's Surfing Where!

Wes

www.theshipslist.com/index.html

Bob

<http://art-science.com/agfhs/> this website holds several databases of info about Germans in England, and are particularly strong on the London area.

Sandra

Somerset and Dorset Family History centre are compiling a Dorset Migration Index. For more info or forms go to www.dorsetmigration.org.uk or www.sdfhs.org



Eastman's On Line Genealogy Newsletter 7th May

Scottish Archive Network

<http://www.scottishdocuments.com>

The Scottish Archive Network (SCAN) now has a complete index to all the registers of Scottish wills, which is available free of charge on their Web site. Digital images of the wills are being made available for purchase. The digitization project is underway now and is due for completion in early 2003.

Robyn

I haven't had a chance to try out the following sites but think they sound worth checking out.

Archives@Victoria

www.prov.vic.gov.au/archivesvictoria.

Through Archives@Victoria you can register as a PROV user, search PROV catalogues online and request and order records that you wish to view in one of their Reading Rooms.

The 'Web' the 'ONE-STOP-SHOP' for genealogists can be accessed at <http://wonthaggigenealogy.cjb.net>

The Port Phillip Herald

www.portphillipherald.archivepublisher.com

Every edition of *The Port Phillip Herald* between 1840-1860 has been electronically archived and you can search them on this site. It is not free. Subscription starts at \$25.00.

Email me some of your favourite sites!

MOE CENOTAPH INSCRIPTION

Erected by the residents of Moe and district in memory of the hereon named soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914-1919, World War II 1939-1945.

BELL. F

BLAIR. J. A

BRACHE. M. W

FRY. T

HALDEN. S.M

JONES. V. H

JONES. J. A

McCOLL. R

McGRATH. P

ROBERTSON. N

ST.AGG. J. L

STONE. C. E

SUTTON. G

WHITE. C. E

1939 - 1945

BLAIR. W. C

CLEGG. D. J

COOK. R

HARTLEY. R. A

LOW. R. C

MacRAE. H. J

MANNION. T. P

MILLAR. F

MOFFITT. W. R

MUNRO. E. L

PIPER. J. W

REES. T. C

SKINNER. S. G

SPITTALL. L. C

STAGG. J. L

WATTS. C. F

KOREAN WAR 1950

JONAS. D. A

'The Land Of the Lyrebird'

An interesting book I've been reading is "The Land of the Lyre Bird", first published in 1920 and re published in 1998 by the Korumburra & District Historical Society. For anyone whose ancestors settled in South or West Gippsland during the middle 1800's to early 1900's this book is a great source of information on what conditions were like then.

There are short stories of many of the earlier settlers. A list of some of the names included in this book is as follows:-

Caleb Burchett	Albert Nicholas	T.J. Coverdale	H. Dowel
J. Eccles	Frank Dodd	A. Gillan	Mrs. R.J. Fuller
W.H.C. Holmes	A.C. Groom	W.M. Elliott	Mrs. A.R. Smith
W.C. Thomas	J. Glew	T. Horner	W. Johnstone
M. Hansen	J.A. Black	D. McCleod	A.W. Elms
J. Western	G Matheson	R.N. Scott	W.J. Williams
W. Rainbow	J. Rainbow	W. McKenzie-McHarg	
E. Sheepway	F.P. Elms	J. Halford	A. McLean
Miss C. Elms	Wm. Watson	Ben Brett	James Baker
			R. Cornall

There are several other names mentioned with stories of the great fires and the coal-mining etc. Well worth a read if your library has it in stock.
Irene Arnott

Remember to log on to our website

www.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs

We are looking for ideas and contributions.

If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help.

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FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

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Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

SOLDIER IN PALESTINE
WHOM HE VOTED FOR

Mr. Dugald Rankin, of "The Hill", Colac has received a letter from his son Donald, who is with the forces in Palestine. He says - I am not allowed to say exactly where we are, but it is good country - grass and crops, so we have plenty of feed for the horses. The crops are fit for harvesting, but this will never be done. It seems a pity to see hundreds of acres of barley and wheat going to waste. We graze the horses in them, but they are too ripe, and there is too much of it. The land is something like Cressy, if not better. Losing the crops means a great loss to the Turks. Things have been quiet since our last go, but we are always on the alert. Harold Deuchar went out in the last one, and poor old Ken Skellet. They were both in my troop, We had our voting here the other day. I voted for Mr Manifold and the other three Ministerial members. I had no idea the election was so near. We hardly know the day of the week here, but the time flies very quickly. I am within a couple of hundred yards of the troop that Jack McRae is with, but did not know he was there till too late. There are plenty of German planes about here. They flew over here the other night and dropped some bombs on the field hospital, doing a bit of damage. I don't think that I told you in my last letter that I got to the regiment half an hour before it moved off for a scrap. I landed at 8 o'clock at night, rode all night, and went into action at daylight next morning, so you can imagine how tired I was that night. I hope the war will end soon, so that we can all get back home again.

In another letter he says they were in part of Palestine, and it was much better than the sand. It is very warm and the flies are terrible. We had a big fight recently, and I was the only one out of my section who was not hit. I was horse-holder, so had three riderless horses to take back. I would sooner be in the firing line that with the horses again, as I had to gallop right to the front line with the led horses. The fight lasted from daylight till dark, and I can assure you I did not feel too clever that night.

Article taken from the Colac Herald

Letter written by Donald Rankin, 6th Reinf. 8th Light Horse Regiment.

NEWSLETTER NOTE

Descent (Society of Australian Genealogists) March 2002, covers topics such as **Adoption, 1901 UK census problems** and reports that the **1901 Scottish census has been added to Scottish Origins Site.**



GUM, April 2002, **Family Tree Maker Scrapbooks**

Twigs and Branches (Terang & District) lists of names from area including **honour and memorial rolls.**

Coladjins (Colac), Autumn 2002, mentions a web site which has indexes for 50 or so **cemeteries in South West Victoria.**

<http://members.datafast.net.au/marrtronics/CEMTOPROW.HTML>

Ancestor, March 2002, reports that a pre-release of **unassisted passenger arrivals from NZ Ports 1852-1923, British Ports 1900-1912 and Foreign Ports 1900-1912 is available only at the GSV, AIGS and PRO.**

South East Family History Group (Millicent SA), Feb 2002, lists **South Australia related internet sites**, includes those for convicts, lonely graves, Children's Home Officers, BMD Index 1838, police, Boer War, passenger lists and more.

Wangaratta Threads, Feb 2002, advertise that they will search cemetery holdings for \$2.00 or 5 stamps. See newsletter for the list of cemeteries.

Black Sheep (East Gippsland), no. 58, has the **Roll of Honour from WWI** which appeared in The Bairnsdale Advertiser and a note that it differs from the Shire Honour Roll.

Mallee Roots (Swan Hill), May 2002 includes a summary of **Correspondence 1854-1870** between Swan Hill Police District and the Chief Commissioner's Office Melbourne.

Ibis Heritage (Kerang and District), April 2002, information on the **Kerang Licensing Books 1890-1946**. Includes plenty of names. Also information on Kerang and district Parish Plans.

Australian Family Tree Connections, May 2002, An article, 'Encouraging Children to Appreciate their Family Heritage'.

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This was the last edition of The Argus.

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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Books (postage cost on application)

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Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$16.50
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Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1879-1995	\$33.00
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Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	1881-1997	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$ 9.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$ 8.00
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Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$ 8.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	1872-1994	\$27.50
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$11.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$55.00

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