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NOW COMPLETED....

YALLOURN CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS

SEE ENCLOSED LEAFLET

Meetings:

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each Month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear door of the Moe Library, Kirk Street Moe. Our Library will be open at 7pm with meetings commencing at approximately 7.30pm.

Membership fees 2001/2002: Single \$20; Family \$25 payable in July.

Library Hours:

Our Library is open to the public on *Wednesday Afternoons between 1pm and 4pm*. Volunteers from our group are available to assist with research at this time. The Library is also available to members at all times that the Meeting room has not been booked by other organizations. (Check with the Public Library Staff) The library is available to members on the first Saturday of each month.

Library Fees: Gold Coin donation per visit for non – members.

Research:

There is a research fee of \$10 plus a stamped addressed envelope for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquires to The Secretary P.O. Box 767 Morwell 3840 and mark the envelope "Research Enquiry".

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Contributors:

Sandra Dumble, Helen McLennan, Don Tylee, Kaye O'Reilly.

DISCUSSING THE GREAT WAR & WWII

The April meeting of the Mid Gippsland Family History Society was devoted to Researching Ancestors War Records and discussing items of interest brought along by members and visitors. We were given the opportunity to hear the background to each item and its historical significance to the member and their family. A variety of memorabilia was discussed including a letter from the King, Buckingham Palace, which had been sent to a members Aunt upon the death of her husband of six weeks. An album of photographs taken by a Nurse serving in the Middle East, along with her diary, were also discussed and shown to the meeting. The original diary has been given to the National Archives in Canberra. Certificates of appreciation given for contributions to the war effort from St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and a local Shire were displayed. World War I medals along with photographs of the recipients were presented as well as a booklet compiled by the armed forces with photographs of four serving family members.

Researching war records, and how different members have achieved outcomes, was of interest to all at the meeting.

World War I and World War II records are available through the National Archives in Canberra and can be ordered online at www.naa.gov.au. We were also advised Court Martial records can be obtained through the Public Record Office, Melbourne, and some medical records can be obtained through the Repatriation Department. The Australian War Memorial site may also hold relevant research information or you may be fortunate and find a photograph of an ancestor, as did one of our members. You can find them at www.awm.gov.au The Red Cross also has a site, which contains files of those wounded or missing, which can be accessed via the Australian War Memorial site or by going to www.awm.gov.au/database/1drl428.asp. The Nominal Roll for World War II can be found at www.ww2roll.gov.au and a certificate viewed and printed from the site.

Researching the Battalion a family member served with can also bring rewards. There are many books written which contain a wealth of information.

Sandra Dumble

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WHAT'S ON? at MGFHS Monthly Meetings

26th June, 2003

Speaker: John Leckey, will talk about Funeral Directors Records.

24th July, 2003

Annual General Meeting.

28th August, 2003

Members will talk on their favorite Family Tree Program.

NEW in the LIBRARY

'Yallourn Cemetery Transcriptions'

Now on computer 'B'

6 books, from the 'Historic Parramatta Series'.

Bibliographies of Military History' by Paul McPherson, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, 1987.

Sixteen Explorers of Australia', Bank of NSW, 1970.

Explore Britain's National Parks by Roland Smith, 1993.

'Explore Britain's Country Gardens' by Michael Wright. Family Tree Magazines from April 2000 to June 2002.

Thank you **Karen Healy** for the donation of these books.

'Cenotaphs & Pioneer Walls of Gippsland' with photo's and names transcribed by Sandra Dumble is now in book form in the Library. Sandra also put together the 2003 Members Research Directory before attending the Latrobe City Library Service, sale and picking up a copy of 'By Degrees', an Illustrated History of the University of Ballarat, by Paul Haynes, 2000. *Thanks Sandra.*

Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc.

GLENGARRY CENOTAPH INSCRIPTIONS

Check the cenotaph page for
this photo

GREAT WAR

1914 – 1919

Erected by residents

of GLENGARRY

In memory of the district
Soldiers, Sailors & Nurses
who by their courage and
self sacrifice
kept Australia free.

SUPREME SACRIFICE

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WORLD WAR, 1939 - 1945

PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

M. CHAMBERS

K. G. KING

A. A. SAUNDERS

LEST WE FORGET

THE MORWELL & YINNAR GAZETTE

100 YEARS AGO

Of Interest

May, 1903

And no one that is known is missing!

One of those strange disappearances which create considerable excitement and a great deal of trouble at times, hails in the present instance, not from the crowded city or suburb but from the somewhat out-of-the-way district of Gunyah Gunyah. On Monday last Mr. Siggins, while walking through the bush, came across a new bicycle and a handbag in close proximity to the road. The bag was found to contain life policies and other documents -- all of which were valuable-- while the name of Growse was on the bag. Judging from the appearance of the bicycle and bag, it is thought they could have been lying long where they were found. It was deemed advisable to communicate with Constable Alford, of Mirboo North, he having charge of that part of the district, and the articles are now in his possession awaiting a claimant.

The case is peculiar. There are many surmises as to how the articles came to be left where they were found, but nothing beyond conjecture is known at present.

No strange person has been seen in the district, *and no one that is known is missing.*

GREAT MORWELL COAL MINE

We are pleased to announce that the mine is likely to go ahead again, operations have been resumed during the week. It appears the wood and coal merchants of the city and suburbs are likely to go in for it, in fact some of them are already anxious for supplies. We learn that it will be fully two months before any coal can be sent to market. It is expected that the repairs to the loop line will be gone on with shortly. The lease has been taken up by some Melbourne gentleman. It is intended to place the raw material on the market for the first year or two before going into the briquette business. We wish them every success.

MORWELL METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The anniversary of the Morwell Methodist Sunday School will be celebrated on Sunday next, when three special sermons will be preached in the Mechanics by the Rev E. J. Payne, of Traralgon. Special hymns will be rendered by the children, who have been in training during the last three months and are well up in their respective parts. On Monday, May 4, a grand concert will be given by the children and others who have not yet made their bow to a Morwell audience.

Mr. W. TOLMIE

Morwell is going to lose another old resident for a time. We refer to Mr. W. Tolmie, who intends to pay a visit to England having already booked his passage. We believe it is the intention of Mr. Tolmie to visit the centers of attraction in the old land, and to see all that is to be seen in London. We are sure his many friends will heartily join in wishing him a pleasant voyage, and a great time in England. There is nothing like seeing the world while you are young men, for by doing so you gain experience for maturer years. (sic)

AN ACCIDENT

On Monday last one of those accidents, which generally result from handling young horses, occurred to Mr. W. Porter. The animal, like all other horses unaccustomed to the use of the "bit," kicked him on the head, with such force as to render himself insensible for the time being but we are pleased to state that he is now completely recovered from the effects of the accident, which might have been attended with fatal results.

POTATO'S

The intermittent showers during the month have been exceptionally favorable to the farmers of the Moe Swamp and the neighborhood of Trafalgar. The crops are most satisfactory, and in many instances exceptionally prolific. Mr. Price expects to realize from 80 to 100 bushels of maize to the acre. His potato crop averaged 10 tons to the acre. It is expected that the Potato returns all over the swamp will be about the same average. This is the first favorable season the Moe Swamp settlers have experienced since they took up their holdings.

CHAFF

An excellent yield of chaff for this district is that obtained by Messrs Nicol Bros. from 60 acres of land adjoining the township of Yarram district. To cut the oaten hay, Mr. Newham was engaged from Sale, who, by the aid of steam and up to date machinery, bagged 150 tons of excellent chaff. Surely this is sufficient evidence of what might be done by district landholders, instead of, as in far too many instances, allowing paddocks to be overgrown with tussocks. Disc-ploughs and enterprises are capable of transforming much comparatively waste land in this district, and enriching the owner to an extent not yet thought of.

Large quantities of onions have been sent from Victoria to South Africa this year.

The Sydney fat cattle market was firmer on Monday, and best beef sold to 31s per 100 lbs. The sheep market was firmer.

We believe there is every likelihood of Mr. Travers, stationmaster being retained at Yinnar.

THE MORWELL & YINNAR GAZETTE

100 Years Ago

Fun & Fancy

8th May 1903

A soldiers pillow -- His knap-sack

The police magistrate may not enjoy himself even when he is having a fine time.

Tillinghast: "Have you seen McJunkin lately?"
Gadersley: "Not since he was buried."

"Trotter seems to be a very happy man, he never has any bills to pay."
"How's That?"
"No one will ever trust him."

"Mrs. Sonnette (proudly): "And who would have thought that I should ever be the mother of a poet."
Her neighbor (misunderstanding): "Oh, well, I wouldn't worry about that. He'll have better sense when he gets a little older."

Husband: "I am glad the season of fine weather has come. There is always something to look forward to when one gets up in the morning."
Wife: "What is that?"
Husband: "Seeing the cricket scores in the evening."

Pete: "Massa, dat hoss came nearly bein' mine."
Master: "How's that Pete?"
Pete: "Well I asked the owner to give it to me and he said no. If he had only said yes it would have been mine."

"Look here, pleeceman, I'm awful hungry, and I haven't had a drink for two days."
"I'm sorry," said the kind-hearted policeman, "but I don't see how I can help you."
"You can though. Just lend me your helmet and coat while I go down to the 'Blue Boar's' side door."

Teacher: "Are any of the colours discernible to the touch?"
Boy: "I have often felt blue."

Orator: "And now my friends just a few more words."
Reporter "(to boy): "Bring me a few more quires of paper, quick."
A thing more difficult than to be economical is always to have plenty with which to economise.

A young lumberman of Northern Minnesota, whose habits of drinking had given the "blind staggers" to his business, reformed and ran his sawmill with profit. While in the transition period he met Tom an old friend.

"How are you?" asked Tom.
"Pretty well thank you; but I have just seen a doctor to have him examine my throat."
"What's the matter?"
"Well, the doctor couldn't give me any encouragement. At least, he could not find what I want to find."
"What did you expect him to find?"
"I asked him to look down my throat for the sawmill and farm that had gone down there in drink."
"And did he see anything of them?"
"No; but he advised me, if ever I got another mill to run it by water."

A lady nurse running fervently to her patients in a Cape Town hospital ward, found her favourite soldier fast asleep. Pinned to his coverlet was a scrap of paper on which he had labouriously scrawled: "To il to be nussed to-day respectfully S.M." (sic)

The other day I asked an Irishman how it was that Irish soldiers had done so well in South Africa. He answered with an Irish quickness: "Shure, we loiked the shooting. We was firing at a protestant and a landlord every toime!" -- "Vanity Fair."

PRECEPT V. PRACTICE

She was dressed smartly and when she met a small, bare legged urchin carrying a bird's nest with eggs in it, she did not hesitate to stop him.
"You are a wicked boy," she said.
"How could you rob that nest? No doubt the poor mother is now grieving for the loss of her eggs."
"Oh, she don't care," said the boy, edging away;
"she's on your hat." -- "Cape Ann Advertiser."

"I hear you've got anthrax out here," said the Government inspector to a local farmer some time ago. "Oh, yes, occasional one," explained the innocent 'cockey', "them bare spots where the grass doesn't grow is ant tracks."

Member's Profile

Don Tylee

When and why did I get started on my family history?

I had an agreement with my partner that if I wanted children, I had to take the first year of home duties. Thus in 1992, I finally got the time to walk my son down to the library, asleep in the pram for an hour or so, while I delved into those BDM fiche that had caught my eye a few years before. I guess I was originally interested in getting some facts on where I come from in an historic sense, although I have now moved more into researching my partner's Gippsland heritage. I have mainly stopped the name searching bit at the generation prior to emigration to Australia and now get a buzz from the detective thrill of finding and reading early historical documents.

What names am I researching?

The active names of research include Kay, McAdam, Tylee, Archer, Barker, Spencer, Twitchett, Biggs, Jack, Kreymborg, Potter, and Healey. (I also have some Campbells and Joyces which are too hard to track).

How far back have I searched?

My main interest is in trying to find why they moved to Australia and what they did after arrival. Generally, I have searched into Scotland, England, Ireland and Germany from about 1800 onwards, for those names I can trace back. Others in my extended research family have traced some lines much further, but I have not verified such research.

Who were my first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

My earliest 'verified' arrival was Thomas Browne to Tasmania before 1840, as a free man, later to be a photographer and Surveyor. My partner's earliest arrival was the convict Joseph Twitchett who arrived in Tasmania in 1838. Most of the other family lines arrived in Victoria in the 1850's.

Who is my favourite ancestor?

I have two that I find fascinating - one is my father's grandmother Andrienne Jack, who started working life as a teacher in Melbourne area, before marrying Fred Tylee and moving to Steward Island in NZ as a home missionary family. She received a silver plate from her "white children" in 1905 when she married and left the school at Corranderk near Healesville. The second favourite is one of my partner's ancestor who we fondly refer to as "the Irish trollop", Emily Archer, as she had three husbands and a series of other names to suit. Arriving as a tutor on the Irish Famine ship Pemberton in 1849, she moved to Gippsland. From the records found so far, I imagine she had a difficult life.

What is my most interesting find so far?

A fully reported and bizzare suicide in my partner's line, and land selection files - I have accessed several family members Gippsland Land Selection files, and found these full of useful and personal information. When read in context with the historical descriptions of the times, it is easy to imagine what struggles they had. (I always try to remember though, that it is unlikely that they would write letters in the good times, so the files don't show all of life).

If only the family tree wish fairy could tell me where Emily Archer's middle husband, William Barker, came from, how he got to Australia, and what he did before taking up with Emily? Although supposedly coming from Oxford, I am not able to find any trace of him and his parents.

To contact Don phone (03) 51747034

The Rosedale and District Historical Society now has a web page.

If you'd like to have a look the address is.....

<http://www.geocities.com/roshistsoc/index.html>

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Helen's finds from the Newsletters

Victorian GUM, April 2003, has an article on Genealogy Scams. A must read for everyone.
Twigs & Branches, March 2003, has a few web addresses featured. Check out Lost London Streets.
South East F.H.G., (Millicent) Feb. 2003. Gwen Waters has listed some Useful Internet Sites, these include Aboriginal History and South Australian Cemetery's.
South Gippsland G.S. March 2003 has an article on Food Parcels from England 1946 - 1948. *While going through an old diary recently...* Parish & Probate Records for England, Wales Scotland & Ireland, *these databases are a collection of historical parish and probate registers.....* There Newsletter also includes a web address for 16th & 17th Century wills from Scotland or you might want to read some old 19th century Missing People files on Helen Harris's site.
The Crossing Place (Cassino & District) have a great list of Web address concerning, among others, Germany, Handwriting, New Zealand, Northampton and this one, GRAVES: Find a grave... <http://www.findagrave.com>. They also have a marvelous poem on 'How to preserve a husband'.
(so much to do, so little time, Ed.)

Research Directory:

Please send in your research names or any extra names you want included in the **2003 Research Directory**. These will also be put up on our web site.

Members take note:

This is your Newsletter... Why not use it to help in your research?
Deadline for articles is the first Wednesday of February, May, August, and November.

"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."



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