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**Meetings:**

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

**Membership Details:**

2009 - 2010, Single member: \$25.00.

Family membership, \$30.00.

Membership is due and 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) MGFHS research facilities are also available to members on the first Saturday of each month.

Library Visitors Fee: Gold Coin donation per visit for non-members.

**Research:**

There is a minimum research fee of \$20, plus a stamped, self addressed business size envelope, for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be clear and concise.

**Cemetery Lookups**

MGFHS charge a fee for lookups in their cemetery's.

For \$2 per name we will provide you with the register details plus a transcription of the head stone if there is one.

Please send a business size SSAE with your enquiry to:

The Research Officers, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840

**In This Issue**

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## BOOLARRA CEMETERY VICTORIA

**The recent Gippsland fires at Boolarra came right to the edge of this historic Cemetery.** In fact in one area the fire reached inside the boundary fence right up to the first row of the lawn section. The photograph below shows the area affected. On the approach to the cemetery, you must pass along a track where fire fighters must have held the fire back at the road. The regrowth can be clearly seen on the young trees at the left. Happily the rest of the cemetery remained unaffected.



The Boolarra Cemetery Trust has been busy of late erecting a rotunda in the grounds of their cemetery. Mounted on the walls inside are complete listings of the graves along with maps of their positions. That's a really great resource for anyone who's able to travel to Boolarra in the Latrobe Valley area of Gippsland.

If you can't travel to Gippsland then please take advantage of our research service. For \$2 a name we will provide you with the register details plus a transcription of the head stone if there is one. Just send a business sized, self addressed, stamped envelope with your enquiry to: The Research Officers, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840

### WE USUALLY HAVE:

- 2 parents:
- 4 grandparents:
- 8 great-grandparents:
- 16 gg grandparents:
- 32 ggg grandparents:
- 64 gggg grandparents:
- 128 ggggg grandparents:
- 256 gggggg grandparents:
- 512 ggggggg grandparents:
- 1024 gggggggg grandparents:
- 2058 ggggggggg grandparents:
- 4096 gggggggggg grandparents:

### VICTORIAN ELECTORAL ROLLS

The following Victorian Electoral Rolls are held at the National Library in Canberra  
1903 - 1905 - 1906 - 1908 - 1909 - 1912  
1913 - 1914 - 1915 - 1916 - 1917 - 1919  
1921 - 1924 - 1925 - 1926 - 1927 - 1928  
1929 - 1931 - 1934 - 1936 - 1937 - 1938  
1939 - 1941

Note: Complete sets, of these sets, are not available at the La Trobe library or S.L.V.  
<http://www.nla.gov.au/>

## GENEALOGISTS



## WE ARE THE CHOSEN

My feelings are that in each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors.  
To put flesh on their bones and make them live again.  
To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know, and approve.  
To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, a breathing of life into all who have gone before.  
We are the storytellers of the tribe: all tribes have one.  
We have been called, as it were, by our genes.  
Those who have gone before cry out to us: "Tell our story!" So, we do.  
In finding them, we somehow find ourselves.  
How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family, you would be proud of us."  
How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me?  
I cannot say.  
It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am and why do I do the things I do?  
It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds, and indifference, and saying I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh.  
It goes to doing something about it.  
It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish.  
How they contributed to what we are today.  
It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.  
It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us.  
That we might be born who we are, that we might 'remember them'. So we do.  
With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence.  
Because we are them, and they are us.  
So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family.  
It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers.  
That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones.

Unknown Author

Above gif's from Google Images



FREE U.K. CENSUS'S ONLINE

<http://freecen.rootsweb.com/>

This project aims to provide a "free-to-view" online searchable database of the 19th Century, U.K. census returns for 1841 - 1891.

Although still incomplete, this data base is certainly worth a visit.

**MGFHS** is set to produce a new **Members Interest Directory** due for release in **2010**. Members are asked to check the MGFHS web site <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/welcome.htm> and supply the Editor with any new interests by March 2010. There is no limit to the number of interests you can list. The only stipulation is that you are a 'Paid Up' Member of Mid Gippsland Family History Soc. Inc. *Relapsed members interests will be deleted at this time.*

Below is new member, Wendy Rutter's interests. This is the format members are to use when sending their interests in to the Editor. Email: [macore@tadaust.org.au](mailto:macore@tadaust.org.au) or Post to The Editor C/O MGFHS. P.O. Box 767 Morwell, 3842.

Current members interests will remain the same if the editor is not advised differently.

SURNAME	GIVEN	DATE	PLACE	STATE /COUNTY	COUNTRY
ABRAHAMS	SOESMAN	C1803+	WHITECHAPEL	MDX	ENG
ABRAHAMS	DAVID	1835	WHITECHAPEL	MDX	ENG
ATKIN	ELIZABETH		KILMORACK	WEX	IRL
ATKIN	HERCULES	1750	OULARTWICK	WEX	IRL
BAGLIN	ELIZA	1838	ULEY	GLS	ENG
BAXTER	MARGARET	C1810		BEW	SCT
BLAKEMORE	JOHN			SAL	ENG
BLAKEMORE	ALL		WILLIAMSTOWN	VIC	AUS
BRAHAM	DAVID	1835	WHITECHAPEL	MDX	ENG
BRAHAM	ALL		GRAFTON	NSW	AUS
BRAHAM	ALL		WARBURTON	VIC	AUS
BRUCE	ALL		WANDILIGONG	VIC	AUS
BRUCE	ADAM	1800	GOREBRIDGE	ELN	SCT
BRUCE	CATHERINE	1826	BORTHWICK	MLN	SCT
CHAMBERLAIN	JOHN	C1821		NTH	ENG
CHAMBERLAIN	ALL		DARLIMURLA	VIC	AUS
CHARLES	PHILLIP	C1759	ST. KEVERNE	CON	ENG
CHARLES	JAMES	C1806	ST. KEVERNE	CON	ENG
CHARLES	ALL		KYNETON	VIC	ENG
CHARLES	ALL		FOOTSCRAY	VIC	ENG
CHARLES	ALL		THORPDALE	VIC	ENG
CLEMENTS	ELIZABETH	C1799	HELSTON	CON	ENG
COLLINGS	HANNAH	C1787	MEARE	SOM	ENG
COWARD	JONATHON	C1811	MERE	WIL	ENG
COWARD	ALL	1860+			NZ
COWARD	CAROLINE	C1835	MERE	WIL	ENG
COWARD	SARAH	C1843	MERE	WIL	ENG
COWLEY	LEONARD	1780'S	MERE	WIL	ENG
COWLEY	SARAH	C1810	MERE	WIL	ENG
DOMINEY	SAMUEL	C1784	BUTLEIGH	SOM	ENG
DOMINEY	THOMAS	1816	MEARE	SOM	ENG
DOMNEY	ALL			VIC	AUS
DOMNEY	ALL			WA	AUS
DUNSTAN	MARY	C1803	ST. AUSTELL	CON	ENG
FITZHENRY	ALL	C1850'S	WOODS POINT	VIC	AUS
FITZHENRY	ALL	C1860+			NZ
FITZHENRY	ALL	C1800+	OULARTWICK	WEX	IRL
FITZHENRY	ALL	C1800+	GOREY	WEX	IRL
HALL	JOHN	C1801	DURHAM	NBL	ENG

SURNAME	GIVEN	DATE	PLACE	STATE /COUNTY	COUNTRY
HALL	ELIZABETH	1830	HOBART	TAS	AUS
HARTSHORN	ELIZABETH	C1817		STS	ENG
HUGGAN	ALL		WILLIAMSTOWN	VIC	AUS
HUGGAN	JOHN	1797	HARWICK	ROX	SCT
ILIFF	HANNAH	C1817	STRETTON PARVA	LEI	ENG
ILIFF	ROBERT	C1780	STRETTON PARVA	LEI	ENG
JACOBS	MINNA	C1804	SCHNEIDERMUHL	PRUSSIA	
LAW	SUSANNAH	C1790	THURLEIGH	BDF	ENG
LEE	ORIEL		GOREY	WEX	IRL
LOEWENTHAL	BERTHA S.	1848	SCHNEIDERMUHL	PRUSSIA	
LOEWENTHAL	SAMUEL	C1804	SCHNEIDERMUHL	PRUSSIA	
MCINTOSH	ALL		DARLIMURLA	VIC	AUS
MCINTOSH	ALL		HARRIETVILLE	VIC	AUS
MCINTOSH	JAMES	C1800'S	GLADSMUIR	ELN	SCT
MCINTOSH	ROBERT		ELAINE	VIC	AUS
MCNAMARA	ANN	C1814		SLI	IRL
NOY	GRACE	C1757	CONSTANTINE	CON	ENG
OSBORN	JNO WATTS	C1786	KNOTTING	BDF	ENG
OSBORN	ELIPHAZ	C1816	THURLEIGH	BDF	ENG
OSBORN	GEORGE	1858	ODELL	BDF	ENG
OSBORN	ALL		CORA LYNN	VIC	AUS
READ	LYDIA	1815	MEARE	SOM	ENG
RUTTER	ALL		LUDGVAN	CON	ENG
RUTTER	JOHN		CORA LYNN	VIC	AUS
RUTTER	ALL	1866+	WALHALLA	VIC	AUS
SINCLAIR	MARGARET	1798	BORTHWICK	MLN	SCT
SWANSTON	HENRY	C1794	CRICHTON	MLN	SCT
SWANSTON	ALL			VIC	AUS
TOWNES	ANN	C1817	KEYSOE	BDF	ENG

Contact Wendy Rutter by post at 21 Spring Court, Morwell, VIC. 3840 or Phone (03) 51346516

Or email Wendy Rutter at: [mgfhs.inc\[at\]gmail.com.au](mailto:mgfhs.inc[at]gmail.com.au)

Our own web site has a short list of Chapman codes

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### *Vicki's finds on the web*

#### Useful facts & Trivia

Found in Census's

Names:      Big Baby, daughter, age 9  
               Sweet Heart, son, age 7  
               Plant, Potter, occupation farmer

Occupation:   Crier (one year old child!)

Cause of Death:      Cremation (cause of injury; house destroyed by fire)

Here is a unique entry from a US Census. One of the 12 children was called "rough & ready."

A note takers comment: No name recorded; "Too Dutch to be understood by me."

Australia. Victorian Ships' Graveyard Wrecks: <http://www.vicshipwrecks.com/>  
 Western Australian Maritime Museum Shipwreck Database  
<http://dbase.mm.wa.gov.au/Shipwrecks/shipwreck.php>

## **'ROSES FROM THE HEART'**

### **The Convict Bonnets project**

**This project is going from strength to strength but more bonnets are needed.**

For a copy of the bonnet pattern and instructions email: [macore@tadaust.org.au](mailto:macore@tadaust.org.au)

Mailing address for the completed bonnets is:

Christina Henri

P.O. Box 1020, Sandy Bay, Tasmania 7006      <http://www.christinahenri.com.au>



#### **OUR CONVICT MAID**

What was the motive, Margaret dear, what was it that had mattered  
That incited theft of clothing and left your reputation tattered?  
You could have caused a child to burn maybe forever scarred;  
When you brushed aside a lantern, when badly caught off-guard.  
Your trusted friend had given you so freely of her key  
And later you went into her flat acting suspiciously  
Why wouldn't you be noticed with the clothes beneath your dress  
You would have looked so pregnant underneath all that duress  
Those who saw you every day must have looked at you askance  
The bulging waist, massive hump had appeared as if by chance!  
Then down the stairs you flew at ten to catch the man who pawned  
To sell, get gain and none suspect before the next day dawned.  
But Margaret, dear, the clues were there, the evidence was clear  
You had a key, there were witnesses and you had cause to fear.  
The broker recognized you from the line up way back then  
He yelled "That's the cursed woman who had a stealing yen!"  
She'd changed her name to Mary Badgay when she handed him the loot,  
All she'd needed was the money and didn't give a hoot!  
The Bobbies had come searching with their warrant to her flat  
With their evidence they knew that there was mischief she was at.  
And then our Margaret's husband showed the Bobbies under bed  
Where other clothes were stowed! How's that from one she'd wed?  
There were breeches, vests and waistcoats, pushed way under there  
Just like the fire she'd started, our Margaret lacked some care!  
To Newgate Prison our dear Margaret was sent without delay.  
Olde Bailey judges had delighted in a hand in all her fray  
She got the usual harsh sentence of seven years in Botany Bay  
And suffered in that prison until the "Speke" got underway.  
With ninety-nine maid convicts, they sailed from England's shores  
Where more suffering awaited because evil men made laws  
No housing for our women, and selected one by one  
Farmed out like pigs or cattle, their virtue was undone  
Marg fared a little better as she was her Captain's choice  
A pregnancy in Sydney-did this cause them to rejoice?  
Elizabeth, a child born free and Ingston was her name  
John had given his permission; his seed was where she came.  
John sailed right back to England's shores into her history book  
While Margaret earned her freedom and became a Parramatta Cook

By Dell Paton Margaret's 4th Great Grand-daughter - Copyright



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Newsletters are printed in November, February, May and August

There is plenty of room in every newsletter for MGFHS members to advertise their interests. You are encouraged to do this by writing a Members Profile.

### **Members Profile Topics**

Why did you get started on your family history?

What names are you researching?

How far back have you searched?

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

What is your most interesting find?

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

How long have you been researching?

Your Contact Details:

Send to the editor.

Preferred method: Send by email to Kaye: [macore\[at\]tadaust.org.au](mailto:macore[at]tadaust.org.au)

Or post to Kaye O'Reilly, 28 Dunbar Grove, Churchill 3842

### **Hit a 'BRICK WALL'?**

Send a 'Help Wanted' article to the 'Editor' for inclusion in the next newsletter

Found a **NEW RESOURCE**? Let the editor know and she'll put it in the Newsletter!

I was recently sent a copy of the BBC Magazine '**Who Do You Think You Are**' by my friend Lyn in London. It arrived in my mail box just as I was about to take my brother into the hospital for some day surgery. I can thoroughly recommend it as a good read. It kept me amused and informed during that very tiresome wait (worse for my brother!).

You can check out their website: <http://www.bbcwhodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/> and join the very helpful people on their genealogy forum.

I was interested to read there that **Michael Parkinson's** ancestors were too boring to make for good TV. Perhaps that shows producers could come to me and check out my Convicts, Criminals and Great-Great-Grandmother's life as a prostitute in early Melbourne. Now that story would make a really gripping TV show!



If you know the approximate year this photo was taken please email: [macore\[at\]tadaust.org.au](mailto:macore[at]tadaust.org.au)

Thank you in anticipation. *Kaye O'Reilly*

### **Wishful thinking?**

I am hoping this photo was taken after the Tasmanian wedding of my

G-G-Grandparents

**James Milligan &**

**Catherine nee Hopkins.**

If so then the lady to the left could possibly be my convict ancestor **Susan McKenna**. I have searched the web for similar costumes to those shown but haven't had any luck. Do you have a similar photo in your collection?

## **Publications for sale by Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc. (MGFHS)**

Address ALL enquiries regarding publications to 'The Secretary', Mid Gippsland Family History Soc. Inc.  
PO Box 767 Morwell Victoria 3840

ALL checks to be made payable to Mid Gippsland F.H.S. Inc.

### **Books** (postage cost on application)

Boolarra Cemetery Register 1887 – 1998	plus Transcriptions	- 2005	\$16.50
Childers - Thorpdale Cemetery Register	plus Transcriptions	1879- 2008	\$ 6. 00
Gippsland Crematorium Register		1985- 1995	\$16.50
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions		1985- 1995	\$16.50
Gormandale Cemetery Transcriptions		-2007	\$10.00
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1879- 1995	\$40.00
Moe Cemetery Register		1891- 1996	\$22.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1881- 1997	\$40.00
Narracan Cemetery Transcriptions		-2002	\$ 7. 50
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 Volumes	1872- 1994	\$60.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	Updated 2005	1869- 2004	\$16.50
Willow Grove Cemetery Register	plus Transcriptions	1898- 1993	\$16.50
Yallourn Cemetery Transcriptions		1930- 2000	\$50.00

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<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/publications.htm>

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