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SPRING EDITION

Spring is well and truly happening in Mid Gippsland. There has been plenty of rain to dispel the dry winter and lots of new growth. The change in season has seen a few new and returning members for our society. The committee has also been renewed and we welcome the fresh and refreshed members.

This edition has grown a couple of pages too, due to the rate material has accumulated this year. I encourage members to let me know about anything with a genealogical twist—photos, stories, snippets for future editions.

BOER WAR ROLL OF HONOUR

Rob de Souza Daw of the Morwell Historical Society has put a tremendous amount of work into compiling information about the soldiers and civilians from the former Morwell Shire who served in the Boer War. The names of these men can be found inside. If you are related to any of these, the Morwell Historical Society would like to hear from you.

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Any opinions expressed herein are those of the contributors.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to new members Fran Dodd, Kay McReadie and Jim Watt and also to Karen Healy who has returned after a break of a few years.

We hope you have time to make the most of our resources and get-togethers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM

Once again, due to my impeccable timing, I am unable to be present for our AGM, so my apologies for that. This year I write with a greater sense of stability about our situation here and in the room we have occupied for so many years. With great appreciation I acknowledge the financial assistance of the Moe Racing Club for the current year, and while there are no guarantees as to its continuation, I am confident that they will continue to support us in this way. So, a very sincere thank you to The Moe Racing Club.

While we haven't at this stage held a public "Open Day", a couple of newspaper items have brought us to the eye of the public, and whether or not that has had any direct bearing – we are delighted

"this year I write with a greater sense of stability about our situation"

THANKS TO MAVIS LYNCH

I am sure that all members will want to extend their thanks and support to Mavis Lynch. Mavis has been a life member of the Society for many years, in recognition of her service to this society, and the history and genealogy communities. She is a font of knowledge about the genealogical, social and historical setting of the Mid Gippsland area.

We hope that in the future she will be able to attend our meetings again and resume as our representative to the Latrobe Combined History Group. Meetings are not the same without her input.

In the meantime, we wish her all the best and trust she will keep active in mind and body.

to have welcomed a handful of new members this year.

Thanks go to all of those on the Wednesday duty roster for the time and effort they put in to helping members of the public with their research. With the acquisition of Internet access in the library, the next twelve months should be enriched, with more information available to our visitors.

Without doubt the greatest asset of our group is the members. Once again, to our hard working committee members – thank you! Peter has filled the Secretary position quietly and efficiently - doing a great job keeping the running of the club on track, keeping membership cards up to date and doing an outstanding job on the newsletter. Thanks for your valiant attempts to keep me on track, Peter. Thanks too, to Rod who is looking after our finances, Vaughan and Brian for the time and effort they spend on maintaining our library, as well as dealing with all the research queries which come our way, Florence for keeping our website current and our computers in working order, Mavis for her informative reports on combined history society meetings, and Vicky for attending to our afternoon tea and supper needs. Thanks too, Peter Butcher for doing our Annual audit.

The combined knowledge and experience of the members of MGFHS is the most valuable asset of all, and I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your support of the group, your willingness to share your knowledge, your valued contributions to discussion and the genuine friendship we all share.

Let's make great family history times over the next twelve months.

Dawn

MGFHS COMMITTEE

August saw our AGM and the election of our new committee. For the year ahead, the committee is

Dawn Cowley, President
Vicki Evans, Vice President
Peter McNab, Secretary
Rod Donnelly, Treasurer
Brian Knox,
Vaughan Knox,
Florence Butcher,
Sandra Dumble,
Bev Reynolds

Sandra Dumble has taken on the Library, which has reduced the workload of Brian and Vaughan. This is a good opportunity to remind members that we have a good collection of titles that can help in direct family research and in establishing our ancestor's social and historical setting. The library catalogue on our web site is being updated to ensure the most current version is available.

Vaughan and Brian are to be thanked for their thoroughness and determination in maintaining and improving our library. Recently, they have assembled a number of indexes from local sources which will help our volunteers locate information more quickly.

Vaughan has kept the job of researcher, and as ever she will be using the contacts she has developed in the Valley and beyond to respond to enquirers.

Brian will continue as a regular committee member.

Vicki has been returned as our Vice President and importantly as our meeting hostess. The break-out area outside the meeting rooms in the new library is an ideal place to compare stories and chat. Thanks Vicki for the cuppa and cakes.

Florence has been working hard on our IT capabilities and on our Web site and will be continuing in this role. However, she has been frustrated by limited access to the equipment outside our booked research hours.

We have introduced a new role this year – the Minutes Secretary. Bev has agreed to do this while Peter continues as Administrative secretary.

In addition to his secretarial jobs, Peter has agreed to publish On Track, our magazine every six months.

Rod will continue to keep us up to date with the state of our finances for another year.

And how could I forget Dawn, who has spent a lot of time investigating accommodation and sponsorship options in the past year. Dawn has accepted her nomination for President for another year, while hoping others might step up.

The committee has to manage other responsibilities like advertising, publications, sales and membership records. In addition, we may be using subcommittees to develop new ideas and projects.

The committee is made up of ordinary people. However circumstance change and there is chance of people becoming stale or overused. So if the committee turns to the group for help with a project, lend a hand.



"I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life" - George Burns

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

Marriage between cousins was, and is, common in many cultures, including Jewish families. One reason for inter-family marriages was to protect property and business interests, but many were love matches. There are numerous examples in the Old Testament, with no religious law prohibiting them.

Since 1983, Roman Catholics have needed Papal dispensation to marry their first cousin. Prior to that, this applied to second cousins, and before 1917, to third cousins. In the 11th century, it applied up to sixth cousins!

Protestant churches have never objected to this: Albert Einstein, Queen Victoria, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Charles Darwin all married their first cousins.

**OUR LIBRARY—
HISTORY DETECTIVE**

In her recent newsletter, Carol Baxter has published an article about how names get distorted and how to work out what they should be. You may come across this problem. She identifies a few prob-



lems she has seen in her researches.

The scope of mix ups is amazing. Mis-hearing could easily explain missing letters like l, r, and h. It also explains confusion between b & v and t & d. Transcription can lead to mix ups between a & d, m & n. Other problems are also described.

Carol also makes suggestions for wildcard searches to overcome some of these distortions.

Carol's newsletter is copyrighted, but you can read it in our library or you can download it from www.carolbaxter.com or contact Carol Baxter, The History Detective at c_baxter@optusnet.com.au

MGFHS MEMBERS' INTERESTS

We publish the research interests of our financial members on our web site and encourage all members to keep these up to date and relevant. Give any new names to Peter during a meeting or send them to mgfhs.inc@gmail.com.

Since our last edition the following surnames have been added.

Member	Surname	Region	Country	Period
Karen Healy	EINSPORN	Schmollen	Prussia	Pre 1850
Karen Healy	PRATER	Great Shefford, Berwick	England	Pre 1853
Karen Healy	BUSH	Englishcombe, Somerset	England	Pre 1852
Frances Dodd	BROWN	Tasmania	Australia	1800's-2000
Frances Dodd	DUNCAN	Victoria	Australia	1830-2000
Frances Dodd	DODD	Victoria & NSW	Australia	1850-2000
Jim Watt	HEFFERNAN		Ireland	19th century
Jim Watt	GREER		Ireland	19th century
Jim Watt	HINES/HYNES		Ireland	19th century
Jim Watt	PARKHILL		Scotland	19th century
Jim Watt	MARSHALL		Scotland & England	19th century
Jim Watt	WATT		Scotland	19th century
Cindy Holloway	REED			
Cindy Holloway	HOLLOWAY			

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ATKINSON	DEAN	HIVES
BATLEY	DEPELER	HOLDEI
BALL	DERBY	HOLT
BARTON	DICKSON	HORAN
BAXTER	HONEYV	LOPNA

At the moment our members are researching about 250 unique surnames.

Google MGFHS and select Member's Interests

If you find a surname here, follow the link for more details.

VICGUM—SEMINAR

A lot of words have been exchanged and messages written about the Family Tree Maker 2017 update. VicGUM have kept their members in the loop but sometimes, there was just too much information. This correspondent was happy to wait until the update was finally released.

VicGUM recently held a seminar with Sunny Morton (pictured) presenting on-line. The topic was “The Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage.”

This Presentation was also given at the Roots Tech 2017 Convention and can be seen at www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton, (or Google Sunny Morton). You may find other interesting videos.

If you are confused about the best site, this may help you decide where to go as your research requirements change.



COLAC—EXPO

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2017

FAMILY HISTORY EXPO IN CONJUNCTION WITH VAFHO

10am to 4pm at COPACC – Cnr Rae & Gellibrand Streets, Colac. Opposite the Railway Station.

More than thirty stall-holders, 4 great speakers, a cultural historian dating photographs and clothing, giveaways, prizes, photographic exhibition and much, much more. Tickets are \$20 per person, all inclusive and available on-line at www.copacc.com.au/Events/Family-History-Expo or Google “Colac History Expo”.

Family reunions – meet up with others researching the same surnames at the specially allocated meeting points.

Contact research@colacfamilyhistory.org.au for more information and to register the surnames you are researching.

SUNDAY 22ND

CEMETERY WALKS, HISTORY TOURS, FAMILY REUNIONS

FAMILY REUNIONS: Meet up with your newly found relatives through the Family History Group Surname Register or organise a reunion of your family members who will all be in Colac for this important event. Let us know what you will be doing. Contact research@colacfamilyhistory.org.au



MORWELL—CAN YOU HELP?

The Morwell Historical Society have scanned many SEC Contact magazines but there are gaps.

Does anyone have old issues? Contact Florence Butcher or the MHS.



MORWELL DISTRICT BOER WAR ROLL OF HONOUR

Members of our Society have been invited to Morwell for a Commemorative Service for local soldiers and civilians involved in the Boer War. The Morwell District Boer War project will be launched on Wednesday, 11th October 2017 at 11am in the AN-ZAC Room, Morwell RSL, 52 Elgin Street. A pre-service audio-visual presentation will be shown. Please arrive around 10am.

The project comprises an indoor Commemorative Service which will be conducted by the Morwell RSL and during which the Morwell District Boer War Roll of Honour will be unveiled.

Following the service, a complementary Graphic Exhibition displaying portrait photos and information on the soldiers and civilians, together with historical aspects of the Boer War will be available for the public to view in the nearby Morwell Historical Society's building at 12 Hazelwood Road.

The Morwell District was very well represented by 51 soldiers and 3 civilians during the Boer War (1899-1902). The date '11th October' is the 118th

Anniversary of the commencement of the war in South Africa.

Morwell Historical Society member and local historian, Rob de Souza-Daw has been the Principal Researcher for this project. Further information on the Commemorative Enquiries - contact Morwelldistrictboerwar@gmail.com or visit www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au

Your committee has nominated Vaughan Knox to lay a wreath at the service on behalf of the Society at the suggestion of the Morwell Historical Society, for the assistance she and Brian gave in providing family details for some of the soldiers.

We have been asked that any members planning to attend wear their MGFHS name tags. Arrive before 10am to make sure you have a seat.

The following is a list of soldiers and civilians that will be honoured. If you are a descendant or relative of these people, make yourself known to the Morwell Historical Society.

MORWELL DISTRICT BOER WAR SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS

SOLDIERS

Ashley	A.F.	Private
Blandford	C.W.	Private
Blandford	E.H.	Private
Bolding	G.W.	Private
Bolding	J.	Private
Bond	W.H.	Private
Conway	F.B.	Private
Cook	H.E.	Lance Corporal
Cook	W.H.	Private
Craven	W.H.	Private
Crutchfield	R.	Private
Cunnington	W.S.	Private
Dobbin	J.H.	Quartermaster Sergeant
Elliott	G.W.	Private
Francis	W.C.	Private
Frazier	S.A.	Sergeant
Furlong	T.B.	Trooper
Graham	D.B.	Private
Haiz	A.X.	Private
Hall	M.	Private
Holmes	T.H.	Private
Jarvie	P.J.	Private
Kells	E.J.	Private
Kells	P.W.	Private
Kells	R.F.	Private
Kirwin	H.M.	Private
Lindsay	J.H.	Private

McDonald	J.S.M.	Private
McDonald	M.T.	Sergeant
McInnes	J.	Private
McInnes	M.A.	Trooper
Macmillan	A.C.	Private
Moran	J.T.	Corporal
Murcutt	J.W.J.	Corporal
Nadenbousch	J.	Private
Nuttall	I.	Private
Pettit	G.	Corporal
Porter	E.	Corporal
Rose	T.J.	Farrier
Shaw	D.J.	Private
Shaw	D.C.	Private
Shaw	H.T.	Lance Corporal
Shaw	M.C.A.	Private
Shaw	S.L.	Corporal
Stone	C.E.	Private
Thomson	J.P.	Private
Waldon	W.H.M.	Captain
Walker	F.	Private
White	D.J.	Sergeant
White	T.	Private
Williamson	J.	Private

CIVILIANS

Gay	J.W.	Telegraphist
Smith	E.P.	Farrier
Surman	T.O.	Clerk

GENEALOGY AT THE LATROBE CITY LIBRARY



EXPLORING YOUR CONVICT ANCESTRY

JOIN ANNE PAWLEY AS SHE DELVES INTO THE CONVICT WORLD FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS
EVENT DETAILS

When and where:

Traralgon Library - 35-38 Kay Street
Monday 16 Oct 2017 at 02:00PM

How Much

Free

Contact Details

Phone: 1300 367 700

Email: library@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Book on the library website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library

ABOUT

Convict ancestry used to be kept secret by many families. It is only in recent years that people have embraced this part of their heritage. Join local family historian, Anne Pawley as she delves into the world of convicts records, providing information and strategies for researching your convict ancestors.

Bookings required for catering purposes

Education Department,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1877.

**NOTICE to Proprietors and Principals of
Private School Establishments and
Capitation Schools :—**

**Principals of Private School Establishments
are reminded that under the 10th clause of
the Education Act Amendment Act, 1876,
they are required to furnish to the Department,
in the month of January in each year,
a return showing the Christian name and
surname, sex, age last birthday, residence,
and number of school days attendance of each
child who attended their respective schools
during the preceding year**

**Where returns have been already furnished
of school attendances during the quarters
ending 31st March, 30th June, and 30th
September, those for the last quarter only of
the present year are required.**

HENRY VENABLES,
Secretary.



FROM COMPUTCLEVER

A very common PC issue is having too many apps open at the same time. Many apps require a portion of your Internet bandwidth to work. Hidden applications will not even appear on your screen.

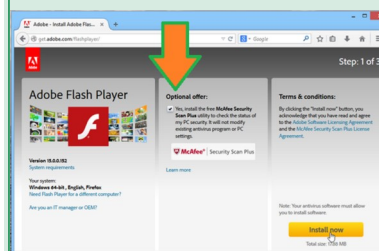
When too many apps run at the same time they compete for (a) computer resources such as CPU, Memory or Hard Disc and (b) networking resources, taking a slice of your Internet pie.

One result is your web browser or family tree software runs slowly.

How do these items wind up on our PC in the first place? Some get there as a result of unsafe browsing practices including opening email attachments or passing files from one PC to your own via chat rooms, file sharing, or instant messaging.

It seems hard to believe, but many unwanted apps get there because you installed them unknowingly, often from legitimate vendors. Adobe Flash Player is a well known example.

You can see how there is an additional offer to install McAfee on your PC. This little check box is on by default and if you don't look closely then click the "Install now" button,



you will download two programs at once.

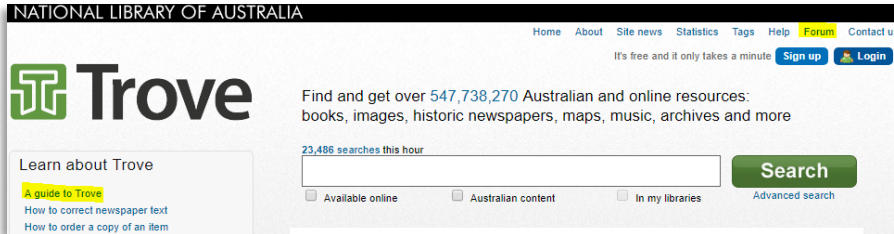
Unwanted apps like Ask can be hard to remove. Contact a knowledgeable friend or a computer shop.

TROVE TIPS

The best way to start using Trove (trove.nla.gov.au) is to jump in with a simple search. You will either get too many hits or not enough. Very soon you will want to know how to improve your searching skills.

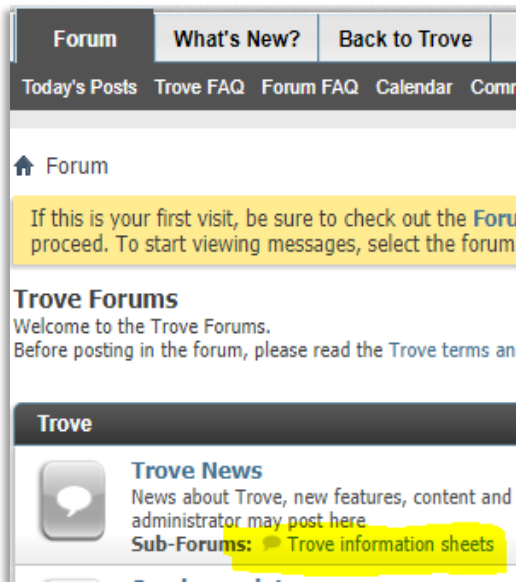
The builders and users of Trove have prepared a lot of help about searching newspapers. I want to show you where to find it.

The landing page has two places to start and I have marked these in yellow. At the left you will find general help under “A guide to Trove”.

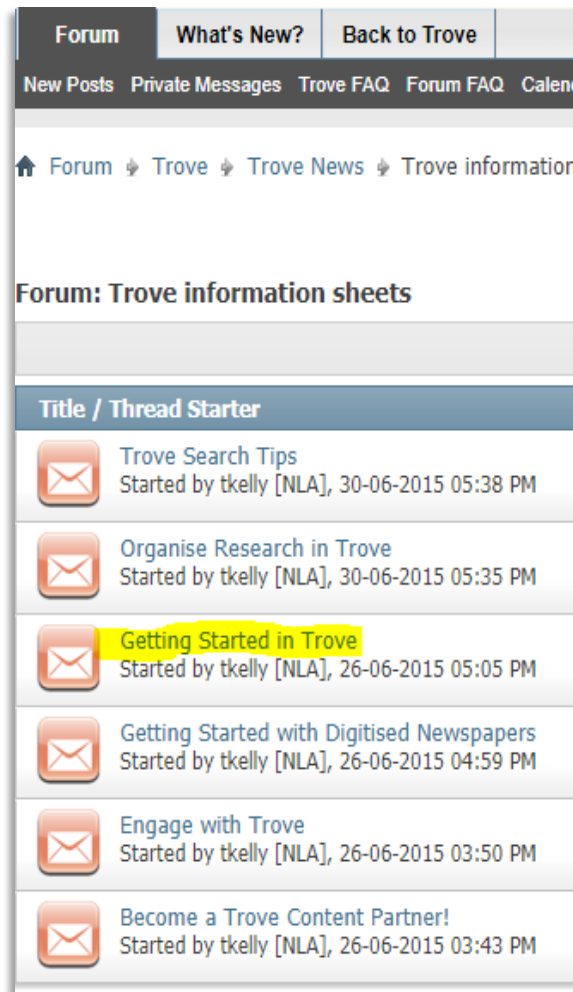
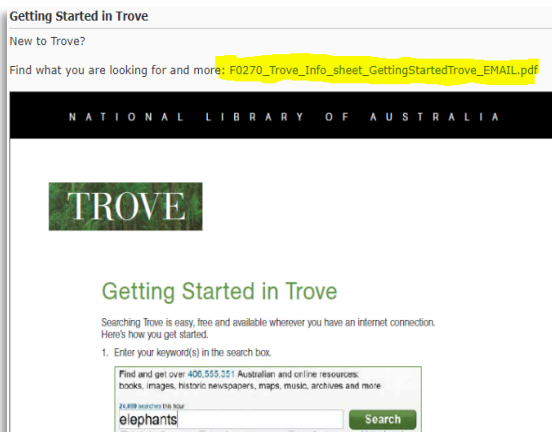


I think the most comprehensive help is to be found on the Forum using the link at the top right. The Forum is a place to learn and exchange information.

On the first page of the Forum, below, I have highlighted the next link to take “Trove Information Sheets.” ↓



This leads to half a dozen documents that you can download, like “Getting Started in Trove” at right. →



Follow this link to a page like the one at left, then click the link to the PDF file (highlighted) to start the download.



Peter

DON AND GLAD MACCEADIE



"The Rosedale Story Vol III"

Our guest speaker at the May meeting was Don MacCreadie.

Don was a foundation member of the Mid Gippsland Family History Society and spent two years as its president.

His first book was a history of Willung, *Willung 1844-1980* which has been reprinted and is available for sale.

Don does not use a computer. He has collected material himself, using local newspapers, mainly the Port Albert newspaper up to 1965 as well as the Gippsland Times from 1862. Every article of interest was photocopied and indexed. His resource collection amounts to 45 volumes, thousands of pages.

Don is from Dawson and is interested in the Rosedale area and uses his ancestors activities as the basis of his research.

He wrote and published *James Clarke was an Irishman*.

Using Glad's family, which emigrated from Cornwall, he wrote "*Mathews and Mathews*"

Then he started on Volume 1 of *The Rosedale Story*. Many people consider this to be the 'bible' for the history of Rosedale.

Volume 2 is about the Shire of Rosedale. Its subtitle is "The Rosedale Shire from inauguration to annihilation" and in it he provides biographies of all 140 councillors to have served the shire. Many of Don's books have been reprinted and are available for sale.

He took a break after 8 books, but then started working one more, Volume 3. The Rosedale Historical Society published this edition which was printed and bound at Officeworks. It is about land selection and the land laws from 1856 to 1889. The laws seemed to change with every new government. The writing of this book was encouraged by David Alderson (who types out Don's work these days). It is published by Rosedale Historical Society and is available for sale.

Don answered a few questions from the audience.

A vote of appreciation was moved by Dawn who also presented Don with a small memento.

The photo shows Dawn Cowley with Don and Glad at the Moe Library

A VISIT TO MELBOURNE'S IMMIGRATION MUSEUM

My wife and I took some time out to visit this museum recently while in Melbourne. For those who don't know it, the museum is at 400 Flinders Street. Entry is free for concession holders and children and it is easy to spend several hours walking through the exhibits.

One surprising feature of the museum is that is autism-friendly, allowing people to select high or

low sensory spaces.

They have a shop and a research room, but I think that you would be lucky to get specific information about your family. Their web site does provide a very extensive list of links for family historians.

The Museum has a comprehensive view of immigration to Victoria: as they say it "explores the stories of real people from all over the world who have



migrated to Victoria.” At every turn the display considers the impact of immigration on aboriginal society as much the immigrants themselves.

I was impressed by the fabric of the building – the staircase, the marble flooring, the Long Room. This room is at the centre of the building and contains a display representing travel by sea over time. This by no means fills the large space – I found it difficult to imagine what the scene would have been when it was actually used as a custom hall.

However, my interest was for the period 1850-1880, and there were many displays covering the reasons for immigration, the life of immigrants and life in

Victoria. This period was just a speck on the immigration spectrum and most of the displays covered more recent history. To take it all in would require more than one visit.

You can visit their web site. However, this seems to be aimed at school visits. Instead Google “immigration museum idc” or make your way to museumsvictoria.com.au/website/immigrationmuseum/discoverycentre/idc-interface/, where you can, as they say, “start your research here.” The image above depicts part of the discovery centre site.

Peter McNab

MID GIPPSLAND PLACE NAMES

Rod Donnelly has compiled the story of the place names of Mid Gippsland.

Boolarra – Believed to be derived from an expression in one of the local Aboriginal languages meaning “plentiful” or “twenty”.

Childers – Probably named after Hugh Culling Eardley Childers a prominent British-Australian Liberal statesman. He joined the government of Victoria as inspector of schools and immigration agent, finally becoming auditor-general on 26th Oct 1852.

Churchill – Formerly known as Hazelwood, but was renamed Churchill after construction of a new township and following Sir Winston Churchill’s death.

Coalville – Named Coalville after black coal was discovered in the area during the 1880’s. The main companies involved were “The Moe Coal Mining Company” and “The Narracan Valley Coal Mining Company”.

Erica – In the early 1900’s the area was generally known as Upper Moondarra. When the station opened in 1910 it was named “Harris”, but by 1914 had been renamed “Erica” after the nearby mountain. The mountain was so named because of the abundance of heath (belonging to the Erica family) on it.

Glengarry – Originally known as Toongabbie South in the 1870’s. In 1883 it was called Latrobe for about a year, after which it became “Glengarry”. Probably named after Glengarry, Inverness-Shire, Scotland. A Glengarry is also a boat-shaped cap without a peak made of thick-milled woollen material.

Gormandale – Originally known as Merrimans Creek. An early selector John Gorman built a bridge over the creek giving rise to a locality name, “Gorman’s Crossing”. In 1882 a school named Wilung South was opened and the next year it was renamed Gormandale. The post office was given the same name when it opened in 1887.

Hazelwood – Hazelwood pastoral run was taken up in 1844, being named after the squatter’s wife, Lavinia Hasell Bennett. The town proper was renamed Churchill after construction began in 1965.

Hill End – The district takes its name from the descriptively titled “Hill End” pastoral run which was taken up in 1850 and used to depasture cattle from larger runs in Gippsland.

Moe – The marshland area was generally known as “The Mowie”; the name with various spellings, said to be derived from an Aboriginal (kurnai)

word meaning “big swamp” or “swamp land”.

Moondarra – The name arose from the Moondarra pastoral leasehold (Ca 1850), and it is thought that the word was derived from an Aboriginal expression concerning rain or thunder.

Morwell – From 1844, pastoral runs were taken up along the Morwell River. The name of the Morwell River is allegedly the anglicised form of the Aboriginal words “more willie” meaning “woolly possum”. This in turn became the name of the public house by the river and the early settlement nearby. A number of locations in England have also been suggested as the inspiration for the name.

Narracan – Narracan was named after the Narracan Creek and the word is thought to have been derived from an Aboriginal word describing a crow.

Rawson – The town was initially named “Robertson” after Alan Robertson the former Chief Engineer of the Board of Works. But, after local pressure, the name was changed to Rawson, honouring a pioneer family of the area.

Tanjil – The name Tanjil was derived from the Tangel pastoral run (1844) which in turn came from an Aboriginal word meaning “frost or “snow”.

Thorpdale – Known at first as the Narracan district. In 1879 a Post Office opened and was named Narracan West and subsequently renamed Thorpdale in 1884 and Thorpdale South in 1888. Thorpdale means “village in a valley”. The present town of Thorpdale is about 2km North of the old town. Much of the old town was destroyed during the large “Red Tuesday” (20th Jan) bushfire in 1898.

Toongabbie - The meaning is uncertain and spelling variations numerous. The Kings Family Day Book, written by John King, includes the variations Tongaby, Toongabbee, Towngabee, Tongabee, and Toongabbi. The spelling “Toongabbie” did not become predominant until the 1870’s. John King an Australian born pastoralist and parliamentarian was born in Parramatta NSW near the town of Toongabbie and reported that the town got its name from the resemblance to Toongabbie NSW. However as early as 1849, three years before King took over the Rosedale run a survey map shows “Macfarlanes Tongaby hut” clearly marked on the current site of Toongabbie.

Trafalgar – Named after the famous battle of Trafalgar in which the British, under Nelson, defeated the French and Spanish fleets.

MID GIPPSLAND PLACE NAMES CONTINUED

Traralgon – While of uncertain origin it is popularly believed to be derived from words of the Aboriginal Gunai language: *tarra* meaning “river” and *algon* meaning “little fish”. However, these words are not reflected in modern linguists’ knowledge of the Gunai language, where, for example, the word for river is *wun wun* or *wurn wurn*.

Walhalla – A township was laid out in 1866 and was named Walhalla after the mining company, itself named for the place of Norse legend.

Westbury – Probably named after Westbury in the English county of Wiltshire just South of Bath.

Willow Grove – The name is thought to be descriptive of the wild acacia that grew in the area which was known as “wild willow” or “willow

scrub”.

Yallourn – The name is a combination of the Aboriginal words *yalleen* meaning “brown” and *lourn* meaning “fire” appropriately it became synonymous with brown coal.

Yallourn North - Originally known as “Brown Coal Mine” as this was where the first mine operated. The Post Office opened on the 3rd September 1917 as Brown Coal Mine and was renamed Yallourn North in 1947, being on the Northern side of the new Yallourn township.

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1. <www.victorianplaces.com.au>
2. <wikipedia.org>

PLACE NAME DATABASES.

Verifying place names is one of those tasks that can lead you onto interesting paths. I started off with many incomplete addresses—like missing towns, counties or countries.

I am not a fan of the “standard” place names in genealogy software like Family Tree Maker. These are at best a snapshot of the names at a given time. I know of at least one significant mis-spelling and innumerable missing places in the Bing mapping system. In the space of 100 years, whole countries appear and disappear, let alone spellings change from the anglicized form to other forms. I was confused for a while when I found a relative at a place in NSW, part of which is now in the ACT. So assigning a person to the current name, town & state is misleading. I certainly want to know where a place is, and I would like to identify other people who lived there, but I am interested in keeping the old name too.

My ideal system would relate all places to their latitude and longitude, then associate the place names with that place and time. Sounds simple to me. Using this system the number and names of relatives living within so many kilometres of each other or of a specific location is easy to compute.

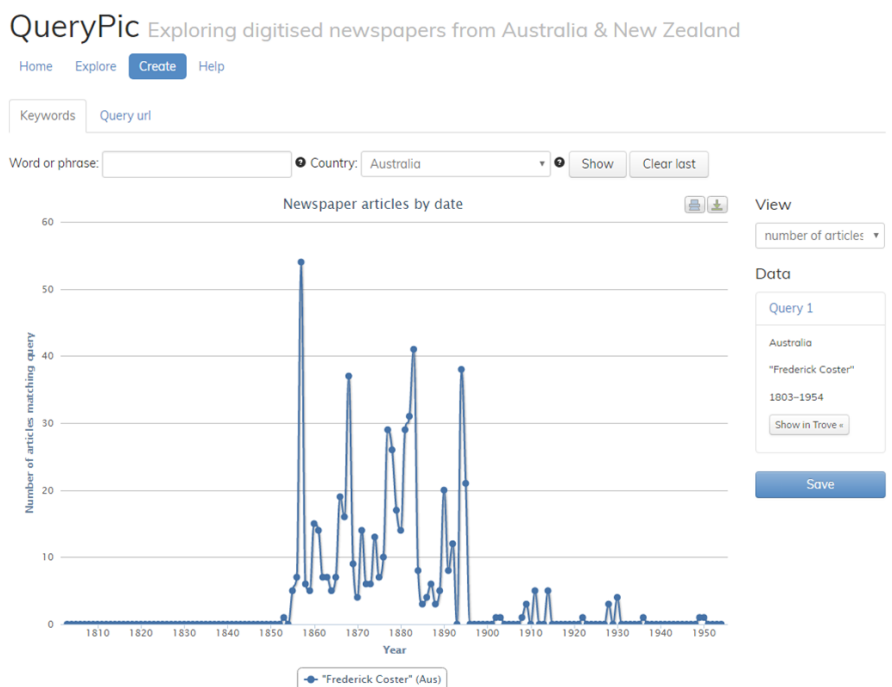
Peter McNab

QUERYPIC—A TROVE APPLICATION

I just discovered another tool for reviewing both Australian and NZ newspaper archives. As you see it produces graphs showing the number of articles matching your search. You can add a number of graphs on the one chart.

I found that the searching is not quite as smart as Trove’s. To get a specific individual for example, I found it better to put the name in Quotes. The image shows articles mentioning one of my great-great grandfathers. It clearly shows the years he was in Victoria and some later references to his family.

If you want to experiment with it, go to dhistory.org/querypic/create/



FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS—TROVE FORUM

We all love Trove to enhance our family's stories with newspaper articles. You may not realise how lucky we are. Trove is unique in the world for its breadth of coverage and its features.

There has been some discussion on the Trove Forum about finding foreign newspapers. Forum member Gato posted the following.

"I have been seeking for many years exactly what you ask for—searchable databases of foreign newspapers. I have not found such databases for Germany, Italy or France, but I consider that five stand-outs cover other countries.

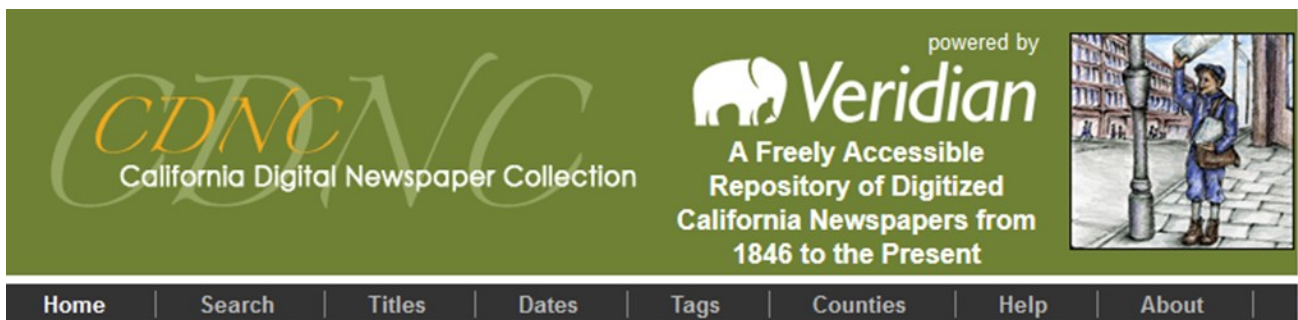
"1. The Gale databases of the London "Times" and British Library British Newspapers archives can be accessed as an online electronic resource in the Australian www.nla.gov.au website by obtaining an NLA reader ticket and login. (Strength: very full coverage. Weaknesses: many OCR omissions and errors; poor indexing; no provision for reader corrections, tags or notes).

"2. The "Papers Past" website of the National Library of New Zealand at paperspast.natlib.govt.nz (Strengths: free access; good OCR accuracy; very full coverage; good indexing. Weakness: no provision for reader corrections, tags or notes).

"3. The US Library of Congress "Chronicling America" historical newspaper collection at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov (Strengths: free access; fairly good OCR accuracy; very good coverage of historical American regional and small-town newspapers; good indexing. Weaknesses: No coverage of major city journals of record like the New York Times; no provision for reader corrections, tags or notes).

"4. The New York Times archives at www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html. (Strengths: free search; fairly good OCR accuracy; full coverage of the NYT as an important US journal of record from 1851; good indexing. Weaknesses: Requires payment to retrieve most full items; no provision for reader corrections, tags or notes).

"5. The California Digital Newspaper Collection associated with the University of California, Riverside, at cdnc.ucr.edu (Strengths: free access for most purposes, including full text; very full coverage; outstanding provisions and capacity for reader corrections, tags and notes [closest to NLA Trove]. Weaknesses: Not as many contributors [yet] as our NLA Trove to text correction and annotation; premium access to website features costs USD\$25 per year)



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"I encourage you and all fellow Trovians to use these great resources—and ESPECIALLY to join, explore, and contribute to the California Digital Newspaper Collection because, covering the other side of our Pacific region, it contains a great deal of invaluable

information relevant to Pacific and Australasian history."

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See <https://trove.nla.gov.au/forum/showthread.php?1207-Foreign-newspaper-databases> to read the whole discussion or search for "Foreign Newspapers" at trove.nla.gov.au/forum

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