

NEWSLETTER.

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MID-VALLEY CENTRE DISPLAY :

On Friday 1st March our Group held a display at Mid Valley Shopping Centre, Morwell which aroused great interest from all and sundry. As a result we welcome any new members to our Group.

Many thanks to all who contributed time and material to the display.

CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS:

On Tuesday 25th April at 2.00 p.m. some members will gather at Narracan Cemetery for Transcriptions. Also, same time and same date for transcriptions at Hazelwood Cemetery.

NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER GROUPS :

You may be missing out on some valuable information if you are not reading the newsletters received each month from other Groups of the G.S.V.

Do you know : there is a ship's Log Index incorporating over 1000 Logs, Diaries, Shipboard letters etc. The ship your ancestor voyaged on may be listed. See Mornington Peninsula Group Newsletter No. 16.

the Port Albert Maritime Museum contains Gippsland Directories for 1864, the Census of N.S.W. 1828, Census of Alberton and Tarraville 1854, a list of people entitled to vote for the Legislative Assembly in 1856 and birth, death and marriage records. See the South Gippsland Group Newsletter, 1984.

The Ballarat Group Newsletter has the name and address for Birth, Death and Marriages indexed from the "Mt. Alexander Mail" from May 1855 to October 1912.

those interested in South African research can find the address of the S.A. Genealogical Society in the East Gippsland Newsletter.

the Bendigo Newsletter has an interesting article written by a member who has recently returned from research in the U.K. giving hints and relating experiences.

the holdings of the Geelong Historical Records Centre are listed in the "Pivot Tree", newsletter of the Geelong Group.

a member of the Mornington Peninsula Group has been indexing all names from "The Age - Help Needed" Column since September 1984. This busy lady also has an index on names mentioned on Nick Vine Hall's segment of Family Favourites and Family Tree enquiries from the "Weekly Times". See the Mornington Peninsula Group Newsletter December 1984, No. 16 for details.

NEW ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY :

National Library of Australia (Canberra)
Pamphlet on holdings and general information.

BACK TO ELDORADO :

On Easter Saturday, 6th April, there will be a reunion of interested people connected with this area.

GORMANDALE CEMETERY LIST :

We have a transcription of the Gormandale Cemetery. Thanks to Bruce McMaster for donating a suitable cover for this.

WATCH YOUR SPELLING GENEALOGISTS :

A letter arrived in the mail from a gentleman searching for "decendants" of his great-Grandfather. I assume he meant descendants, but with some of the relations we find in our family tree, perhaps he might mean decadents!

SEMINAR :

Our Annual Seminar will be held on Saturday 14th September. The Sub-Committee consists of :

Jean McNally	Mavis Lynch
Lyn Gorman	Julie Stevens
Dawn Cowley	John Pattison

MYSTERY?

One of our members is launching a book ... When and Where?
Ring Dawn

TWICE BLESSED

My husband and his cousin were both named after their paternal grandfather and we have the same surname and initials. As we live on adjoining farms, this often causes confusion.

If my wifes answer the phone and someone asks for Mr. Moller, we automatically enquire "The one on the top farm or the one on the bottom farm?" If asked, our husbands say for Mrs. Moller "Do you mean the one who works for the Lawyer or the one who works in the supermarket?"

One day, my husband's cousin answered the phone, "May I speak to your wife?" asked a male voice. Without thinking, the husband replied "The one who works with the Lawyer or the one who works at the Supermarket?"

There was stunned silence, the the man on the other end chuckled and said "You're a lucky fellow!"

KINDRED SPIRITS :

During his stint in the Air Force, my brother was bored and homesick. Our Grandfather suggested that he try to find a long lost cousin who had settled in the area where he was stationed.

Sure enough he found a "Robert Reid" listed in the phone book. He was invited to dinner and spent many Sundays with the family. "The Reid's are absolutely terrific!" he wrote home; "They had me out for the weekend. Their Barbeques by the swimming pool - fabulous!"

"Oh no!" said Grandfather, "Clara married a "Robert MEAD, Not Reid."

The Reids had known all along that my brother had the wrong family but they too had been bored and, as they said "Pretty soon we felt we practically "were" cousins."

BEGINNERS START HERE :

For those starting to trace their family, the December 1984 issue of "ANCESTOR", the quarterly journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria had some hints. To get you going, we have listed some here :

How to begin tracing your family history :

(by Joan Wills F.G.S.V. Honorary Research Officer, Genealogical Society of Victoria)

"In researching your family history, the cardinal rule is to research from the known (present) to the unknown (past) in a systematic way.

Information may be obtained from family stories, photographs, family Bibles, old letters, Cemetery inscriptions, etc.

You must start with yourself and your own birth certificate. This will provide you with the date and place of your parents' marriage. The next step is to obtain a copy of your parents' marriage certificate. Full names of your parents will be cited plus the names of your two grandfathers and their occupations as well as the maiden names of your two grandmothers. The ages and birthplaces of your parents will also be mentioned.

From this information you can now obtain a copy of your parents' birth certificates. These will give the dates and places of their parents' marriages.

Always obtain FULL copies of certificates as they are the ones containing the necessary information you need.

You can now obtain a copy of your grandparents' marriage certificates. When this is done you should have the full names of your great-grandfathers and the maiden names of your great-grandmothers.

Note all other information such as religion, witnesses to a marriage, occupations and addresses etc. This will add interest to your pedigree.

Do not jump a generation - if you work in a systematic way, your reward will be a well-documented history of your family.

Don't forget those relatives you may consider elderly. They are the ones with all the memories and information."

(Jim Flahavin F.G.S.V. Assistant Research Officer, Genealogical Society of Victoria has an article in the same issue of "Ancestor" which is worth reading, part of which is included here.)

"Some sources of genealogical information are listed hereunder: Electoral rolls, Relatives, Libraries (State, Latrobe and local), Books including local histories, Municipal Councils, Rate Books, Genealogical Societies, Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates, Naturalisation Papers, Parliamentary Papers, Government Gazettes, Newspapers and Magazines, Sands and MacDougall Directories, Post Office Directories, Telephone Directories, Parish Registers, Public Record Office (City Search Room and Laverton), Shipping Records, Titles Office, Cemetery records, Historical Societies, Lands Department, Government Departments, etc. etc."

IS ANYONE SEARCHING FOR THIS NAME?

I have an old writing desk with the following inscription written inside the lid :

"Came to this Colony on the Good Ship 'Delta'
in July 1852 (or 55) arrived in October 1852
(or 55) A.D.

John Connell
Collingwood, Melbourne

Originally from Brandon Ct. Cork - Ireland
Purser - James Clarke, Esq."

If anyone is searching for this name, contact Irene Arnott.

MORE KINDRED SPIRITS :

Dad often corresponded with persons bearing our surname so that he could plot them on to the genealogy master sheet. One year he obtained the address of a lawyer who had our surname. Dad wrote to him asking him to supply facts concerning his family's migration.

He received the following reply : "Dear Sir, Your name may be the same as mine but where I, or any of my family come from is none of your damned business."

My father responded "Dear Sir, Yes, you are indeed a Darley!" After that they corresponded frequently and Dad added him and his family to the master chart.

ARE YOU RESEARCHING IN LEICESTER?

If you have family from Leicester,

Mr. Michael Billings,
33 Garland Cres,
Leicester L.E.3, 9B.N,
England

may be able to help you.

GRAVE THOUGHTS :

Why would two males unrelated to each other, therefore with different surnames, be buried in the one grave?

They were married to the same woman who outlived them both and she had them buried together in the one grave!

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