

NEWSLETTER

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Our May Meeting was chaired by Eddie Tunn very efficiently with enough of Eddie's humour coming through to enliven proceedings.

Reports were given that the Open Research Day was an outstanding success.

Letters have been sent out regarding the Seminar on 14th September. Our Seminar will be promoted at the Display at MidValley during August.

Typing from the Hazelwood Cemetery Day has progressed favourably. Thanks to all who turned up with typewriters, especially Mr. & Mrs. Bill White.

Dawn has particulars concerning a request from Fran Little who is now blind. She needs help with co-relating her family history.

Also a request has been received for any information on John George Sutton, Storeman of Moe, Hairdresser of Mirboo and Photographer at a later date - Gay and Dawn are checking

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Our June meeting was very well attended and final arrangements were made for the Bus Trip to the G.S.V. Library in Melbourne on July 20th.

At this meeting, Mr. Patrick Morgan, a lecturer at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education spoke on the history of Gippsland : Its settlement, industries and early families.

He also announced that the Gippsland Institute is setting up a Centre for Gippsland studies. Their idea is to provide facilities for students and members of the public to study the History and Literature of Gippsland. Items pertaining to the area such as photos, films, directories, books of history and literature, newspapers and newsletters, cemetery records, etc. will be welcome adjuncts to this centre. It will be open during normal Institute times (9.00 - 5.00 p.m. daily) and perhaps each fourth weekend when external students are there.

Also, a Public Records Office for Gippsland? At present the G.I.A.E. have been requesting the Public Records Office to set up a facility within the Institute similar to that in Ballarat so that family researchers and students can have the same opportunities without having to travel to Melbourne.

At this stage they are lobbying Federal and State Members to push this at their level. We wish them well!

OBITUARY

HUGH McGREGOR

Members of our Group were saddened by the recent death of Hugh McGregor. Hugh passed away on June 30th 1985 after a short illness. He had been enthusiastically researching his own family history over the past fifteen years and had set himself a goal of completing the McGregor story this year. Hugh has been a member of our group since its beginnings in December 1980 and at that first meeting was elected Vice President. Due to a change in meeting nights Hugh was unable to attend meetings but remained actively involved over the years providing valuable assistance with copying, donations to our Library and the general establishment of the group.

In 1984 Hugh wrote the History of the Yinnar Football Club for its Centenary Celebrations. He has enjoyed many years as both a player and Coach at Yinnar and the book remains a fitting tribute to his memory.

We extend our sympathy to his Wife, Joan and two young sons, Cameron and Scott.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

- "Cemeteries in Australia" Faye M. Young
A Register of Transcripts
- "Department of Minerals & Energy" Publications, 1985.
"Birregurra by the Barwon"
Genealogical Research Directory 1985.
- "Currey O'Neil" 1984 Book Catalogue.
- "Gippsland Electoral Roll for 1856 and Stock Assessment Payable".
- "Gormandale Cemetery Records"
- "The Ancestor Trail in Ireland" Donal F. Begley
- "New Zealand Family History Research"
- "Marriage, Census and other Indexes for Family Historians" Jeremy Gibson.
- "Queensland Centenary" 1859-1959
- "Ancestor" March 1985
- "The Genealogist" March 1985
- "Convict Ships 1787 - 1868" Charles Bateson
- "Scot's Kith & Kin" Clan Maps, Scottish Names, Clans and families.
- "A General Guide to the Library Collection and Archives in the Australian War Memorial" Michael Piggot

New Additions to the Library : Cont'd..

"North Irish Roots" Journal of the North of Ireland F.H.S.
Has lists of members interests and queries page.

Address for Information :

North of Ireland F.H.S.,
Queens University Teachers Centre,
Upper Crescent,
Belfast, B.T.7 INT.

Enclose three International Return Coupons.

"Devon F.H.S." Information Pamphlet
"Berkshire F.H.S." " "
"East of London" " "

Newsletters : Mildura Group
"The Pivot Tree" (Geelong Group)
Bendigo Group
"The Past Finders" (Cairns Group, Queensland)
"Victorian GUM"

"Ancestor" December 1984 Beginners Issue.

Electoral Roll for Maffra 1974.

"The Irish Link" No. 1,2,3 - 1984
"The Ulster Link" No. 225, 226, - 1984
"The Genealogist" December, 1984.

Order Forms - "Victorian Ordnance Survey Maps" covering
England and Wales in Victorian Times.

Thank you to the many people who donate material to our
Library.

THINGS TO BE FOUND IN OUR LIBRARY:

I.G.I. explanation of codes - Ballarat Newsletter No. 34
April, 1985.

Latrobe Library Microfiche holdings - Mornington Peninsula
newsletter No. 18, May, 1985.

Alberton Cemetery Register - Yarram Newsletter No. 2 April '85

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRE 1906 BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES :

Pre 1906 Birth, Death and Marriage Register on Micro-fische
from South Australia is now available from the Registrar
of Birth, Death and Marriages, 59 King William Street,
Adelaide, South Australia.

The micro-fische, in three separate sections, covers all of
South Australia and Kangaroo Island and is available at the
cost of \$67.50 - postage included.

The set is fully indexed by surname, with the christian name
appearing in full and at times only by initials. Appearing
next to the name is a book and page number. No other
identification exists.

The index falls into the following years : 1842 - 62:
1863-77: 1878-86: 1887-95: 1896-1905.

Certificates are available from the above address by quoting
the relevant name, book and page number and for a search fee
of \$10.00

A LIST OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES IN WALES :

- Clwyd FHS - Covers the Old Counties of Flint and Denbigh - The Secretary is, Mr. L. Sharrock, 17 Parc-y-Llan, Llanfair DC, Ruthin, Clwyd, North Wales.
- Dyfed FHS - Covers the old Counties of Carmarthen, Cardigan and Pembroke - the Secretary is Miss Miora Evans, 175 Pen ybank Road, Penybank, Ammanford, Dyfed, West Wales.
- Glamorgan FHS - Covers the old County of Glamorgan and the new Counties of Mid, South and West Glamorgan - the Secretary is Howard Llewellyn, Llanishen Fach Farm House, Heol Erwin, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, South Glamorgan
- Gwynedd FHS - Covers the old Counties of Anglesey, Caemarvo and Merioneth, the Secretary is Mr. J.D. Williams, 6 Nant-y-Mount, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, N. Wales.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FOR SCOTLAND :

A pamphlet on the General Register is currently held in our library. It lists the records available, i.e. Old Parish Registers, Births, Deaths and Marriages from 1855, War Registers and Census Records of the population of Scotland.

It gives suggestions for organising searches by the G.R.O. staff and members of the public. As well as a list of Private Record Agents and the fees for searches and extract

Records NOT found in the General Register Office are :

Wills and other deeds and documents.

Records relating to coats of arms and recorded genealogies.

Records of births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales.

Records of births, deaths and marriages in Ireland.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL :

Did you know there is a large collection of Soldiers' Photos, War Diaries, Casualty Lists, Prisoner of War Statements, etc. held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. A detailed list is available from the Library

FAMILY HISTORY ON CHANNEL 9 :

There is a segment on Family History on Channel 9 "The Midday Show with Ray Martin" - Weekdays 12.00 - 1.30 p.m. Viewers are invited to write their queries to :

"Family Roots" Box 301, Willoughby, 2068 N.S.W.

An interesting fact mentioned on this show :

"75% of family history researchers are women!"

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Valerie Callister says :

"Changes to adoption legislation came into effect from Monday April 15th.

Adults who have been adopted in Victoria, or born in Victoria and adopted elsewhere, will be able to obtain information on their natural parents from that date.

The new Adoption Act was passed by Parliament late last year with the support of all parties.

The new arrangements allow adopted persons, aged 18 and over, to apply to the Department of Community Welfare Services, or the Agency through whom they were adopted, for access to their birth certificate or for other information about their natural parents. The legislation provides for a compulsory counselling process to ensure that adoptees are sensitive to the implications for their parents and themselves."

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"Genealogists, historians and interested members of the public will soon have easy access to pre-1900 births, deaths and marriages information.

For some time genealogists have been asking the Victorian Government to have pre-1900 indexes placed on microfilm to assist those who wish to pursue family and historical research using the records of the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

As part of Victoria's 150th anniversary celebrations, funds have now been allocated to the registry to undertake a modernisation program to put this information on microfilm over the next six months.

When work is completed, microfiche of pre-1900 births deaths and marriages will be available to the public on the payment of the prescribed fee and this access will greatly assist people engaged in family research or seeking historical information.

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INFO FEE GOES UP :

Finding out more about yourself - or what the Government knows about you - will cost more from July 1.

The Government announced the massive increases in Freedom of Information charges fore-shadowed in the May mini-Budget.

Most requests will now incur a \$20 administration charge plus a \$30 an hour fee for search and retrieval.

The cost of access for personal inspection of documents has been increased by \$1.75 to \$8 a half hour. Transcript costs have been increased by 60c to \$5.00 per page.

CLARKE FAMILY REUNION :

Ron Clarke, Anakie and Don Macreadie, Cowwarr were the organisers of a weekend - May 10,11,12 1985 - family gathering.

The venue was the Uniting Church Camp at Adekate near Dean in the Ballarat district. Thirty-five members were at the camp while a further seventy visited and stayed for meals at this most successful reunion.

James Clarke was born in Co. Tyrone, Ireland in 1839, the son of Thomas Clarke and Rebecca Henderson and migrated to Victoria in 1860 after being a member of the Irish Constabulary. He met and married Elizabeth Harren who was Australian born of convict Antecedants at Learmouth in 1862.

Elizabeth's father Henry Harren was transported to Sydney in 1833 but his Ancestry can be followed back through another ten generations to a marriage in 1535. The name has also been spelt fourteen different ways. In 1846 Henry married Sarah who already was the mother of his three daughters.

Sarah was born in Kent in 1814 and her parents Samuel Hales and Martha Thatcher were both transported to Sydney in 1816 & 1817 but Martha died on the voyage out.

Before her 13th birthday, Sarah was married to James Smith who was also a convict. There were several Smith children.

Samuel Hales died at the age of 84 in 1866 at Maitland and was buried as Samuel Thatcher.

The reunion was also attended by descendants of Ann Harren, Elizabeth's sister and also of May Harren - Henry's sister. Mary had migrated to Tasmania with her husband - Gardiner but by 1843 they were hotelkeepers in Melbourne.

A most rewarding and enjoyable time was had by everyone who attended.

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