

NEWSLETTER

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Genealogical Society of Victoria - Mid Gippsland Group

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RECENT ACTIVITIES:

An interesting insight into the workings of the "Granite Mountain" was given by ELDER and SISTER WILCKEN of the Church of Latter Day Saints at our January meeting.

The meticulous checking carried out by volunteers (many of them elderly) is all the more amazing as we were invited to read an example of a Will written in "old English".

Also remember not to lay blame on the church if particular information is not available on the I.G.I. microfische. As Elder Wilcken explained, many records have been lost or destroyed in the past and the church can only produce what records they are given : "If a mouse has chewed away part of a document, it is lost forever!" were the words used. All in all it was a most enjoyable talk.

The first section of our February meeting was run as a "WORKSHOP NIGHT". We either worked on our own research, drove a typewriter on our Cemetery Transcription project, or simply circulated among other members absorbing what type of research they were doing and explaining why you were "stuck" in our own investigations. This ran from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and followed by a tightly run meeting.

It was a successful night and enabled social interaction between members that normally time does not permit. Guaranteed to re-kindle enthusiasm.

OLD S.E.C. MAGAZINES :

Dawn Cowley has in her possession two old copies of the S.E.C. Magazine - March 31st, 1943 and April-June, 1952. These include a great number of personal notices relating to S.E.C. personnel and their families. From the 1943 edition :

News of men on active service: Pte. W. Fleming, Yallourn; Pte K.F. Calder; Pilot-Officer F.L. Proctor RAAF; Flying Officer Alf. Wilson RAAF; etc.

Casualties: e.g. Obituaries for three employees: Sgt. Robin Dickson, RAAF from Richmond; Capt. Ian Reed AIF from Geelong; Sgt. Leslie Kennedy AIF from Yallourn.

Also noted are several civilian deaths, marriages and births and over 1700 names of S.E.C. employees serving their country in the forces.

The 1952 edition includes a number of obituaries Mr. H.J. Lawrence, Mr. A. Loveday, Mr. Irwin C. Jessup (Yallourn) as well as marriages, engagements and births.

A list of men receiving senior appointments, including photos, and some social events are detailed.

Please direct enquiries about the contents of these publications to Dawn.

FEES FOR RESEARCH :

Thanks to several members from our Group, we list the following information :

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Victoria.
As from 1st February 1987.

Civil Records (1853 to date)

For each search in any one name over a period not exceeding 5 yrs and <u>Extract of Entry</u>	\$10.00
<u>Certified Copy</u>	\$20.00
Additional search of 5 years - \$10.00	
Issue when Registration No. is quoted Cert. Copy	\$10.00
Additional Certified Copy of same entry - \$10.00	

Early Church Records (1837-1853)

Search and issue of <u>Extract of Entry</u>	\$10.00
<u>Certified Copy</u>	\$20.00

Priority Issue and Service - \$18.00 in addition to normal fee.

LatterDay Saints Library in Traralgon has in its holdings the indexes to N.S.W. Wills to very recent times. Costs for copies of Wills are very reasonable when compared to those of Victoria. Costs : 1800 - 1963 : 1793 Series 1 to 564572 Series 4 cost \$2.00 per copy.

After 1963, probate numbers 564572 onwards - \$13 per copy.

Payment of Clergy for English Parish record searches :

Searching registers up to one hour :

Marriages prior to 1837	£4.00	(THESE ARE ALL ENGLISH POUNDS)
(subsequent part of hour)	3.00	
Baptisms & Burials (including provision of one copy of any entry.	4.00	
(subsequent part of an hour)	3.00	
Each additional copy of an entry : baptisms & burials	4.50	
Inspection under Tithe Act 1836	1.00	(Copies £0.00 every 72 words)

Scotland :

General Register Office for Scotland holds alphabetical lists of baptisms & marriages in the Established Church of Scotland by county up to 1855 arranged alphabetically. This index is an entirely separate undertaking from International Genealogical Index.

The fiche are available for purchase singly or by county or by surname. To order write detailing which surnames you wish and you will receive an estimate of cost. Fiche cost \$1.00 (English) each plus postage at present.

General Register Office for Scotland, New Register House,
Edinburgh, EH13YT. (addressed to Register General)

WEST GIPPSLAND GROUP TRIP TO G.S.V. :

On Saturday April 11th, the West Gippsland Group is running a trip to the G.S.V. and La Trobe Library. If you are interested, you may book your seat and find out costs by ringing Denise Nest : 056 - 23 6264.

NEWSPAPERS HELD BY BENDIGO GROUP :

The Bendigo Group has access on microfilm to the following :

Bendigo Advertiser 1854 - 1920 (Newspapers from 1960 on. 1920-60 lost in fire, available only from La Trobe Library.)

Bendigo Evening News 1865 - 90

Bendigo Mercury 1858 - 60

Gisborne Gazette 1892 - 1920

Inglewood Advertiser 1861 - 1917

Kyneton Guardian 1863 - 1921

Kyneton Observer 1864 - 1900

Dunolly-Bet Bet Shire Express 1865 - 1920

Mount Alexander Mail 1857 - 1900

NEWSPAPERS HELD BY SWAN HILL GROUP :

The Swan Hill Group has access on microfilm to the following :

Kerang Times 28.9.1877 to 29.4.1890

Mid Murray Illustrated 11.6.1964 to 9. 7.1967

Swan Hill Guardian 14.1.1890 to 31.12.1948

Newspapers : Swan Hill Guardian 1949 - 1986

INFORMATION SOUGHT : White - Thomas

William White married Mary Ann Thomas at St. Just Corn.

b 1831 St. Just Cornwall b 1834 St. Just Cornwall

d 1904 Bendigo d 1919 Morwell.

issue : Ann b 1855 Sandhurst - d 1855

Richard b 1857 Sandhurst - d 1863

John Edwards b 1861 Forest Creek - d 1934

William James b 1863 at Muckleford

Henry b 1865 at Muckleford - d 1867

Henry b 1867 at Sandhurst

Mary Ann Thomas b 1870 Sandhurst - d 1873

Jane b 1872 - d 1872

Thomas Thomas b 1874 Garden Gully - d 1939

Nicholas b 1877 at Sandhurst

Any information on descendants to Mrs. B. White,
8 Avon Court,
North Newborough, 3825.

The CORNWALL FAMILY HISTORY JOURNAL reports that the County Record Office will be closed for extensive alterations during 1987. It would be wise to check before leaving Australia.



BEGINNER'S CORNER

Elderly folk don't like to have things sprung upon them, so make an appointment before visiting and let them know the reason for your visit. This gives them time to search out any documents, papers, photos, etc. they may have to show you.

Letter writing is important. If you don't like writing letters, now is the time to train yourself to at least tolerate it. Remember!! If you don't like to write letters you can't expect to receive too many.

Exhaust all free and low cost avenues of research before you start buying certificates, etc. That is : visit cemeteries relevant to your research, write to relatives, particularly those who are elderly, talk to as many relatives as you can. Who knows? Perhaps they have in their possession a document such as a birth, death or marriage certificate which you could consult, thereby saving you needless expense.

SEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL - List of Pupils :

Dawn Cowley has a list of the first 1015 students on the register of the Seaford Primary School. These date from the opening of the school on March 3rd 1914 to the end of 1945. Also listed is each child's date of admission to the school, but dates of birth are NOT included. Dawn is willing to answer any enquiries relating to this list.

ANCESTRAL OCCUPATIONS :

We found these in the Family Tree Magazine Vol. 1 No. 4 and they may be of interest to some people.

TRONER : an official who had charge of the weighing of merchandise at the tron (a weighing machine or pair of scales).

ALGNAGER : a sworn officer appointed to examine and attest the quality and measurement of woollen goods.

VERDERER : a judicial officer of the Kings Forest, sworn to maintain and keep the Assizes of the forest.