

# NEWSLETTER

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## MID GIPPSLAND GROUP LOGO :

What Logo? We feel it is time our group had its own logo for use on letterheads, newsletters, etc. and we are seeking an eye-catching design.

What do YOU think would be a suitable logo for our group? Don't despair if you don't have the skills of a graphic artist - after all, we are genealogists and not expected to be able to draw well!! What we DO need is a design specific to our group and perhaps our locality - Mid Gippsland - and we'll get the selected design drawn up properly if necessary.

Keep it simple, easily recognisable and eye catching. Submit your ideas to Dawn or Ailsa at the August meeting and who knows - perhaps at our A.G.M. in November we'll be able to announce our own unique design.

BE IN IT!! Have some input into the recognisable symbol of our Group.

## GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY - Traralgon Church of Latterday Saints

Apparently there has been some confusion with regard to library times for the Mormon Library in Traralgon.

Hours are : 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Friday nights  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays  
12 noon - 3 p.m. S.E.C. Mondays rostered off.

The Library is not open on Public Holidays or during school holidays.

Enquiries : 051 - 742646 (Anne Tainton) It is a business phone number (Traralgon Refrigeration) so please be patient.

## LONE GRAVES :

Nelly Helyar writes :

"I am compiling a register of "Lone graves and family cemeteries in Victoria". I require full documentation of the grave(s), the exact location (to your knowledge) description and name of reference for unmarked graves. A sketch or copy of a photo would be very gratefully received.

"I believe the register will be of benefit to all Historians and Genealogists who are looking for the hundreds of people buried in lone graves.

"In return for assistance I will forward progress reports and eventually a copy of the registers index. The register will be given to the G.S.V. and, if possible, published as a book.

Nelly M. Helyar, Helyar House, P.O. Box 33, Churchill, 3842.

CASUALTIES : World War 1

I have a copy of "The Weekly Times" March 10th, 1917 which has photographs of the following casualties :

Pte. H.B. Given (Abbotsford) killed  
Pte. W.D. Patchett (Charlton) killed  
Pte. M.E. O'Neill (Woodside) killed  
Pte. W.T. Hutchings (Malvern) killed  
Sgt. P.C. Young (Melbourne) killed  
Pte. J.F. Turnbull (Albert Park) killed  
Pte. E.J. Cottrell (Quambatook) killed  
Pte. T.P. Keating (Tatura) killed  
Pte. A.C. Harris (Brunswick) killed  
Pte. Chas. Hardman (Melbourne) killed  
Pte. S. Mc. Pyers (Mildura) killed (photograph damaged)  
Pte. J.B. Pyers (Mildura) wounded  
Pte. J.L. Hood (Mannerim) killed  
Pte. E.D. Hood (Mannerim) killed  
Pte. Alfred McManus (Melbourne) wounded  
Pte. F.R. Drever (Port Melbourne) wounded  
Pte. E. Abbott (Horsham) killed  
Pte. W.F. Ross (South Melbourne) killed  
Pte. S.A. Walker (Melbourne) wounded  
Pte. H. Adamthwaite (Quambatook) wounded

As you can appreciate, the paper is now quite fragile but if anyone would like a negative taken from any of the above photographs, I am prepared to have it done at a local photographers. Please contact me by Monday 14th September because I'd prefer to have them done at the one time. The cost per negative is \$1.20 (including postage).

Mrs. Lyn Sephton, P.O. Box 51, Boolarra, 3870. Ph. 051 696285.

DONATIONS TO OUR LIBRARY :

We have been fortunate to have the following items donated to our library.

"Deadly Details" a handbook explaining some causes of death found on old certificates - from Nelly Helyer

Recently Superseded copy of "Latterday Saints Family Register" - from Anne Tainton.

ANECDOTES FROM THE PAST :

Extract from "Margaret Remembers" written by an 87 year old lady who was born in 1862.

"The first day of school I went with my brother Willie. (In those days the children were not called by their Christian names such as William, Margaret etc. Stern indeed were the parents who did not invent a change from the normal name given at baptism.) I remember once the school superintendent gave a grammar class this sentence to parse. "That that that that boy parsed is not that that that I asked him to parse." As I think of it now I believe it was a trick question, but perhaps not."

BOOK REVIEW :CHARACTERS OF WILL by Dawn Cowley

Biographies and family trees of William and Emmeline Davies and their descendants. Published by the author and available at \$29.00 (including postage within Victoria) from Dawn, 27 Shanahan Parade, Newborough, 3825.

This 350 page book, hardbound in leatherette, is the result of seven years research into the history of the Davies family who were pioneers of the Balnarring/Bittern area of the Mornington Peninsula. William, born in Ugborough, Devon, England was the first Davies to emigrate to Australia, but first took his sixteen year old wife to South Africa. After three years there they decided to return to England where they immediately made plans to come to Australia. The commonly held belief that our mid-nineteenth century working class ancestors stayed close to home certainly is not true of this family. The first five children of William and Emmeline were born in such diverse places as Jamaica, Cape Town, The Gambia (Africa), Madeira and Australia.

The book includes detailed biographies of William and Emmeline and each of their thirteen children and more than seventy grandchildren. These biographies relate the hardships endured by pioneering people, their joys and sorrows, sporting abilities, political leanings and all that moulded the distinctive Davies character. To quote a passage from the book's introduction - "these were ordinary people who led extraordinary lives" - and their life stories make fascinating reading.

A feature of the book is the numbering system used to identify the 1600 plus family members and the place they take in this extensive family tree. It is suggested that those in search of a simple, clear system of cataloguing family members, study the one used in this book.

The publication is also enhanced by the inclusion of over 240 illustrations, maps and photos and an extensive index, with blank pages provided at the end of the book for additional information.

The very thorough research, clear presentation of family relationships, display format of both biographies and their related family trees and the quality binding and finishing continue to make this book excellent value. It is recommended reading for any family historian.

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ANATOMY OF A SHIP : Found "Historical Records of Australia"  
Series 1, Vol. 3, P. 61.

The "Lady Nelson" is perfectly tight in her botton, but I am sorry to say otherwise in her upper works .....

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ANOTHER DONATION TO OUR LIBRARY :

Microfische "Place Names of Victoria" by Les Blake

Donated by NellyHelyar (OOOPS.... I left it out earlier  
sorry Nelly...)





# BEGINNER'S CORNER

by Dawn Cowley

When interviewing people for family history information, always indicate the date of the interview clearly on your notebook or tape recorder. This will help to pinpoint the time of an event e.g. when you are told that "he died three months ago" or "she got married the year before last" it is important to know the date this was said.

Reference the source of your information e.g. bc = birth certificate.

Join a genealogical society and make use of the material available through its library.

Start from the known (yourself) and progress, generation by generation to your past.

Read all you can get your hands on about genealogy. The library is a good place to start.

Keep a separate address book for genealogical correspondents.

## SOME TASMANIAN BIRTHS IN 1852 :

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Father : George Rowbotham      | Father : Thomas Walker   |
| Child : William                | Child : John             |
| Mother : Anne Hanes            | Mother : Bridget Higgins |
| Father : John Doorly           | Father : Matthew Sutton  |
| Child : Female                 | Child : Thomas Henry     |
| Mother : Ann Manning           | Mother : Mary McCraney   |
| Father : Robert Saunders       | Father : William Dean    |
| Child : Male                   | Child : John             |
| Mother : Ann Clancy            | Mother : Anne Crawford   |
| Father : John Littlejohn       | Father : Robert Saunders |
| Child : James                  | Child : Robert           |
| Mother : Susan Viney           | Mother : Jessie Jamieson |
| Father: William Kennedy Murray |                          |
| Child : Kennedy Murray         |                          |
| Mother : Mary Ann Globner      |                          |

Thanks, Shirley Connaghan