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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER :

Continuing our program of short talks by our own members, at the April meeting Greg Jessep who, by his own admission is just a beginner, spoke about his research and the assistance he has had from members of his family and some anecdotes of characters he has uncovered whilst researching the "Coulthard" family.

Guest speaker at our May meeting was Keith Holden from the Descendants of Convicts Group. His talk was most enlightening reminding members that Convicts were sent to more Australian states than New South Wales and Tasmania. He had a display of literature on our Convict Years which created a great deal of interest.

Your executive has been busy and planning is underway for our Seminar to be held on 8th October.

Frank Robinson and Lyn Sephton attended the Affiliated Groups meeting at Scots Church Hall, Melbourne on 28th May 1988. By reports both spent an enjoyable day, Frank renewing acquaintances and Lyn meeting many people and learning much about the activities of other groups. A report will be circulated tonight.

TRIP TO P.R.O. LAVERTON :

Carol Furmston

Wednesday 7th May dawned a dull grey morning with the promise of rain.

Lyn and myself joined the bus driven and organised by Ian McGown in Morwell and after collecting others at Moe the full twelve on board headed for Laverton. On the way we talked about research and read the Public Records Holding Book. I, like others on the day, had never ventured to the Laverton P.R.O. and I found it a very large modern complex. The staff were very helpful and showed us how to find a variety of records.

All of us took advantage of the many records including Shipping arrivals, Court Records, Inquests, Wills, Land Titles, Postal Directories, Victorian Directories and an endless supply of other records.

Copying anything was not a problem as costs are reasonable.

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After what seemed too short a time, it was time to leave at 4 p.m. We boarded the bus and headed for home. Ian's reward for organising the trip would have to be the excited chatter about successes and failures and hopes of returning one day to Laverton.

Some interesting facts about P.R.O. :

They contain 38.5 km of shelving holding 200 million documents and handle 100,000 enquiries annually. These figures are for 1987 and I'm sure they are increasing all the time.

It was in 1912 that the Royal Historical Society of Victoria called for the establishment of a Central Records Office under the supervision of an expert Archivist.

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY :

BALLAARAT VOTERS' ROLLS - 5 Vols. Donated by Ballarat Group

G.S.V. MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY 1987

SARAH PHILLIPS - FAMILY REUNION OF DESCENDANTS - Donated by
Don Macreadie

YARRAGON CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS - Our Group Project.

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MANY THANKS :

We have been fortunate to have received some items for our Library. From the Ballarat Group we have some Voters Rolls for Central and South Wards, Ballaarat between 1917-1920.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Traralgon has given us a recently superseded Family Register and in turn we have donated the previous set to South Gippsland Group.

Thanks to each of you, we appreciate your generosity and they will be put to good use.

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AN EXTRACT FROM THE CORNWALL FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY :

The compilers of the Directory of Members Interests had a long slog when checking every entry as it arrived. It was however not without its lighter moments, usually traceable to an earlier generation having recorded a phonetic rendering of great-grandmother's pronunciation of her Cornish home, town or village. Some entries have been amended. The Oregon member who gave St. Tossle as the parish will find it as St. Tussell in the directory (even to-day many locals pronounce it "Snozzle").

Ian McGown

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ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA :

Shirley Connaghan has supplied us with the list of places which hold the pre-1900 Birth, Death and Marriage records.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY :

Heraldry & Genealogy Society of A.C.T.
National Library of Australia

NEW SOUTH WALES :

Genealogical Research Service Centre - Bass Hill (private research)
Genealogical Society of Utah - Sydney
Newcastle City Council, Public Library, Newcastle
Society of Australian Genealogists - Sydney.
The Kings School, Parramatta,
Willoughby Municipal Library, Chatswood
Campbelltown City Library, Campbelltown
Liverpool City Library, Liverpool
Hornsby Shire Library, Hornsby
Bankstown City Library, Bankstown
Gosford City Library
STATE LIBRARY OF N.S.W. - Sydney
Kiama Public Library, Kiama
Fairfield City Library, Fairfield
Coffs Harbour Family History Soc, Coffs Harbour
Blacktown City Library, Blacktown
Waverley Municipal Library, Bondi Junction.

QUEENSLAND :

Genealogical Society of Queensland, Brisbane
State Library of Queensland, Brisbane

WESTERN AUSTRALIA :

State Library of Western Australia, Perth

NORTHERN TERRITORY :

Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Flinders University of South Australia - Bedford Park
South Australia Genealogy and Heraldry Society - Adelaide
State Library of South Australia - Adelaide

TASMANIA :

Regional Libraries: Derwent, Hellyer (Burnie) Mersey (Devonport)
Northern (Launceston)
University of Tasmania Library - Sandy Bay
Hounville Municipal Council - Hounville.

VICTORIA :

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies - Oakleigh
City of Kew Public Library - Kew
Genealogical Society of Victoria - Melbourne
Portland Genealogical Group, Portland
State Library of Victoria - Melbourne
Geelong Historical Records Centre - Geelong
Bacchus Marsh Public Library - Bacchus Marsh.

NEW ZEALAND :

Auckland Public Library - Auckland.

MORE FROM CORNWALL :

Another entry from the Cornwall Members Interest Directory :

A South Australian had been wondering where 'Senteth' is. He will find it has been changed to "St. Heath" for that Saint's name is pronounced to rhyme with "death".

Another Australian member struggled to make sense of a badly written place name handed down to her as "GRO HANDY B'DAY". We think it should be Crofthandy St. Day from where hundreds of miners emigrated to all parts of the world.

HEADSTONE AT OLD KIRK, BONESS, SCOTLAND :

May be of interest because of the Australian Connection:

In loving memory of
JOHN MARSHALL
Solicitor and Banks, Bo'ness
Died 10th November 1921, Aged 59 years
ALEXANDER ALLAN
His Eldest son
who died at Wilgar Downs
New South Wales, Australia
30th December 1918 Aged 23 years
JAMES HAMILTON MARSHALL
Son of the above John Marshall
Who died at Toungoo Burma
18th March 1932, Aged 30 years
CATHERINE BRYSON SPIERS WADDELL
Widow of John Marshall
Died 22nd November 1964, Aged 92 years.



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