



NEWSLETTER

No. 43

JULY, 1989.

Genealogical Society of Victoria

Mid Gippsland Group

Chairman : Mr G. Sephton, Boolarra

051 - 696285

Secretary : Mr F. Robinson, Mirboo North

056 - 681433

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER :

A workshop night was held on May 25th where the task of transcribing the Yinnar School records was completed. Many thanks to the members who helped to finish this task. Lyn and I attended the Country Groups Meeting on May 27th. It was the first time I had been to the annual get-together of the country groups and I found it a most educational and enjoyable day (See report in this newsletter).

Our guest speaker at the June meeting was Mr John HEWSON, who spoke on the history of Mail Services in both England and Australia. John showed great knowledge of his hobby and enabled our group to share his feelings with "hands on" experience by passing around a number of examples applicable to his talk. It was both entertaining and educational as genealogists studied letters written over 140 years ago, hoping to see a name they recognised.

Our shadow boards are now completed, thanks to Bill and David. Hopefully at our July meeting we can arrange a display on one of the boards to advertise genealogy to our local communities.

MEETING PROGRAM 1989 :

The following are the arrangements for the next three meetings.

JULY 27th: Research night, Display board preparation.

AUGUST 24th: Research night at G.I.A.E., Some members to visit West Gippsland Group to hear Mr. Jack LONEY talk on Maritime History/Research.

SEPTEMBER 28th: Workshop night, Finalise seminar for October 14th.

VOYAGE OF H.M.S. HERCULES 1852/53 :

A series of accounts of the voyage of the emigrant ship H.M.S. Hercules is given in this 140 page book compiled by W.B. Clarke, 15 Parsons St., Flemington, Victoria, 3031 (\$10.00). This book was collated by the author whilst researching his mothers' family "McInnes". It describes the voyage of the "Hercules" from Campbelltown, Argyllshire Scotland on 26th December, 1852, via Cork to Adelaide and Port Phillip, July/August 1853. Reports include passenger lists, family lists, reports from the schoolmaster, surgeon and other letters between family members.

Submitted by David McInnes.

COUNTRY GROUPS MEETING REPORT :

The Country Groups Meeting was held on 27th May, 1989.

Mid Gippsland Group discussion items

1. Insurance of library holdings
2. Seminar speakers
3. Query Ballarat cemetery

Opening Remarks

1. New groups approved include Wodonga and Irish Ancestry.
2. New group applications include Lakes Entrance, Narre Warren and Wangaratta.
3. Catherine House Records. For 1837 to 1980? the cost is £13000. The aim is to obtain 1837 to early 1900's. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations of \$10 or more entitle you to a 'free' 5 year search when the records arrive. Donations can be earmarked to purchase particular years if so desired.

Group Reports

Group reports were presented. Some were good. Some were mediocre. One group seemed to be working very well. In later conversation he admitted apathy was a problem.

Agenda Items

1. G.S.V. Seminars on Saturdays. Not successful in past, maybe Sundays.
2. Inter library loans - G.S.V. to Country Groups. Linley Hooper replied:- Travelling library not practical. If on loan, books unavailable for months in G.S.V.
3. Tax deductions for donations to Groups' libraries. G.S.V. solicitors checking, but looks okay - firm decision soon.
4. Group rebates. Deduct rebate before sending money to G.S.V.?
Reply. NO
A. Groups will not know members' eligibility.
B. G.S.V. processing automatically allocates rebate.
C. Enables G.S.V. to keep accurate records.
5. Travel claims. Forms available next year!
6. Insurance of group holdings. Two options.
A. If group is a branch of the G.S.V.:
A.1- All assets belong to the G.S.V. (Incorporation).
A.2 - Record your holdings.
A.3 - Inform Graham Smith at G.S.V. of holdings' estimated value, place of storage etc. and he will arrange insurance.
B. Insure the holdings yourself.
(The G.S.V. is presently incorporated via section 66 of the Companies Act. They are looking at transferring to the Association and Incorporation Act which is more applicable to clubs.)
7. Ballarat Cemetery Records. Old, new and crematorium - Permission to microfiche is being organised. These will be available for sale in 2-3 months.
8. Australian Genealogists Computer Index, A.G.C.I. (Agsee) Brochures at the G.S.V. Transcripts of cemeteries (Headstones and Registrations) sent to Sydney, sorted and indexed at Sydney Waterboard (Mainframe computer) Includes Irish Convict index. Out soon.

COUNTRY GROUPS MEETING REPORT cont.

Agenda Items cont

9. Melbourne General Cemetery Transcribing Project. Headstones are done. Cemetery Trust is consolidating headstones and registrations onto one sheet now.
10. From Keith Holden - Could each group bring a display board to the next Country Groups Meeting showing projects, area map, cemeteries covered, personalities etc.
11. Before transcribing cemeteries, contact Dorothy Schnabl. Before doing hospitals, schools etc. contact Liz Allan. Prevents duplication.

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES ON MICROFICHE :

The Library Council of Victoria has made available on microfiche resources held in the collections. The following are available by ordering from Publications (Attn: John Arnold), State Library of Victoria. Further details are available.

Index to The Argus, 1855 - April 1859. Price - \$36.00.

Native tribes of South-East Australia by A.W. Howitt.
Price - \$36.00.

INFORMATION SOUGHT - DAVIES/DAVIS FAMILY :

I am tracing the full family tree of Margaret Nee Evans Davies spelt Davis in the 19th. century and her husband John Davies who came to Georgetown to work in the Mersey Mines at Latrobe Tasmania.

John was born in February 1821 and Margaret was born in 1822 in Wales where they were married in 1843. John became a farmer acquiring 320 acres at West Kentishbury near Sheffield. They are honoured on the monument of pioneers outside the Sheffield Library.

Seven children of the marriage produced children namely:-

William Davies born 1856 died 1886 married Jane Elizabeth Morse.
William Jnr. born 2/2/1879 Herbert and Lillian.

Elizabeth born 1857 married Andrew Smith born 1856 only known child Hubert Davies?

Mary Ann born 1850 married George Jubb children John Jubb, Harold, Sid, ? Mrs McNabb (Ridley) ? married James Castles (Stoodley), V Jubb.

Our grandmother Caroline Amelia Davies McNabb born 1859 died 1910 married John McNab born 1859 died 1926. Children Ivy, Iva and Vera.

Daniel born 1861 died 1934 married Emily Hammant born 1864 died 1938. Children Eric Sibble, John Edward, Albert, Ben, Horace, Maggie (H. Tuson), Lila (Abye Smith) and Claude Davies.

Ellen Davies born 1865 died 1888 married Robert Barnett Charleston born 1865. Children Samuel John born 1888.

Seth born 1868 died 1937 married Rose Clark born 1889 died 1971. Children Charlie, Harold and May.

Submitted by Margaret Sanderson 11A York Street, Moe 3825.
Phone: (051) 27 4989.

McDONNELL HERITAGE SERVICES :

McDonnell Heritage Services (R.M.B. H839, Dawes Road, Invermay, via Ballarat, Vic. 3352 Tel: (053) 32 6800) are offering discounts on B.D.&M. Certificates, Census Returns and Wills post 1858. This is possible through the direct purchase of the certificates etc. by their London associate and by mailing in bulk once per month, to reduce individual postage costs. The charges can be paid in Australian dollars, thus saving bank costs. Approximate charges are:-

B.D. & M. Certificates	\$24.50 inc. 5 yr search and all exp.
	\$31.50 inc. 10 yr search and all exp.
Census return per address per year - name of village or street and town must be stated:	\$13.50
Wills post 1858	\$13.50 inc. 20 yr search.

Charts are also available listing major historical events. Two sets of charts are available, one covering Australian events from 1788 - 1914, and one covering British events from 1485 - 1914. These help to place an ancestor in his or her historical context. The price is \$10.00 for each.

For further details and current prices, write to the above address.
Submitted by Florence Butcher.

REUNION OF FORMER JUMBUK RESIDENTS :

There will be a reunion of former Jumbuk residents on the weekend of 21st - 22nd October, 1989. The format of the weekend will start Saturday Morning with a gathering at the school. Throughout the day it is proposed that there will be a roll-call, a display of photographs and other memorabilia, and an old style School picnic and sports meeting. Lunch and refreshments will be provided at a small charge. In the evening a dance will be held at the hall to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The weekend will conclude on Sunday morning with a Thanksgiving Church Service at the hall.

To register your interest in attending, please write giving your name and address to Mrs Gwenda Husson (Brown), Honorary Secretary Jumbuk Reunion Committee, 3 Osborne Street, Traralgon Vic 3844.
Tel: (051) 74 2286.

CORRESPONDENCE :

All correspondence should be addressed to our Secretary
Mr F. Robinson, 8 Baths Road, Mirboo North, 3871.

Contributions are accepted in good faith and the Newsletter Committee do not accept responsibility for accuracy of information or opinions expressed.

Compiled for the MID-GIPPSLAND GROUP G.S.V. by the Newsletter Committee, Melinda van Klaveren, David McInnes and Lyn Sephton.
36 Wallace Street, Morwell, 3840.
