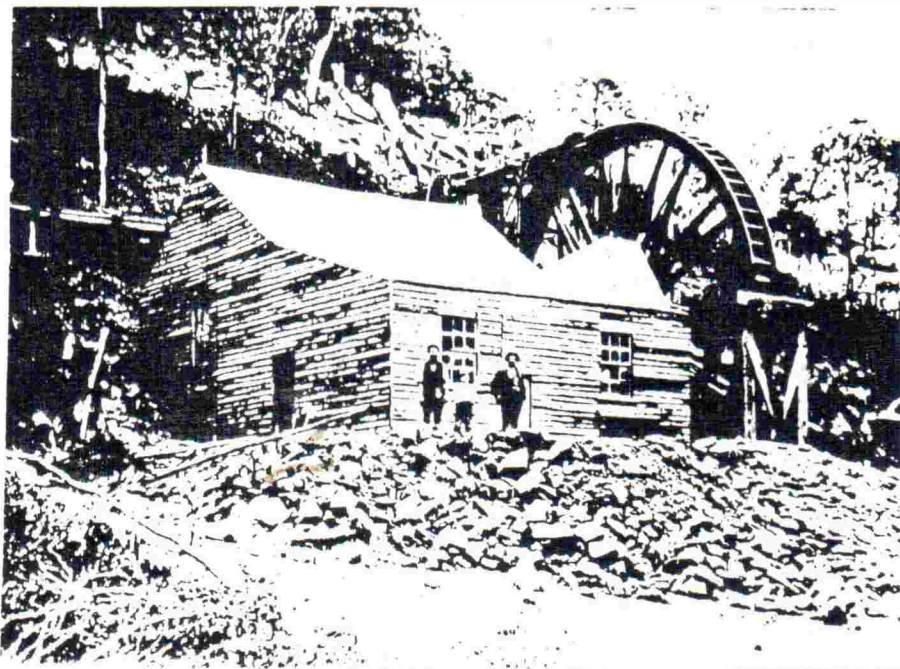


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except December, at the Moe City Library, Kirk Street, Moe. The library will open at 7pm, with the meetings starting at approximately 7.30pm.

There is a research fee of \$5 for any research query of the group. There may be an extra charge if there are large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

Articles for this newsletter are accepted in good faith and, while every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the editor takes no responsibility for submitted items.

MEMBER PROFILE - EDWARD MOIR TUNN

I was born in Glasgow, Scotland and following my school years and a five year apprenticeship as a fitter and turner, I set sail for Toronto, Canada in 1953. I found Canada a lovely country with great people, but being even colder than Scotland, I decided again to move, this time to Australia. And so it was that I set foot on Australian shores in March 1955, with the ship tying up just under "the bridge" and adjacent to the Rocks area, such a well restored section of Sydney and a "must visit" area whenever I'm in Sydney.

It was May 1955 that I started work with the SECV in Yallourn, and was employed by that organization until my retirement in 1991. As the sole foreigner in our Australian family, which consists of my wife Edna, two sons and one daughter, I found myself continually answering questions such as: "Dad, what did you do when you were a little boy?" Of course I answered these queries, but the more I did this the more I realised that when I was no longer around - who would be able to pass on such information? And so was born my interest in family research and the development of our family tree. This research has been going on (and off) for some 25 years, and I still can't see the end of it.

The aspect of family history that I like is the non demanding nature as a hobby - one can work away at their research at one's own pace, can lay it down or pick it up as the mood demands. Certainly, since my retirement I have had more time to devote to my particular hobby. The research, as you can imagine, takes me back to the UK - mainly Scotland and Ireland. Over the years I have been fortunate to make several visits to the UK, thus enabling me to do certain research right on the spot.

The names I am covering are TUNN, MOIR and McFARLANE on my own behalf, and I have taken up some local Australian research by way of my in-laws families who are 4th generation Australian. Again I am taken back to Scotland and Ireland on their line. In Australia, the families settled in the Sale area (ANTON/SHIELDS) and the Officer

area (McMULLEN).

Within the Mid Gippsland Family History Society, I have the position of Cemetery Officer and, with the help of my fellow members we are making inroads into the transcribing of headstones and indexing of registers. Over the years some great work has been done by many members to record the local cemetery records. However as time goes by, they do need updating, and those cemeteries that were never ever done need to be completed. The latest cemetery to be made available is Willow Grove, with the Trafalgar cemetery records almost ready for publication. Traralgon is at the typing stage and a start has been made to upgrade the Hazelwood cemetery, last completed in 1985. For the Hazelwood cemetery project our group has been fortunate to receive a grant from the City of Morwell.

Today's technology, of course, demands that all information gained will be put on computer so, with the available help of our "computer wizards" in the group, the input load is shared and the job completed in a reasonable time with very satisfactory results. It is our hope that all the cemeteries within our area will be on computer within the next few years thus allowing us to do regular updates before the job becomes too large.

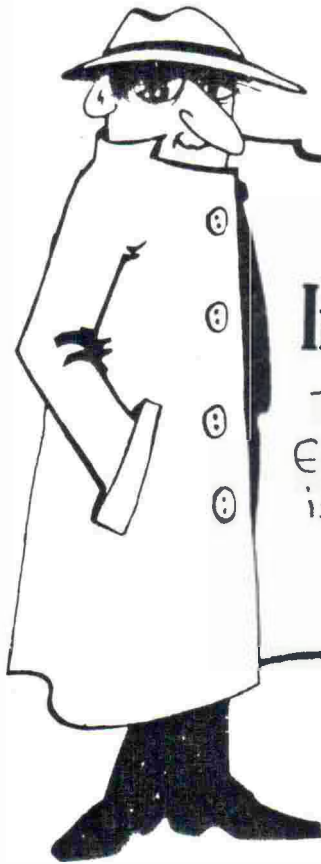
So it's back to the books, may I wish you happy researching.



WANTED KNOWN

Information from anyone who had relations living at Russell's Creek, Tanjil township, Hawthorn Creek or Camp Creek on the Baw Baw Goldfields.

Contact: J.G.Rogers,
68 Hennessey St, Moe, 3825.



PSST!

Inside information

The 1992 IGI for
England, Ireland & Scotland
is now in the LDS
library

Koskiusko Street
Traralgon!!

THE BULLETIN

A Wanganui (Maori-land) citizen advertises in the local HERALD that somebody has raided his clothes-line in the night, and removed therefrom two dozen necessary articles of baby attire. As the baby is of no use without these articles, he requests that the thief will call at his residence as soon as possible, when he can have the infant also, and no questions asked.

TICKETS-OF-LEAVE.

Ticket-of-leave holders were prisoners, who, after serving a portion of their sentence, had the remaining portion remitted, on condition that they resided in a certain district, and reported themselves periodically to the authorities.

First granted to female convicts in New South Wales, March 19, 1829.

The Governor of New South Wales issued an order that all ticket-of-leave holders in the colony should be mustered regularly four times every year, and their tickets endorsed by the Principal Superintendent of Convicts, April 13, 1826.

The Governor ordered that all prisoners holding tickets-of-leave do attend church or some place of public worship at least once on every Sunday; and that prisoners who shall fail so to do are immediately to be deprived of their tickets-of-leave and turned into Government employ. June 9, 1826.

from: The Bedside Book of Colonial Doings

Kinship Chart For Descendants of a Common Progenitor

CP	S	GS	GGG	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S	B	N	GN	GGN	2	3	4	5	6	7
GS	N	1C 1R	1C 1R	1C 2R	1C 3R	1C 4R	1C 5R	1C 6R	1C 7R	1C 8R
GGG	GN	1C 1R	2C 1R	2C 1R	2C 2R	2C 3R	2C 4R	2C 5R	2C 6R	2C 7R
2	GGN	1C 2R	2C 1R	3C 1R	3C 1R	3C 2R	3C 3R	3C 4R	3C 5R	3C 6R
3	2	1C 3R	2C 2R	3C 1R	4C 1R	4C 1R	4C 2R	4C 3R	4C 4R	4C 5R
4	3	1C 4R	2C 3R	3C 2R	4C 1R	5C 1R	5C 1R	5C 2R	5C 3R	5C 4R
5	4	1C 5R	2C 4R	3C 3R	4C 2R	5C 1R	6C 1R	6C 1R	6C 2R	6C 3R
6	5	1C 6R	2C 5R	3C 4R	4C 3R	5C 2R	6C 1R	7C 1R	7C 1R	7C 2R
7	6	1C 7R	2C 6R	3C 5R	4C 4R	5C 3R	6C 2R	7C 1R	8C 1R	8C 1R
8	7	1C 8R	2C 7R	3C 6R	4C 5R	5C 4R	6C 3R	7C 2R	8C 1R	9C 1R

To determine the kinship of two descendants of a common progenitor, first imagine the common progenitor in the upper left box, CP. Then trace one descendant's link on the top line, the other descendant's link down the left column. Follow the line and the column to the intersection and read the kinship.



B = Brother or Sister
C = Cousin
CP = Common Progenitor
GGN = Great Grandnephew or Great Grandniece
GGG = Great Grandson or Great Granddaughter
GS = Grandson or Granddaughter
N = Nephew or Niece
S = Son or Daughter
R = Times Removed

Can you help ?

Seeking information on Wm.D.Harrison and his wife Margaret (nee Findlayson). William was manager of the Walhalla Mine about the turn of the century. Any information will be gratefully received by: Mary Ralph, 15A Coolullah Ave, South Yarra, 3141



Patrick McDermott is charged on warrant with deserting his family in Galway, Ireland in 1853. He is supposed to be about Tarnagulla, Wood's Point, or Gippsland. Also on Lachlan or Lambing Flat, NSW.
----- from Police Gazette 19.7.1866 p.284

HOUSEHOLD WORDS.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

CONDUCTED BY CHARLES DICKENS.

No. 37.]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1850.

[PRICE 2d.]

A VISIT TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL
..... continuing

By these several registering offices spread over England and Wales, about twelve hundred thousand names are, in round numbers, entered every year upon the official books. Every three months each local Registrar makes an exact copy of his register, and taking both original and copy, goes with them to the Superintendent of his district, who examines the transcript to see if it be correct, and then, after certifying its accuracy, sends it to the London Central Office in Somerset Place, himself retaining the original book. Any person wanting a certificate within the current quarter, may therefore obtain it from the local Registrar; but after the expiration of that time can only inspect the original at the office of the Superintendent. Certified legal copies may be had at his office, or in London.

The post-men who bring letters to the Registrar-General's office, in Somerset Place, have no

sinecure. About nineteen thousand letters a year are sent out and received there in reference to points for securing accuracy in certified copies alone - the largest number of errors (a curious fact) being made by the most educated class of persons connected with the registration - namely, the clergymen of the Established Church! But the great days for the postmen are when the certified copies of the registries begin to pour in after the end of the quarter. The packets that then arrive ought to be talked of by hundred-weights and not by number. Packets are due from no less than fifteen thousand persons, and by dint of whipping-up they are all made to do their duty. The papers so sent up contain the one million two hundred thousand names already referred to, and the great job of resolving these into alphabetical order under the separate of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, has now to be begun. This is the heaviest business of the staff of officers engaged in London, and to see how they get through it we will again walk into the

General Register Office, through the stone-passage and up the stone-stairs, at the head of which we first made Major Graham's acquaintance at the commencement of this paper. Again, under his official roof, let us trace the progress of a quarter's papers through the sixty or seventy pairs of hands, and under the sixty or seventy pairs of vigilant eyes, who have to deal with them before they are finally complete and settled in the General Register.

When the fifteen thousand local people have each responded to the demand for their "returns", and their communications have been checked off as received, the papers are passed into the hands of Examiners, - a set of clerks under the immediate control of Major Graham. These gentlemen pass such as are regular and correct, whilst those presenting irregularities are sent into the Error Department, for further inquiry, and by post forwarded to the offending Registrar. The papers which have been examined and found complete, are then sent up to another room, in which clerks are all the year busily engaged copying the names upon large sheets of paper, marked off by lines into portions about a foot broad, and an inch and a half deep. These sheets of names are then again examined; after which they are sent down to the

basement story, where a bookbinder cuts them into slips the size so marked off. This operation is performed by an ordinary plough machine, and each slip, when separated, contains one name, and the reference to the certified sheet on which it may be found. These slips are then taken to rooms filled with sorters, the first of whom arranges them with great rapidity according to the first letter - all the A's together, all the B's together, all the C's together, and so on. Another sorter then takes a letter - say A, for instance - and arranges all the Ab's together, and all the Ac's together, and so on. A third clerk then arranges these again, according to alphabetical sequence of the third letter. In this way, the whole of the slips are reduced into strictly alphabetical regularity, even to the last letter of each Christian and surname. This done, the order of the slips is examined by another officer, and when he has found them to be correct, they are tied in bundles of three hundred and twenty each, and are handed to clerks, who copy them upon parchment sheets, which sheets are afterwards bound up to form the great index of names. Every quarter of a year the certified copies are bound up in eighty-one huge volumes; that is, twenty-seven of births, twenty-seven of marriages, and

twenty-seven of deaths; and thus, in a year four times this number, or three hundred and twenty-four volumes are added to the collection. This number is without the Indexes, which themselves occupy about fourteen volumes a quarter, or between fifty or sixty for a year. Four times in each year this labour has to be begun, continued, and completed!

No sooner has one quarter been cleared off than another flood of names comes on to be examined, sorted, copied and bound up; and so on from year to year.

The persons engaged on these duties have a most monotonous task. Imagine the tedium of going through the list of the eighteen hundred Jones's who

are born, the thirteen hundred Jones's who die, and the nine hundred Jones's who marry, every quarter of the year. Imagine months of a life spent in looking all day at a repetition of such names, the duty being to see that Jones is spelt J.O.N.E.S, and in no other way. To see that it has not been carelessly made into Jonis or Janes, or otherwise perverted. Two of the examiners are deaf and dumb, and another is utterly deaf; and these gentlemen make, it appears, very excellent officers. The loss of a sense seems to assist that concentration of the mind upon the object in view, which the monotonous task demands.

.... to be continued

Information wanted on Christian MILLER, a Dane who left Donnelly's Creek about the middle of October to go to Sale with gold, in order to send money to his wife in Copenhagen. Supposed to be working in Stringer's Creek (Walhalla) near Bald Hills, Gippsland. 36 years, 5'6", medium build, fair complexion, blue eyes, light whiskers and moustache, the former very long. Moleskin trousers, long diggers boots and light wide-awake hat. Carried blue blanket swag.

---- from Police Gazette 4 June 1863 p.211.

GROUP PROJECTS REPORT

The special projects groups have been very busy in recent months, and report the following:

- * Traralgon cemetery - headstone transcriptions are almost completed.
- * Hazelwood cemetery - updating of headstone transcriptions from 1985 to the present time will commence in the near future. The register of burials will also be reproduced during the course of this update.
- * Toongabbie cemetery headstone transcriptions are now in our library.
- * Tanjil South School register transcripts are in the library.
- * Morwell North school register transcripts are in the library.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Advertising will be accepted for this newsletter at the following rates:

Full page \$10
 Half page \$5
 Quarter page . \$2.50



MID GIPPSLAND REGION
BOOKS AND RESEARCH MATERIAL

In this issue of On Track, I will commence a listing of publications which may prove useful to those with an interest in the Mid Gippsland region.

Gold for the finding- a pictorial history of Gippsland's Jordan goldfields

by Owen F.Tomlin, Marysusan Bosa and Peter Chamberlain

Published by Hi! Of Content, Melbourne 1879 [Out of print]

Walhalla heyday

by G.F.James and G.G.Lee

Reprinted by Graham Publications 1975

Old Walhalla - portrait of a gold town

by Raymond Paull

Published by University Press 1963 - reprinted 1980

Walhalla today

by Lawrie Harrington and John King

Printed by Waverley Offset Publishing, Mulgrave 1975

The iron road to Walhalla - a history of the Moe-Walhalla railway
by Marc Fiddian

Published by Pakenham Gazette 1981

The Switzerland of Australia - views of early Walhalla and district

by Wm Harrison Lee

Printed by Ludwig Graphics, Boronia 1981

Happy-Go-Lucky - a Gippsland gold town 1863-1917
by Dorothy Morgan and Marjorie Morgan
Published by Acacia Press, Blackburn 1987

Donnelly's Creek - from rush to ruin of a Gippsland mountain
goldfield
by Luke Steenhuis
Printed by LV Printers, Traralgon 1990

Tracks to the Wood's Point and Jordan goldfields - brief history
by R.W.Christie
Published by Enterprise Press, Sale 1990

Recollections of early Gippsland goldfields
by Richard MacKay
Published in Traralgon 1916, reprinted by LV Printers, Traralgon
1977

Butler's Wood's Point and Gippsland general directory 1866
Facsimile reprint by Kapana Press 1985

Middleton and Maning's Gippsland directory 1884-5
Facsimile reprint by Kapana Press 1983

Shire of Rosedale centenary 1871-1971
by I.T.Maddern
Published by Gippsland Times 1971

The Rosedale story Vol 1
by Don Macreadie
Printed by Australian Print Group, Maryborough 1989

A pictorial history of Rosedale
by Gwen Hardy LV Printers, Traralgon 1989

EMPTY
DUE TO LACK OF
MATERIAL

MID-GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.
PROGRAMME FOR 1993.

28 JANUARY

GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY AND WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

25 FEBRUARY

Computer Night

- how it works, what is available and software programs for Family History
- * Talk by Ken and Jean McNally on PAF
- * Florence Butcher on Family History
- * Sally Shine

25 MARCH

Guest Speaker

- John Ansell - Photographer will give a talk on old photos, how to keep them, how to have them restored
- * Bring along your old photos to show

22 APRIL Anzac Day 25th April

"LEST WE FORGET"

- A tribute to relatives who served in all wars - Please bring along medals, army records. Members to give a brief talk on their relatives who served in the forces.

27 MAY

Guest Speaker

- Ms Rita Kaczowski - Manager - Lands Information Centre at the State Public Office Morwell
- * Will give a talk on what information is available for family historians
 - * how to go about accessing information, how to apply for information, titles, and certificates

24 JUNE

Beginner's Night

- Bring along a friend who is interested in starting their family history
We will break into small groups of four to six to allow discussion and individual assistance.

During the first half of 1993 we will be having some other events which will be confirmed as soon as dates become available.

- a. A trip to the Laverton Public Records Office
- b. A night to the L.D.S. Research Centre at Traralgon (limited number)
- c. Couple of workshop nights (at different member's homes) to work on the school records

MISSING FRIENDS

Missing from the Mia Mia, 6 miles from Gaffney's Creek, on the Big River Road since evening of the 26.5.1863, Thomas Fletcher, a Liverpool man, Aged 35, 5'8", stout build, sallow complexion. large grey eyes, short brown hair turning grey. Sandy whiskers all round, no moustache. Prominent features, heavy eyebrows, roman nose, projecting teeth, one upper tooth wanting, slovenly gait and sailor like appearance. Black monkey jacket, regatta shirt, moleskin trousers, brown wide-awake. Formerly lived in Kilmore district. Suffering from the horrors, as he left behind in his hut a pencilled memorandum, as follows:- "Write home to my parents, Liverpool - Thomas Fletcher - I AM MURDERED."

..... from Police Gazette 11.6.1863 p.220



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