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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.



Hill End and Willow Grove men in Cairo.

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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.

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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".

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# MEMBER PROFILE

## WINIFRED ANNE PAWLEY

I was born in "Cumnock" Traralgon, the eldest of a family of seven children of Cowwarr couple Allen and Maureen Pawley (Merrett). The property on the Cowwarr-Traralgon Road had been purchased by Maria Nippe in the 1880's and then passed to her daughter Amelia Nippe Bales, and on to her grand-daughter Alma Bales Pawley. My father purchased a section of the land from his mother and his children became the 5th generation to work on that land.

Like a few generations of my father's family before me, I spent my primary school years at Cowwarr P.S.1967 and then joined an ever increasing number of students commuting daily to Traralgon, so that I could complete my education at Kildare College under the tuition of the Brigadine sisters. The next step was even greater as I accepted an Education Department studentship at Toorak Teachers College. Country students were given much more consideration then, and for most of the three years I lived in a beautiful old mansion on St.Kilda Road, called "Cowabee". It was next door to the VACC offices and has since been swallowed up by commercial developments in that area. The college itself has the well known "Stonington" as the centre of its grounds and I spent many lecture hours in that fabulous environment.

Since graduation I have returned to Gippsland in a deliberate attempt to put something back into the area from which I came. This has seen me accept appointments at Araluen (Sale), Nambrok, Heyfield, Glengarry and Traralgon. For the past five years I have worked as the Music Support Teacher in charge of the Primary Developmental Music Program in the Traralgon Schools, but sadly this program was cancelled as part of recent budget cuts and I have resumed classroom responsibilities.

A few years ago I escorted my invalid father to a Scope course conducted by Dawn Cowley and filed all the handouts with lots of other family miscellanea. Another Pawley clan contacted me when trying to organise a gathering to celebrate the arrival of their ancestor on the Third Fleet 200 years earlier. The wealth of information that this contact provided prompted me to follow up my family lines before I lost too many more living resources. Two years later I really have the disease!!!

I went along to a meeting of the Mid Gippsland Group and at the next meeting was elected Treasurer. The past two years have been very busy but I have learnt a great deal from working with friends such as Dawn, Jean McNally and Gay Rogers. I strongly recommend that beginner genies make contact with a group and learn from the experience of others. It saves lots of wasted hours of research and often provides fresh solutions to those frustrating blocks that restrict our progress. I am currently the School Records Officer for the group and with the threat of more school closures looming over us, I feel that this is quite an important area of record collection and indexing.

On April 16th I depart on my long service leave, which will centre on visiting those parts of

England, Scotland and Ireland which are relevant to my research. I've listened very carefully to the advice of Rosemary and Florence and hope that my preparation will allow me to return with valuable answers to the questions that I've listed. I hope that more of our group will also have the chance to visit the much mentioned offices in London.

This portrait is very special to me. I was the first born daughter to an only daughter, of an only daughter - and the pride of my great grandmother, for whom I was named, is very obvious. The photo was taken at New Year 1955, and shows Winifred Anne Pawley, Maureen Merrett Pawley, Mary Cameron Merrett and Winifred McFarlane Cameron.



#### PIONEER REGISTER

Material is being gathered for future publication by our group, of a pioneer register of the Mid Gippsland region. Those who wish to submit information for this register are asked to contact Michelle Freeman, C/O Mid Gippsland Group, who will send out the necessary form for completion.



SCHOOL RECORDS

The school records officer for the Mid Gippsland FHS Inc. is Anne Pawley. She currently has the following records, but more are being added each month.

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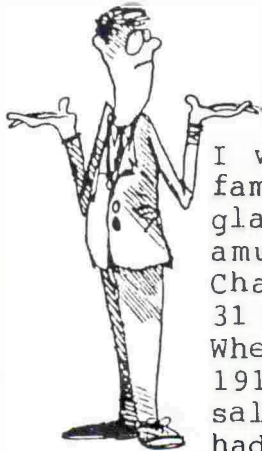
WALHALLA PS957

GOULD PS3831

MORWELL NORTH PS2621

TANJIL SOUTH PS2840

Address all enquiries to:  
School records officer,  
Mid Gippsland Fam.Hist Soc.Inc.  
P.O.Box 767, Morwell 3840.  
and include a S.A.E.



I was recently given a rough draft of a family history of the KINGSTON family to glance through. I found this paragraph amusing:

Charles KINGSTON      b. 1 Feb 1841      d.  
31 October 1922

When Charles got his first car in about 1911, he was shown how to drive by the salesman. However, after the salesman had left, Charles went for a drive and could not remember how to stop. So after shouting to the car to stop, he ran it into a tree.

P.S. This is my husband's family, not mine!!

- Kathy Atkins

## SCOTTISH/IRISH RESEARCH IN THE USA AND CANADA.

contributed by Eddie Tunn.

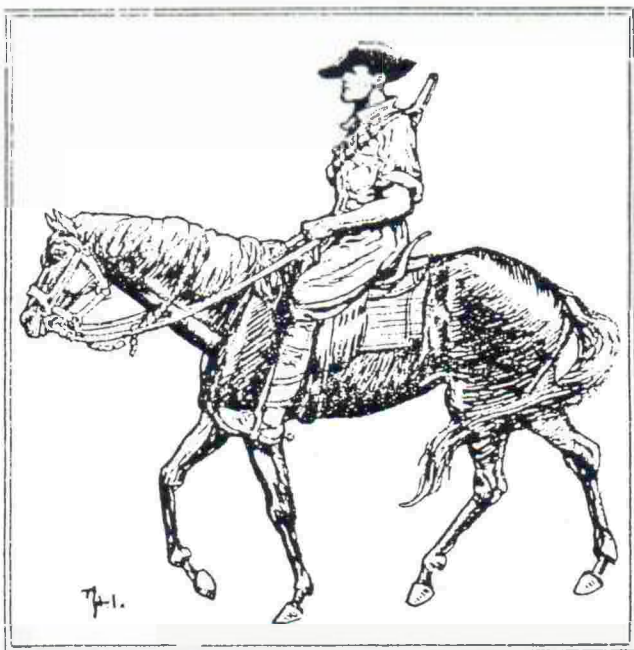
A recent gift from my cousin in the USA has opened up a potential area for research in the USA and Canada. The gift was in the form of a subscription to the "Scottish Banner", a newspaper with the sub heading on the front page stating, "The largest Scottish newspaper in the world outside of Scotland". I suppose by largest they are referring to circulation, and indeed, by the readers letters page it seems to go all over the USA and Canada.

For family history researchers the paper carries several regular sections that have a definite genealogical slant. The "readers ask" page would have a 75% lean towards readers seeking information on family research, also the "Tracing for Tartan Roots" section by Isabelle MacLean is full of useful tips on Scottish research. Another interesting section is Ron Dempsey's "What's in a name?". Here Ron deals with all of the background information related to names, again the slant is towards Scottish names.

Although most of the information dealt with has a Scottish flavour, there are often requests for Irish information, not surprising given the close association of the Scots/Irish over the centuries. The paper also carries a large advertising section listing all the many clan associationa and Societies in the USA and

Canada. Again, these groups often have a genealogical section or address that we can contact for information. So if you have research problems in that part of the world, perhaps a letter to the Scottish banner will set you off on the right track again. The address is as follows:

P.O.Box 34, Lewiston, NY 14092, or  
P.O.Box 724, Niagara Falls, ONT. L2E6V5.



#### SMALL-POX.

A contagious disease, having every appearance of the small-pox, was prevalent amongst the natives of Port Jackson; hundreds died. April and May, 1789.

Small-pox made its appearance in Sydney, July 25, 1825.

# HOUSEHOLD WORDS.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

CONDUCTED BY CHARLES DICKENS.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1850.

[PRICE 2d.]

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

The labours of the Register Office afford some highly curious facts as to the relative number of persons of different names living in England and Wales. From time immemorial it has been thought that Smith was the commonest of names. The Smith's are soldiers, and sailors, and parsons, and tailors, and bakers, and authors, and, indeed, everything. But the exact figures of the Registrar upset the long cherished fallacy that they form the most numerous of our clans. The Jones's outnumber them and stand at the head of the list; Smith coming second. This question of the frequency of particular names must interest so many persons that we give the following list of the fifty most common appellations, in the order in which they are found to rank in the books of the Registrar, together with the number of each name, who were born, married, or died, in the year June 30th, 1837, to July the 1st, 1838.

Jones	1	13429
Smith	2	12637
Williams	3	8743
Taylor	4	6440
Davies	5	5589
Brown	6	5555
Thomas	7	5278
Evans	8	4930
Roberts	9	4199
Johnson	10	3743
Robinson	11	3555
Wilson	12	3399
Wright	13	3299
Hall	14	3227
Hughes	15	3180
Wood	16	3177
Walker	17	3148
Lewis	18	3134
Green	19	3112
Edwards	20	3097
White	21	3087
Jackson	22	3040
Turner	23	2908
Thompson	24	2874
Hill	25	2856
Harris	26	2771
Cooper	27	2693
Clark	28	2683
Davis	29	2661
Harrison	30	2502
Baker	31	2385
Ward	32	2318
Morris	33	2299
Morgan	34	2296
Martin	35	2272
James	36	2209
King	37	2156
Clarke	38	2145
Cook	39	2135
Allen	40	2116
Price	41	2090
Phillips	42	1997
Parker	43	1989
Moore	44	1985
Watson	45	1978
Carter	46	1882
Richardson	47	1817
Lee	48	1815
Griffiths	49	1801
Shaw	50	1754



In the year from which this abstract was made we find no less than thirteen thousand four hundred and twenty-nine persons named Jones had been born, married, or had died. Correcting the number for increase of population, the yearly number of Jones's who came into the world, went out of it, or got married, during the last twelve months would be, in round numbers, about sixteen thousand - an army in itself. Finding Jones to be the name at the head of our list of fifty we look to the foot of it to find Shaw; and the proportion of persons bearing that name, it seems, is in the ratio of one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four Shaw's to thirteen thousand four hundred and twenty-nine Jones's; the other names we

have given, ranging between the two extremes; the Jackson's and the Thompson's, however, it will be seen, not mustering one fourth the number of the Jones's or the Smith's.

Apart from the frequency of certain appellations, another curious point deserves notice. It is the very strange names given, at times, by parents to their children. One of the clerks in the office kept by him, for years, a memorandum-book in which he collected a variety of these, giving with each the number and page of the volume in which the certified reference might be found. Without such evidence one might almost be inclined to doubt the genuineness of some of them. But they are all real enough, as the documents show. Let us take a few specimens:-

Diewell Sykes. Father, a Weaver.  
 Loyal Thomas Inkpen. Father a Farmer.  
 Patience Dinner. Wife of a Husbandman.  
 Zaphnathpaaneah Drayson. A Cooper.  
 Thankful Joy. His wife's name before he married her was Payne.  
 Acts Apostles Tong. Witness to a Marriage.  
 Albertena Regina Victoria Gotha Boulton. Daughter of a Farmer.  
 Repentance Taylor. Daughter of a Labourer.  
 Emma Tuesday Taylor. Daughter of a Comb Maker, born on a Tuesday.  
 Eliza Thursday Taylor. Daughter of a Comb Maker, born on a Thursday.  
 Sanspariel Scamp. Daughter of John Scamp, a Tinker.  
 First Son Jones. Son of a Labourer.  
 Feargus O'Connor Frost Mason. Son of a Mule Spinner.  
 Feargus O'Connor Vincent Bronterre Hallowell. Son of a Shoemaker.  
 Feargus O'Conner Frost O'Brien McDonall Hunt Taylor. Son of a Shoemaker.  
 John Frost Fergus Bronterre Paine Smith. Son of a Printer.  
 Turnerica Henrica Ulrica Da Gloria De Lavinia Rebecca Turner. Daughter of a Book-keeper.  
 Jane Stickolorum. Wife of a Weaver.

Hostilina Iphigenia Maria Hyps ihile Wadge. Daughter of  
 a Carpenter.  
 Prince Albert Daniel Gamon. Son of a Labourer.  
 Zelousiana Chafer.  
 Matilda French Onion. A Spinster.  
 James Death. A Butcher.  
 Samson Catchasides Kitchen.  
 Happy George Dadd. Son of a Blacksmith.  
 William Teatottle Cross. Son of a Mechanic.  
 Primus Communitatis Flitcroft. Son of a Bricklayer, born  
 at Queenwood Community.  
 Martin Luther Spooner. Son of a Maltster.  
 Goit Teal. A Cooper.  
 Hubert Pay Day. An Engineer, married 1843.  
 Isabella Wilhelmina Jacobina Carolina Adelina Cunning-  
 ham Campbell Moffat. Daughter of a Farmer.  
 Betsy Toast Divine.

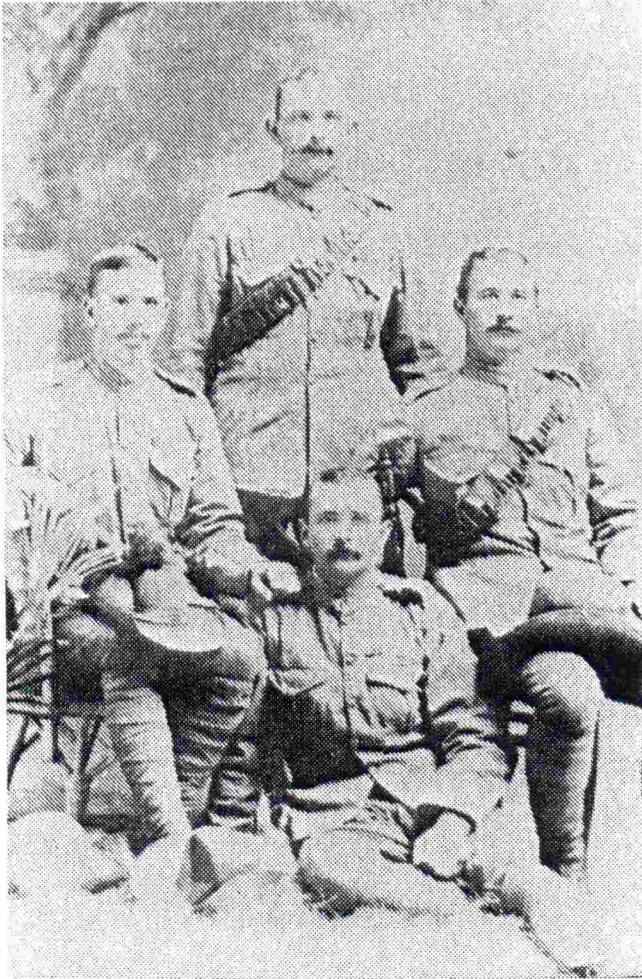
This list and the paper might  
 be greatly extended; but our  
 limits forbid further present  
 exemplification, since enough  
 has surely been said to show  
 the extent, the character, and  
 the value of the operations  
 carried on under the guidance  
 of the Registrar General. Any  
 one of our readers who may feel  
 inclined to see the place  
 itself, and to test the  
 completeness of the records we  
 have attempted to describe,  
 should visit the public room of  
 the establishment. It is  
 called the Search Room; and  
 there, for a small fee, the  
 curious may gain, in a few  
 minutes, a certificate of any  
 marriage, birth, or death that  
 has occurred since the  
 establishment of this public  
 office; and he will get a  
 glimpse into the bargain of the

iron safes, with their tall  
 narrow doors, where the  
 parchment indexes are kept, and  
 may witness for himself the  
 rapidity with which the  
 practised clerks search out a  
 name. The certified registers  
 are too bulky to be held in any  
 one apartment. In all the  
 odorous dignity of bindings in  
 Russia leather, they line shelf  
 after shelf in the basement  
 story - a portly and important  
 library - in their way a truly  
 wonderful national record and  
 national work - the great  
 muster-roll, in truth, of the  
 people of Old England.

Such is the good fortune  
 meted out to the three great  
 events of the English human  
 family at Somerset House, in  
 registering them. What a  
 contrast it presents to "The  
 Doom of English Wills!"

### OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Group members are advised that the borrowing period for books belonging to our group is one month i.e. from one meeting to the next. It has been decided to increase the overdue fine on books to \$2 per item overdue, in an effort to discourage "delinquent" borrowers.



Four men in Victoria Military Rifles C1900.  
Back unknown. L-R: Alf Lawardorn (?),  
Bill Fechner (sitting) and Jack Hasthorpe.

MID GIPPSLAND REGION  
BOOKS AND RESEARCH MATERIAL

A continuation of a listing of publications which may prove useful to those with an interest in the Mid Gippsland region.

Light and life - a history of the Anglican Church in Gippsland  
by I.T.Maddern  
Published by Enterprise Press, Sale 1977

To build a future (Traralgon area)  
by C.H.(Horrie) Jones  
Printed by Speedgraphic, Armadale 1982 (circa)

From squatter's hut to city - Traralgon 1840- 1976  
by Traralgon Historical Society (?)  
Printed by LV Printers, Traralgon 1976

The river of little fish - a history of Traralgon  
by William J.Cuthill  
Printed by LV Printers, Traralgon 1970 [Out of print]

A tabloid through time  
by Traralgon Historical Society  
LV Printers, Traralgon 1984

Memories 1878 - 1978 - a history of the parish of St.Michaels,  
Traralgon  
Published by LV Printers 1978

Traralgon and district Junior football league - silver jubilee  
by R.K.Unitt  
Published 1979

Traralgon police 1860 - 1990  
by Ray Waack  
LV Printers, Traralgon 1989

Willung 1844-1980  
by Don Macreadie  
Published by Gippsland Times, Sale 1980 [Out of print]

Willung South memories  
by Back to Willung South committee  
Printed by LV Printers, Traralgon 1983

A history of the Gormandale east Primary School No.2877  
1888-1988  
by School Centenary committee

A history of Gormandale  
by Kathleen M.Huffer  
Printed by LV Printers, Traralgon 1982

Yinnar 1874-1974  
edited by Karl Shoemaker  
Printed by Gippsland Printers, Morwell 1974

Yinnar Primary School centenary 1881-1981  
by John Farago and Michele Harris  
Printed 1981

Yinnar Football Club 1884-1984  
by Hugh McGregor  
Printed by Drouin Commercial Printers 1984

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T.A.M.I.O.T

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Last November, our family went on yet another pilgrimage around relatives in Tasmania's North west coast. This time I decided to leave the living, and traipse around the cemeteries. As is to be expected in an area with so many small graveyards, the grass was thigh high. Some, I was not even game to venture into because of rustling sounds!! Others, such as the Ollington Family Cemetery near Forest, were immaculate. In these places my three year old son stayed happily with me looking for all the other "James".

After about five days I decided that I had enough detail to do me until next time, and drove to Burnie to the GST (i.e. The Genealogical Society of Tasmania, not the other one!!). In the short guided tour that I was given, I learned about T.A.M.I.O.T. - Tombstone and Memorial Inscriptions of Tasmania. This is a wonderful series of fiche which lists alphabetically surnames and inscriptions of the majority of graveyards in Tasmania. (A new weedicide being used in Tasmania has uncovered several headstones not yet listed.) It provides the name, date, spouse, location, row and grave number and any other details listed on the headstone.

If I had gone there in the first place, I would have been able to go straight to the cemetery plot without wasting time. I would have also found that there was no family headstone in the graveyard with the rustling grass!!!

THEN, on my return home, I find that the LDS Church Library has TAMIOT in its collection!!!

RESULT: My son has started on his "grave digging" quite happily and I have learnt that I should really do my homework at home first! - Until next time!  
By Kathy Atkins.

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## THE STRANGE CASE OF THE MISSING BURIALS

In late 1992 the Mid Gippsland Family History group decided to take on the task of transcribing one of the local cemeteries. With the kind co-operation of the cemetery trust, who made the cemetery records available, the finished product will be a record of the burials listed in this cemetery.

As our team came close to finalising our work it became obvious that certain burials that had taken place over the years did not appear in the register, and, as there were several graves without a headstone or plaque, the burial, to all intents and purposes, had never taken place.

On this discovery, the cemetery trust secretary arranged with the local undertakers to search their records regarding burials in the cemetery in question. The results of our search were very rewarding with several burial records being extracted from the undertakers records and transferred to the cemetery trust records.

The details taken from the undertakers records were cross referenced against newspaper notices and in discussion with people who had in fact attended the burials we were searching for.

The end result is most satisfactory, but the discovery that certain details were missing from what is otherwise an excellent record system going back to the 1880's does sound a warning for all

research workers.

The additional point to be made as a result of this exercise is that recent recording or, in this case non-recording, is just as suspect as that going back hundreds of years. In this example the missing burials covered a period from the late 1960's to the late 1970's - hence the help from people who had actually attended the funerals at the cemetery and knew for a fact that the burials did take place, and where.

I suppose the final thought for all researchers is - take nothing for granted and always double check.

Eddie Tunn.



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