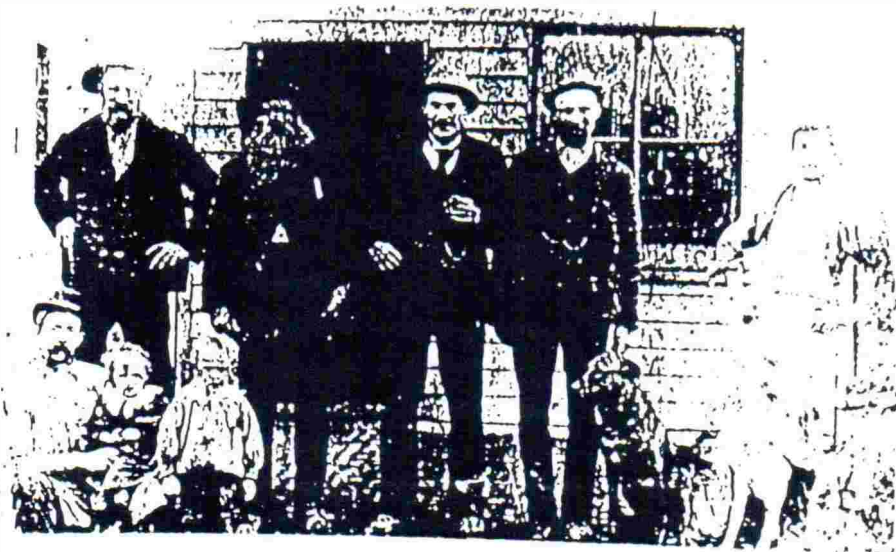


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NEWSLETTER

Some Yinnar residents, 1908  
Tom Bolger, Watty Firman, Joe Sonicone,  
Watty Bolger, J Purcell  
seated: Arthur Williams, Lavinia Shaw,  
Seymour Williams



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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except December, at the Moe City Library, Kirk St., Moe. The Library will open at 7pm, with the meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

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There is a fee of \$5 for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for 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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## MEMBERS PROFILE - Glad Macreadie

I was born on 27th August 1937 at Korumburra, about 3 months after my parents bought a farm at Seaview, about 11 miles from Warragul. Our farm included the local Post Office. I was the second youngest of six children, 1 boy and five girls. The third girl died at 7<sup>1/2</sup> months, before I was born.

My grandfather, William Patrick Ladd Newton, has come to Australia when he was 16 from Portsmouth, & I used to think as a teenager that it would be great to know about his family. At that time, I knew nothing about family trees. I was married in 1956 to Jack Allmann and was kept busy looking after our six children. The youngest was 7 months old when Jack left us.

When I met Don in 1970, I was introduced to family history, but at that time I was still rearing our combined families, including two sons of our own. But once they older, I took over my own research.

I have been to the British Isles 3 times, visiting the places where my relatives live, and researching. I am a member of the GSV, and also the Traralgon and Rosedale Historical Societies.

I am also, with Don, an assistant librarian, at the L.D.S. Family History Centre in Traralgon once a fortnight. This is something we thoroughly enjoy doing.

MEMBERS PROFILE - Glad Macreadie (continued)

My Matthews (double connections) and Nicholas (also double connections) families are related, and come from Paul, Cornwall and surrounding districts. They are my father's family. My mother's family, Trudgeon and Best, are from Cornwall, St. Austell and St. Stephen in Brannel. The Smith & Stoddart's are from Kilmarnock and Nellerstain in Scotland. My grandmother Newton was born Rowe and they were from Hallaton in Leicestershire.

Life is sure hectic, but I would'ne have it any other way !

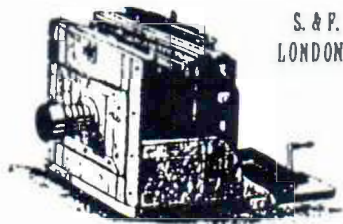
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The Royal Historical Society of Victoria Library includes an Index of the Pioneers Register - a register of people who arrived in the Colony (Victoria) before 1900. Registration forms for more than 900 entries, together with supporting documentation and photographs have been lodged with the Society. Commenced in 1917, many early registrations were completed by the pioneers and their children.

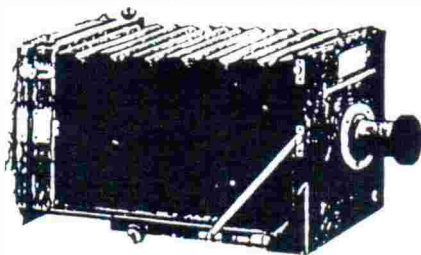
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SQUARE FOLDING BELLOWS CAMERAS.



LIGHT FOLDING TOUBIST CAMERA.



The Gippsland Mailman  
contributed by J. G. Rogers  
(continued from the February newsletter)

Gippsland Times 20-Nov-1863

"Tenders have been invited for clearing a trail from the New Chum Track to Jericho, should the people of Gippsland agree, to bring the mail from Melbourne by the Jordan, Donnelly's Creek and Bald Hills (Seaton), with a branch line to Rosedale and Stratford. This is the newest scheme to connect Melbourne with Jericho and Wood's Point, and by bringing the mail 12 hours sooner than by the Melbourne Road."

The Times continued to say, that "surely Mr Bance, Post Office Inspector, was not aware that this new proposed track, is for two months in an average season, impassable from snow, and that the track from Aberfeldy to Donnelly's Creek has been for days, if not weeks, covered with 4 foot of snow..."

It might be of interest here to mention that the mails in the Jericho gold fields region was delivered by the "Victoria Express" under the supervision of Mr Sathursday Eddorockman Collou, an Indian based at Wood's Point.

The Express was based on a principal used in India, where a series of runners would form a non-stop relay carrying a mail bag, stationed at intervals of 10 miles. A number of Callou's countrymen were employed to transport the mail bag night & day. These runners could get an article to or from Sale (from the mountain ranges) fourteen hours faster than by conventional mailman.

## The Gippsland Mailman (cont.)

for this efficiency, customers paid a surcharge of one shilling per item. A whistle would be used to arouse miners working in the depths of the gullies to come up and collect their mail.

From Police Records 17-Dec-1863

"Constable Michael Feely of Rosedale reports on the biggest floods on the Latrobe to date. "No lives reported lost, nor no-one missing from here except the 'Mailman'. Duncan the Mailman reports that George Evanson, mail contractor, had a narrow escape from drowning when crossing the 'Moi (Moe) He clung to a tree for 4 hours & was rescued by James Page (former Russell Creek mailman) and Henry Miller of the 'Retreat Inn' at Westbury, who went to his assistance with the old Punt. The horse, on which the mail, was reached Miller's safe with the mail on; the other horse, that Evanson was riding, drowned - saddle and bridle likewise. 'Jim' the mailman, escaped being drowned, and rescued the mails by cutting the straps 'while on the horse's back; 'Duncan' likewise at the Bunyip - he rescued his horse and mails, but lost his saddle."

And so the story continued - the floods in North Gippsland being described as very severe.

Anthony Butler was the contractor for 1864 at £1950 per annum, including to and from the Moe and Russell's Creek.

Gippsland Times 27-Sept-1864 reported that Telegraph communication "is now fairly opened between Sale & Melbourne".

## The Gippsland Mailman (cont.)

From Police Records 22-Jun-1865

"Constable William O'Brien Smythe reports that between Moe and Russell's Creek, while searching for a lost man, he met the Russell Creek mailman who had been attacked by a wild bull which followed him for a considerable distance through the scrub. In his fright, he had dropped the mailbag and could not find it.. The Constable finally found the mailbag and delivered it to the Postmaster at Moe".

So much for the life of the Gippsland mailman - floods, rough roads, no roads at all, drowning, wild bulls, snow & bad weather, loss of the mails, loss of pack horses. It is a sheer miracle that the mail got through at all. Is this the reason that some of our earliest B.D.M. certificates never reached the Registrar's Office in Melbourne.

Police Report 13-July-1885

"Mounted Constable O'Connor reports that the Flinn Creek Bridge has been washed away by floods. Most of the Morwell Bridge has been carried away, while the Traralgon Bridge has been carried bodily from the Traralgon side. The mail was obliged to be brought over the back-water by 'tub'. Norris the Mailman was reported drowned, but it was later proven that he had remained at the Moe."

The Times of 25-July-1865 described the washing away of the bridges and the conveyance of the mails over the Morwell River in a hollow log or 'dug out'.

(Concludes in the next issue, June 1994)

## CERTIFICATE PRICES

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NEW ZEALAND: Register General of New Zealand, P.O.  
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‡NZ 15.00 Authenticated certificate. Year known  
‡NZ 3.00 for each extra year searched  
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Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP,  
England.

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## NEW RESOURCES IN FHS LIBRARY

Jean has provided the following list of new fiche and books in the library.

- 1888 Centennial International Exhibition (compiled by Ada Ackerly). Donated by Ada Ackerly.
- Dorset Poll Book 1807. Donated by Ada Ackerly
- Sources in Victoria : Port Phillip & Victorian Pioneers. vol. 1 & 2 (compiled by Ada Ackerly). Donated by Ada Ackerly.
- Log of Logs, vol. 1 & 2 (Ian Nicholson)
- Huguenot Ancestry (Noel Currier-Briggs & Royston Gambler)
- Gippsland's Lucky City : a history of Sale (Peter Synan)
- Sale Cemetery (Glenys Wain, Kylie Rhodes & Linda Barraclough)
- Traralgon Centenary 1846-1946 (Traralgon Shire)
- Genealogical Research Directory, 1988-1992 (edited by Johnson & Sainty)
- Dumbalk Saga 1878-1970 (edited by Tom Hoey)
- From Squatter's hut to city (Jean Court & Bert Thompson)
- Traralgon Urban Fire Brigade 1888-1988 (Donald Dunbar)
- My Walhalla (Lou De Prada)
- From Bundalaguah to Marley Point (Flora Johns)
- Genealogical Gazetteer of England (Frank Smith)
- Topographical dictionary of Scotland, vol. 1 & 2 (Samuel Lewis)
- Scottish Family History vol. 1 (John Lawrence Cairns Smith - Barth)
- Dictionary of old trades and occupations (Andrew and Sandra Twining)

FICHE: CEMETERIES

Gisborne	(1 fiche)
Macedon	(1 fiche)
Sunbury	(1 fiche)
Riddell's Creek	(1 fiche)
Bendigo	(12 fiche)
Kerang	
Swan Hill	

FICHE: SHIPPING RECORDS

1846 - 1851:

Argus Passenger Index	(3 fiche)
Argus Shipping Movements	(1 fiche)

1852 - 1855

Argus Passenger Index	(6 fiche)
Argus Shipping Movements	(2 fiche)

1856 - 1860

Argus Passenger Index	(5 fiche)
Argus Shipping Movements	(2 fiche)

FICHE: MISCELLANEOUS

Cyclopaedia of Tasmania, vol. 1 & 2	(13 fiche)
Victorian Police Gazette 1859-1870	(117 fiche)
Victorian Police Gazette Index	
1859 - 1863	(17 fiche)

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