

THE  
MID GIPPSLAND  
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.  
NEWSLETTER



TRARALGON STATE SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB, 1928

Standing, L. to R. Mesdames 1. W. E. Cumming, 2. Geo. Masterman,  
3. Val Guntzler, 4. A. Ham, 5. Arthur Mayze, 6. A. Owens,  
7. Percy Lister, 8. Chas Sartori, 9. W. A. Thompson (in front,  
10. Joe Hansen, 11. Marsh MacFarlane.

Seated: Mesdames 1. Youens, 2. W. Darvall, 3. Marsh MacFarlane (snr)  
4. Les Horrow (Pres), 5. A. E. Glasscock (Sec.), 6. Jack Brown,  
7. E. Doyne.

from Cuthill's History of Traralgon

**ON TRACK**

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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".

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

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## MEMBERS PROFILE - Michelle Freeman

My interest in the family tree began thirteen years ago because of a school project for English. We had to draw up our family tree. My grandparents on my mother's side lived only five minutes away. With their help, I was able to fill a couple of the branches as well as being able to look at



and hold the Cameron family bible, which at the time was already over one hundred years old.

I was now hooked and have over the years asked both sets of my grandparents, especially my maternal grandmother, numerous questions.

It wasn't until I moved to Melbourne that I was able to begin my research full time. I met my future husband Michael, whose family tree I am also researching. We have two sons Nicholas, who is five and a half and has just started school, and Matthew who has just turned two. At the moment, we are expecting our third child and all family research has been put on hold.

## MEMBERS PROFILE - Michelle Freeman

I am a member of the Genealogical Society of Victoria and Tasmania, and the Australia Institute of Genealogical Studies

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*                STOP PRESS                *
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*   The newest edition of the Freeman family *
*               Benjamin                    *
*           arrived in late May.            *
*           He weighed 9lb. 2 oz.          *
*   Congratulation to Michelle, Michael,  *
*           Nicholas and Matthew          *
*           and welcome to                 *
*               Benjamin                    *
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E. F. Matthews, 56 Forden St, Mt. Tarcoola, WA 6530 is looking for descendants of Johann George Ludwig, who died in 1915. His children at the time of his death were Pauline Bertha 42, John Frederick 40 (died Sale 1952), Caroline Emma 38 (married John Nelson), Anna Martha 36 (married Herbert Thomas), Gustav Albert 32, and Minna Agnes 30 (married George Joseph Lenz). Minna Agnes was born at Willow Grove.


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Index of Australian Shipping Interests: Sally Shine has given to the Society the first edition of this Index, which has been compiled by Rob Nelson, 60 Corrington Circle, Nollamara, Western Australia, (6061).

The Index gives the name of the ship, the port it arrived at, the year (and day/month if available), and the passenger(s) who were travelling.

LIST OF PETITIONERS FROM FLYNN'S CREEK  
OBJECTING TO THE POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF THEIR  
SCHOOL TO LOY YANG OR LOWER FLYNN CREEK IN  
1883

Anderson, T. Y.  
Graham, R. J.  
Wright, Mary  
Smith, Thomas  
Maxfield, Edwd  
Widdis, J.  
Widdis, W.  
Anning, F.  
Missen Bros  
Mansfield  
Palmer, William  
Henry, John  
Missen Albert  
Wright, Thomas  
Wright, James (snr)  
Handley, W.  
King, Henery  
Anderson, John  
Wright, James (jnr)  
Love, Robert  
Birkley, J. R.  
Page, John George  
Whittakers, James  
Stuckey, Thomas  
Wright, John  
Stamers, R.  
Bunston, James  
Smith, Charles  
Price, Chas E.  
Budden, James  
Pocock, James  
Graham Bros  
Missen, J.  
Pyke, J.



NEW ZEALAND BIRTH DEATH  
& MARRIAGE RECORDS

Searches done  
Reasonable Rates

also 1978, 1979, 1980  
Victorian  
Electoral Rolls  
Send SAE to:

Sally Shine  
P. O. Box 276  
Moe 3825

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

Police Report 13-July-1865

"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'.

Cyrus Hewitt's plan for an accelerated mail service from 1st Aug 1865 proved successful, and a month later a still more desirable consummation achieved, which enabled the pack-horse to be dispensed with altogether.

The new Coach Road through the forest was opened!

The conditions of contract were a daily mail from Melbourne to Sale in 36 hours for an 18 month term to cost £5,000.

The coaches were only able to run after a track through dense scrub between Shady Creek and Bunyip, to the south of the old cattle route, the most impenetrable part of the forest for several miles being at or near the present Warragul.

1866 - electric telegraph rates - Melbourne to Sale, ten words for 3/-., each additional word 2d.

Steps were taken to get a Telegraph Office at Rosedale

## The Gippsland Mailman (cont)

Charles Dennis, an old soldier who had lost an eye at the battle of Inkerman in 1853, took over the Traralgon Post office from Duncan Campbell in 1867. He was also the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and the Mining Registrar.

Police Report - 18th March, 1867 - Telegraph Office opens at Rosedale.

So much for the Telegraph lines. They were constantly broken, either from tree limbs, high winds, or bushfires. A line repairer was constantly moving along the length of the line to locate the break & repair same. One worked from Sale, and the other from Melbourne.

Mercury - 1st Sept., 1870 - reports on the dreadful state of the Gippsland Road, and a request to the Telegraph Department for a Telegraph Station & Post office to be erected at Shady Creek with the least possible delay, at the spot known as the Junction Hotel, near Shady Creek - this would be a boon to Gippslanders, especially to cattle drovers, and to the large mining population settled at Crossover, Russell Creek and the Tanjil Diggings.

1870, Robertson & Wagner (agents for Cobb & Co.) were now running the Melbourne to Sale Coach Line, taking over from Cyrus Hewitt. They had offered a bulk tender for 97 mail services at £50, 270.

Mr Hodder of the Sale Telegraph Office was appointed as Postmaster & line repairer at the Shady Creek Telegraph Office, which opened in Jan. 1871.

## The Gippsland Mailman (cont)

Mercury - 29 May, 1875 -

A contractor talking of tendering for the mail contract from Traralgon to Walhalla was to put in a good price, as he feels sure he will have to supply a boat to carry the mails across the morass.

Mr Thomas Clark of Toongabbie was the successful tenderer.

By 1880, most places had an official Post Office or Telegraph Office, and the steam train had in alot of places superceded the coach lines, except in the mountain regions and back country.

The next time you receive an old certificate from the 1850s and 1860s in the mail, think to yourself the hazardous trip that that certificate had when it was originally delivered.

Taken from -

The Gippsland Guardian

The Gippsland Times

The Mercury

The History of Traralgon (vol. 3A) by W. J. Cuthill

Donnelly's Creek by L. Steenhuis

J. G. Rogers

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Received from Sally Shine:

Alphabetical List of Methodist Church Ministers who died in Queensland 1864 - 1976, compiled by Barbara Kolle (Mordialloc) printed in The Queensland Family Historian, vol. 4, no. 5, Oct.. 1983

An article titled Maria Island written by David W. Weatherill. Maria Island is a small island off the coast of Tasmania, which was a convict settlement between 1825-1851, and is now a National Park.



OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY  
SEARCH SERVICE

Rosemary Wigg has provided some information of the searches services and microfiche publications of the Oxfordshire Family History Society. The Search Service searches on request for a small fee the indexes relating to Oxfordshire, which are listed below. The fee is currently £1 minimum (depending on the search option required) for each index searched.

1851 Census For Oxfordshire  
Oxfordshire Marriage Index 1538 - 1837  
Oxford City Baptisms 1800 - 1837.  
Monumental Inscriptions Index  
North Berks Marriage Index 1538 - 1851

The Society's extensive microfiche publications include Parish Register Transcripts, 1851 Census Transcripts, Monumental Inscriptions, Owners of land 1873, Electoral Registers 1875.

All orders and enquiries (including an SAE) should be sent to Dr. H. A. Kearsey, 2 Beeching Close, Upton, Didcot, OX11 9JR

LEGAL DEPOSIT

So, You are planning to publish a "book, periodical such as a newsletter or annual report, newspaper, piece of sheet music, map, pain chart, table, catalogue, brochure or pamphlet".

Remember that under Commonwealth and Victorian law, you are required to deposit a copy of that publication in The National Library and the State Library of Victoria. (The other States have similiar legislation).

According to "Legal Deposit in Australia" (3rd edition), "a work is deemed to have been published if reproductions of the work or edition have been supplied (whether by sale or otherwise) to the public."

TRIPPING AROUND THE TRACKS  
compiled by Jean McNally

Whilst reading through all the "swap" newsletters, I noticed that there are a few indexes being made and, as everybody knows these can be very helpful.

From the Peninsula Past Times, Mornington. May 94. no. 55: Mrs Anne Ranse of "Lamont", 6 Lindrum Crt, Holt, ACT. 2615. is compiling a list of as many names as is possible of internments between 1895 and 1942 at Kenmore Hospital Cemetery, Goulburn NSW. If you have a relative buried in this cemetery, Anne Ranse would be delighted to hear from you.

Bellarine Historical Society - Pioneer Register. This Society is compiling a register of early pioneer families who lived on the Bellarine Peninsula before 1900. Very similiar to our Gippsland one.

The Echuca Group are in the process of making as complete a list as possible of internments in the Moama, NSW cemetery. If you have any information regarding this cemetery, especially Death certificates, Echuca would be delighted to hear from you.

Mrs Joyce Holmes, Rmb 5300, Terang 3264 is keen to record burials in the Terang Cemetery from 1839 on. The Register starts in 1868 so there is quite a gap to fill.

Another index in the making is being done by Mrs Andrea C. Hunter, PO Box 1208, Tennant Creek, NT 0861. This index is for the Dunolly & BetBet Shire newspaper and so far has covered 1865-1869. She has offered a mail service for a fee of \$2 plus a SSAE for each name enquiry. If you wish a printout of the article send \$1 and a second SSAE; you can access the films yourself at the Bendigo PRO, or the newspaper room of the State Library.

## TRIPPING AROUND THE TRACKS (cont)

The Irish BDM Indexes (Ireland 1845-1921) and Eire (1864-1921) are available at the LDS at Cathies Lane, Wantirna. The 1891 Census on microfiche is also there.

THE AIGS have recently acquired new premises opposite the Railway Station in Railway Rd., Blackburn. The big move took place on the Queen's birthday weekend earlier this month.

From The Scots Ancestry Group, Vol. 5, no.'s 1 & 2: State Library Centre: The new room 'and a bit' to house the genealogical material from around the State Library is now in operation, with some bookshelves empty, but five computers, twenty-one microfiche readers, two printers and all the records. Some people say that its a bit of a squeeze when everyone turns up.

Missed OPRs: There are 31,000 OPR's missed entries on order. Maybe that missing ancestor will be amongst these ones. GSV now have these extra entries and they will soon become available in the Library.

Also in the Scottish Ancestry newsletter, there is an interesting article on historic families of Scotland, as well as an article on Celtic Art.

The Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS has indexed the 1851 census for Govan, all ten parishes of Glasgow City, all eight areas of Barony and three of the four areas of Gorbals, with only Laurieston remaining to be completed. The index, with 342, 443 entries, is held on computer and the Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS accept postal enquiries for which they ask a donation of at least £3 per surname searched from non-members plus a large SAE. AS there are many names listed, please send as much information as possible about the family you are looking for, as this will help find the entry

# WHAT'S ON.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF 1994

- 28 JUL Annual General Meeting & Trivia Night
- 25 AUG } Guest { Australian Archives  
22 SEP } Speakers { Genealogical Society of Victoria  
27 OCT } from { Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies  
(order to be confirmed)
- 24 NOV Royal Historical Society speaker

Dates still have to be confirmed for trips to G.S.V., A.I.G.S., and LDS Traralgon

- 10 SEP Seminar, Reception Rooms, City of Moe
- 05 NOV Workshop (to be confirmed)



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