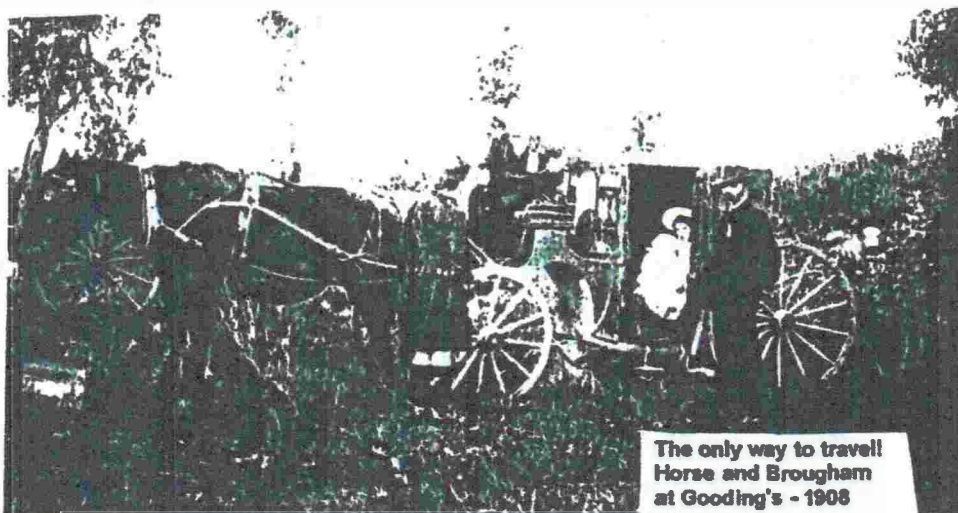


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The only way to travel
Horse and Brougham
at Gooding's - 1908

photograph from Settlers and Selectors: Tangil Hills to Tanjil South: a
centenary history of Tanjil South by Joan Hasthorpe and J. G. Rogers.

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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at Moe City Library, Kirk St., Moe. The Library will open at 7:00pm, the meeting starting at approximately 7:30pm.

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, PO Box 767, Morwell, Vic, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

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**MY PROFILE
EVADNE SWEET
(nee Clifton)**

In 1940 , I came into this land, becoming the 3rd of the four children of Stuart Clifton and Margery Lepper.

Australia was almost out of the Great Depression, and into war. In Bunbury, a southern town in Western Australia, things hardly changed.

We were a traditional family. My mother used a jam stick for jam and discipline. So I grew up straight.

After the usual grazed knee, and Reading, Writing and Arithmetic at school - I left in 1958 to train as a nurse at the Royal Perth Hospital.

I had won a Bursary in Nursing - a sort of scholarship as it was in those days - and this helped me through the education system. They got a nurse for five years for little cost and for five years too. I rode a small mo-ped motor bike.

I worked at the large hospitals of the area and then started to spread my wings. I even owned a blue Mini-minor.

Wooroolloo was a hospital of many faces. It had once been a TB hospital. My grandmother died there. Then it became a general and geriatric hospital, and I became the Nursing Sister dishing out aspirin, the wonder drug of the day.

Later Wooroolloo became a prison farm and rest home to worn out businessmen such as Connell and the famous Yachtsman Bondsie.

It was quite a luxurious park-like set of buildings throughout its change of character. Swimming pools, tennis courts etc.

**MY PROFILE - EVADNE SWEET (nee CLIFTON),
(cont)**

Here I met, in late 1963, a young doctor who had wandered from England to Woorooloo. We became engaged in January 1964, and married in April 1964.. He then weighed 70 kg. He now weighs 100 kg- well, I studied cooking too !

I traded my little blue Mini in on a large Holden Sedan. It was the way of things.

We wandered round Australia looking for the perfect job and having babies here and there, or so it seemed.

Finally, we settled in Morwell and stayed in one spot for 20 years.

It was here I gave my final performance and had a third child weighing 9lbs in Moe Hospital - this was Callan Sweet. After this we stuck to owning dogs.

Over the twenty years in Morwell, we have both run a practice here and seen amazing changes in both Morwell and Australia

We have watched people come (and go !). And we have watched the introduction of traffic roundabouts.

We still have one child, aged 18, at home, and a Kelpie called Annie. The other two children are away paying for their own dinners. Robert is working as an electrical mechanic, Heulwen working with disabled children and training to be a teacher.

My mother still lives. And she is still fit and bright enough to cause trouble at the age of 82^{1/2}.

I now have the time and peace to do family history, cross stitch and grow roses.

CEMETERY SYMBOLS (cont)

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| Ivy | loyalty; patience; eternity |
| lamb | innocence (esp of children); the Lamb of God; in adults, gentleness and meekness of character |
| Lillies | death and mourning; purity |
| Lion | courage or resurrection |
| Obelisk | God's blessing |
| PX | peace, pax |
| Roses, thornless | innocence; bliss and joy of paradise |
| scrolls, unrolled | life in God's hands, with the future and past both hidden by the rolled top and bottom |
| scythe & sickle | rapid passing of life; death; |
| serpent with tail in mouth | triumph over sin and death eternity |
| Shramock | Irish: God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit |
| shells | life and resurrection; baptism |
| ship | safely reached eternity |
| skeleton | death |

CEMETERY SYMBOLS (cont)

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| skull | |
| with crossbones | death |
| sundial | time |
| T | Theos (God- Greek); Life (Egyptian) |
| Thistle | Scottish national emblem |
| Torch | eternity |
| upside down | life snuffed out in death |
| TNZBH | “May their soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life” (Hebrew) |
| tree | |
| with broken branch | life cut off in death |
| Urns | remembrance; with cloth, the shroud of Christ. |
| Willows | mourning |

HEADSTONE

As you are now,
So once was I,
Prepare for death,
And follow me.

Underneath, written in charcoal by a wag, was

To follow you I am content
But I'm blowed if I know which way you went.

CEMETERY SYMBOLS

From the Port Fairy/Belfast Genealogical News no. 5 Nov. 1994: "The custom of placing a headstone came from the fear that the departed person might return and haunt his former neighbours. To make sure that he remained in his grave they weighed the dirt down with heavy stones"

This list of Cemetery Symbols has been extracted from the following sources:

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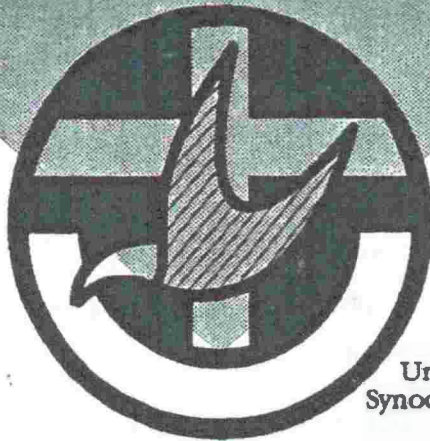
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|-----------------------|---|
| angel | messenger or guardian angel |
| AO | Alpha and Omega - the beginning and the end |
| anchor | hope and safety; faith; sailor's grave; steadfastness |
| archers/arrows | death |
| books | the Book of Life; education; knowledge; prayer; sometimes an occupation - writer or bookseller |
| broken chains | links of love broken in death |

CEMETERY SYMBOLS (cont)

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| broken columns | a life cut short or left unfinished; mourner's loss |
| candlestick seven-branched | Menorah; divine light permeating all existence (Jewish) |
| clasped hands | reunited in heaven; love; friendship; farewell. One hand is always male, the other female. |
| clocks | time |
| Crown | honour and glory; Christ's Crown of thorns |
| Doves with olive branch with eagle | Holy Spirit; love peace renewal of life |
| eggs and darts | resurrection - with the egg symbolising life and birth, and the dart or arrow death. |
| ferns | humility |
| grapes | Christ's miracles; abundance |
| hearts | Charity; love; marriage |
| hourglass | time passing by; emphasised when hourglass has wings |
| IHS | Jesus, the Savior of Man |
| Irish harp | Irish self-sacrifice and patriotism |

Synod Archives



Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of Victoria



What are they?

Historical records of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria.



Who can use the archives?

Anybody. The archives typically assist people researching parish, family or academic history.



Who staffs it?

A group of volunteers
(there is a continuing need for helpers).



When is it open?

Thursdays 9.00am-4.00pm.



Where is it located?

3rd Floor Uniting Church Centre
130 Little Collins Street Melbourne 3000
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O'BRIEN RESEARCHERS!!!

Can You Contribute?

I am at present gathering material on a Data Base for a book on the immigration to Australia of O'Briens from Ireland in the 19th century.

I would be happy to receive and acknowledge any contributions from family historians of biographies, charts, photos, etc.

I will also be indexing O'Brien arrivals from shipping records.



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1995 SEMINAR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th

MARK YOUR DIARY NOW

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

In December, we had our breakup at the Moe Botanic Gardens.

Around 25-30 people enjoyed a picnic or BBQ lunch.

The weather was a trifle hot, but there was a gentle breeze wafting through the trees which made lazing in the shade very pleasant.

Word has it that a cricket addict, who will remain nameless, brought along a portable TV : Australia versus Australia A, which Australia won.

In between overs, members were able to peruse the Toongabbie Cemetery Book, which was hot off the press.

They also found the time to draw the raffle:

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| 1st prize | Lorraine Ramselaar |
| 2nd prize | Graham Code |
| 3rd prize | Dot Needham |

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| MARCH | Guest speaker |
| APRIL | Beginner's night : bring and friend and explore together |
| MAY | Workshop night |
| JUNE | Guest speaker |
| JULY | Trivia night - including AGM |
| AUGUST | Library night |
| SEPT 9th | SEMINAR |

EASTER RAFFLE (drawn 23rd March 1995)

I hope everyone is out there busily selling or buying raffle tickets. The more we sell, the more resources we can buy for our library.



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