

THE
MID GIPPSLAND
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc
NEWSLETTER

Census Form 3 CONFIDENTIAL

Before filling in this Card please study the Directions on the accompanying
 Schedule and the Specimen Card on the Back hereof.

A. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
CENSUS, 3rd APRIL, 1911.
PERSONAL CARD

For every Person present in the Night from 2nd to 3rd April, 1911,
 or returning on 3rd April (if not included elsewhere).

Personal Card No. _____; of Householder's Schedule No. _____;
 of Mesh No. _____, of Collector's District _____, of Census District No. _____
 STATE OF _____

<p>1. Name in full _____ <small>(Indicate Surname)</small></p> <p>2. Sex { Write M for Male } _____ { Write F for Female }</p> <p>3. Date of Birth:—Day _____; Month _____, Year _____ <small>(a) If exact date of birth is unknown, state age at last birthday _____ years.</small></p> <p>4. { If married, write M. { If widowed, write W. { If divorced, write D. { If never married, write N. M. } _____</p> <p>5. Date of existing Marriage:—Year _____</p> <p>6. Number of Children (Living and dead) from existing Marriage _____ <small>(a) Number of Children (Living and dead) from previous Marriage _____</small></p> <p>7. Relation to Head of Household _____</p> <p>8. State if Blind or Deaf and Dumb _____</p> <p>9. Country or Australian State where Born _____</p> <p>10. { If a British Subject by Parentage, write P. { If a British Subject by Naturalization, write N. } _____ Race:— _____</p> <p>11. If born outside Commonwealth, state length of residence therein _____ years <small>(a) Date of Arrival:—Day _____; Month _____; Year _____ in Commonwealth</small></p> <p>12. Religion _____</p> <p>13. Education _____ <small>(a) As present receiving Education _____</small></p> <p>14. Profession or Occupation _____ <small>(If married husband, occupation, whether principal occupation, last 7 years immediately preceding 1st April, 1911, and this</small></p> <p>—(a) State if Employer or Employee, by _____ <small>(a) Name of Employer, Street, and City</small></p> <p>—(b) If out of work, state period _____</p> <p>—(c) Occupation of Employer (If any) _____ <small>and</small></p>	<p>When confined to bed, or in hospital, state date</p>
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OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1996-1997

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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 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approxiamately 7:30pm.

Fees 96/97: Membership Single \$16; Family \$22
Library \$2:00 per visit for non-members

There is a research fee of \$10 plus SAE for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO 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.

PRESIDENTS REPORT JULY 1996

I have pleasure in presenting my report to the 1996 Annual General meeting of the Mid Gippsland Family History Society, Inc.

The group is a vastly different one to that which had its beginnings in the back yard of Audrey and Harry Bennett on a mild December evening almost sixteen years ago. Memories of these early meetings and activities were shared at the 15th birthday celebration of the group, which was held at Leggies Hotel in Moe last December. It was a most enjoyable evening, and especially good to see some of our "lapsed" members there to join in the fun. Probably the most notable change during those years has been the ready availability of an avalanche of research material, which had previously been far more difficult to access.

The work of genealogical groups such as ours has enabled a wide range of resource material to be virtually at the fingertips of even country researchers, thus making research trips to Melbourne largely a choice rather than a necessity.

Once again the group has benefited from the commitment and enthusiasm of our committee and sub committees. These people voluntarily give hours of their time to the group, and in doing so they enrich the group and its image. In many cases they are accumulating records that will prove to be of great benefit to everyone. I will not single out individuals, but express my sincere gratitude to these people for their contribution to genealogy.

Wednesday afternoon "help times" at the Moe Library are still proving very useful, and I thank all those who have volunteered for rostered duty on these days. With the continued expansion of our library collection, this service will become even more important to serve the community.

The 1995 seminar was very successful due to good organisation and preparation, and is now firmly established on our genealogical calendar.

To all those who represented the group at meetings and functions throughout the past twelve months, we thank you for your effort.

I am delighted to report that at long last, we will have an appropriate area in which to house the library and hold meetings. The LaTrobe Shire has invited us to use the meeting room adjacent to the Moe Library for this purpose, and we thank them for their recognition of the value of our group, and for their generosity in providing this area without charge. We also thank them for the recent allocation of a \$500 grant which is very much appreciated. Thanks, too, to the staff of the Moe Library for their continuing support.

Most of the 1995/96 executive and committee are retiring from their positions tonight. I am confident that the incoming office bearers will find everything in very good shape, and I wish them every success in 1996/97.

Dawn Cowley - Chairman 1995/96.

CENSUS RECORDS

As you should all be aware, August has been census month.

National censuses take place every 5 years - the last one was in 1991.

Prior to Federation, the states conducted regular censuses. From 1911, the Commonwealth took over responsibility for the census.

Unfortunately for family historians, it has been the policy for successive states & Commonwealth Governments to destroy census records after statistical data has been extracted and collected.

SURVIVING CENSUS RECORDS

Commonwealth : none surviving

New South Wales: various population surveys (Musters) and population lists were compiled after 1788. These are not necessarily comprehensive or complete. Copies of these records between 1788 and 1837 have survived. The first full census was in 1828. This has been published as The Census of New South Wales, November 1828 and is available locally. Records of "Household returns" compiled in 1841 and 1891 have survived.

Victoria: 1836, 1838, 1841 & 1844 census records survive

South Australia: Only 1841 survives

Tasmania : Records of censuses & musters survive from 1803 to 1851. Some early Tasmanian musters are to be found in the New South Wales records. Some Tasmanian records have been published and are held locally.

Western Australia: 1829, 1832, 1836, 1837, 1859 records survive.

Queensland: no census data containing information about individuals survive.

CENSUS RECORDS (cont)

For census records of overseas countries, it is worthwhile to check the Library catalogue at the LDS libraries in Moe or Traralgon to see whether census records covering your ancestors' residence are available on microfilm. For a small fee, the LDS library will order specific films, and they can be viewed at the Moe or Traralgon LDS libraries. [Ed: if anyone has detail of census records available for Europe, USA, please let me know, and I will include it next issue.]

England, Scotland and Wales : An official census was conducted every 10 years from 1801 (except 1941 during World War II). These census records are subject to the **100 year closure period** to ensure that the personal details they contain are not disclosed during the lifetime of the vast majority of those listed.

In the first four census (1801, 1811, 1821 & 1831), the names of individuals were not recorded, and original returns were destroyed. However, a few (very few) local census collectors did compile unofficial lists of peoples' names as they produced the official census. The unofficial lists are listed in Local Census Listings 1522-1930: Holdings in the British Isles (FFHS) by Jeremy Gibson.

1841 census Gives the address, name (including children under 15 years) the age and occupation, whether the person was born in that County (just Yes/No answer). In this census ages of children are meant to be accurate, adult ages were supposed to be rounded down to the nearest five years.

1851 + Same details as in 1841. Place of birth has been added (but where birthplace is in a different county, the census may only record the name of the County). From 1851, ages recorded in the census are meant to be exact. Marital status and relationship to the head of the household in each residence is included for the first time. The 1891 census contains additional information on employment status and medical disabilities.

1901: The 1901 census will not be open to public inspection until 1 January 1902. **But direct descendants can on payment of a fee** (£20 in 1993, no doubt the price has risen), **check out a specified address for a named ancestor.**

[Details in this article have been extracted from Tracing your family history in Australia by Nick Vine Hall and Beginning your family History with Tom Wood in Family Tree Magazine vol. 10, no 3 & 4. (Jan. Feb 1994). Any errors are mine. Ed.]

ROLL CALL AT THE PEACE

(continuing the list of SECV personnel who served with the armed forces in WORLD WAR II from S.E.C. Magazine 12th Dec 1945.)

THE ARMY

Coal Supply Dept

Yallourn (cont)

Howlett, A F.
Hucker, C A G.
Hudson, R J.
Hyatt, R E (DR)
James, B E (DR)
Jones, G (DR)
Kennedy, R J (DR)
Kenny, J (DNR)
Kitney, C S (DR)
Klopper, L J (DR)
Lamp, K G.
Lambourne, R C (DR)
Leemon, R H C.
Lloyd, J H (DR)
Lloyd, T J (DR)
Lock, R F (DR)
Lockwood, W G (DR)
Lyons, E H (DR)
Lyons, E H (DR)
Mackey, T B.
Magnuson, J D (DR)
Maxfield, G N (DR)
Maxfield, N.
May, J N (M)
Metcalf, C W (DR)
Milne, J W (DR)
Mobbs, H (DR)
O'Neill, P F.
O'Neill, T E (DR)
Parsons, G W (DR)
Potter, H W.
Potter, R J (DR)
Pratt, W J (DR)
Preston, J M (DR)
Price, K N D.
Pritchett, R W (DI)
Pritchett, T W C.
(DR)
Redman, S D

Richards, H M (DR)
Riseley, L A (DR)
Risk, A R (DR)
Robertson, R (DR)
Rodgers, C H G.
Rothsay, A McL (DR)
Scott, A (DR)
Shirreff, F R (DR)
Sier, W T (DR)
Skinner, A E.
Skinner, R G (DR)
Smith, G J (DR)
Smith, P B.
Somerville, W R.
Stares, C J.
Stephenson, T B.
(DR)
Strong, C H (DR)
Strong, F G (DR)
Sutton, A H.
Sutton, S J.
Thom, K D (DR)
Walker, C W (DR)
Walker, H W (DR)
Walker, L.
Ward, R J (DR)
Whitehead, B C.
Willey, J C.
Williams, J A (DR)
Winnell, C J.
Wood, G E (DR)
Wyatt, A G (DR)
Young, W A (DR)
Yallourn Admin
Allen, D C (DR)
Angus, C S.
Asmussen, P E (DR)
Attenborough, S T.
(DNR)
Auger, W G (DR)
Backman, W G (DR)
Bailey, F L.

Baker, A P.
Beale, A W (DR)
Bett, D.
Boag, A F (DR)
Boag, R P (DNR)
Bohnholtzer, N W G.
Bolitho, C E (DR)
Bottle, H (DNR)
Bourke, E J (DNR)
Bourne, D G (K)
Brown, C I (DR)
Buller, H S (DR)
Cadwallader, V O.
Camm, E F (DR)
Chapman, J S (DR)
Coghlan, K.
Collins, W A.
Connolly, E W.
(DNR)
Craven, J J (DR)
Cornell, D C.
Crilly, J (DI)
Datson, E F (DNR)
Da Costa, A L.
Dingwell, F (DR)
Drane, H W (DR)
Duggan, L T (DR)
Duxbury, J R.
Edwards, A R G.
Edwards, F N.
Edwards, T K (DR)
Elliott, V R J.
Farnes, C (DR)
Farrugia, J (DR)
Fennessy, T M (DNR)
Fraser, J W.
Freeburn, R J (DR)
Freeth, W J.
Gardiner, E J.
Gardiner, C H.
Green, J S.
Hannon, S T.

Yallourn Admin (cont)

Harper, B. F. (DNR)
 Healey, K. M. (DR)
 House, W. P. B.
 Hower, C. F.
 Hower, G. W.
 Howlett, H. G. (DR)
 Humphries, R. W. (DR)
 Hyde, A. F. H.
 Hyde, V. F.
 Jamieson, J. P. C. (DR)
 Jenner, L. G.
 Jennings, L. M.
 Johnson, F. R. M.
 Kenny, T. J. (DR)
 Kershaw, H. A. (DR)
 Kerston, W. L.
 Kitney, M.
 Laby, W. R.
 Lawrence, M. R.
 Lockwood, W. A.
 Lyons, H. J.
 Mackie, W.
 Marriage, L. C.
 Mayze, L.
 Middlemiss, L. C.
 Mongta, W. (DR)
 Muiró, E. L. (M)
 McDonald, D. (DR)
 McDonald, S. R.
 MacFarlane, H. A.
 (DNR)
 McKay, R. (DR)
 McMaster, A. D.
 McMillan, R. H.
 Needham, J. G.

Newton, G. S. (DR)
 Neville, M. J. (DR)
 O'Reilly, T. M. (DNR)
 Padfield, S. M. (DR)
 Palmer, P. H. (DR)
 Parker, J.
 Park, H. S. (DR)
 Patching, C. W. (DR)
 Pearce, R. E. (DR)
 Piggott, J. J.
 Pringle, G. (DR)
 Pryke, R. (DR)
 Rainbow, F. S.
 Richards, F. C. (DR)
 Rose, C. W. (DR)
 Rowley, A. J.
 Ryan, J. C. (DR)
 Sambell, A. D.
 Scott, A. N.
 Sier, J. W. (DR)
 Sier, V. H. (DR)
 Skinner, S. G. (DI)
 Skinner, T. A. (DR)
 Smith, F. D. (DR)
 Smith, K. P. (DR)
 Stanton, H. (DR)
 Stephens, R. V. (DR)
 Stepnell, B. T. (POW)
 Stepnell, M.
 Summerton, J.
 Taig, C. C.
 Turner, R. H. (K)
 Vary, A. K. (DR)
 Vincent, J. F.
 Walsh, J. M. (DR)
 Ward, C.

Watson, C. M. (DR)
 Williams, G. R. (DR)
 Williams, G. T.
 Williams, K. J.
 Williamson, A. L.
 Williamson, A. J. A.
AIR FORCE
(abridged)
Gippsland Branch
 Cooney, J. C.
 Crawford, I. C.
 Davis, A. (M)
 Goldsworthy, J. A. D.
 (DR)
 Hall, W. H. K.
 Lawson, A. R.
 McCarthy, F. J.
 Maskray, J.
 Ryan, S. J.
 Steel, D. L.
 Williams, A. F. (K)
Briquette Production
Dept. Yallourn
 Brindley, S. E. (DR)
 Burrows, M. A.
 Gardner, J. D.
 Gore, V. W.
 Irvine, D. A. W.
 McDonald, D. (M)
 Tinkler, K. T.
Coal Supply Dept
 Burrows, H. W. (DR)
 Cooper, A. G. (DR)
 Harris, J. M. (DR)
 Kite, L. E.
 Larkin, T. W. (DR)

Symbols (M)

(DNR)
 (DRL)

(DR)
 (DI)

(POW)

(K)

(AD)

(AK)

Missing

Discharged, did not resume duty with the Commission

Discharged, resume, and subsequently left the Commission's service

Discharged, resumed duty with the Commission

Died of illness

(DW) Died OF wounds

Prisoner Of War

Killed In Action

Accidently drowned

Accidently killed

Making the most of the census returns

by Ursula M Robson

It is a constant source of interest to me to see just how much "extra" information can be gleaned from a census return. Most people will be looking for a specific family and may be inclined to skip over other family members who happened to be sleeping elsewhere on the day the census was taken.

For instance, in my experience, with returns (1841-1881) for Foleshill, Warwickshire, searching the name Beaufoy, I have been able to establish the death date of one John Beaufoy who appears in the 1841 along with his wife Caroline (née Biddle) and children Selina and Thomas. In 1851, Caroline appears as a widow living with her mother, Mary Biddle, Thomas and Eliza; Selina was living with another family as a general servant. Eliza was eight years old in the census so I can now assume that John died some time after 1843. While collecting all Beaufoy references in the civil registration indexes (1837-1906) I discovered that he could have died in 1846 or 1849, but, checking again, found that Caroline remarried in 1848. The census helped to establish that John died in 1846.

Another instance required a little more sleuthing. Having discovered the family of John Oliver and wife Emily, with Ann Beaufoy, unmarried sister-in-law, as part of the family in 1871 I was somewhat frustrated because I did not have an Emily born at the right time. This time it was parish registers that came to the rescue. Our Emily had signed (as a witness of a sister's marriage) as "Emelia", which then tied in with the family of William and Mary with a daughter Amelia in the 1851 and 1861 census. The census certainly helped us to learn what became of Amelia, who would otherwise have appeared to have vanished after 1861.

When sharing information with newcomers to family history I always urge that when studying census returns they make a photocopy if possible or, failing that, make precise notes of everything listed for each individual. Every piece of information has the potential to solve a riddle.

Admittedly I have had an advantage in that I am researching a rather unusual surname. There were only 630 entries in the birth, marriage and death indexes. However, in the early 19th century there were many variant spellings of the name. Thankfully the spelling in the census has consistently been Beaufoy.

This short article is from Family Tree Magazine (June 1996). It is a very valuable family history magazine from Britain. June 1996, the latest issue, includes articles covering surnames in the Netherlands, Uk & Irish genealogy on the Internet, English Non-conformist records, and researching school histories. The magazine is available at many local newsagencies in the Latrobe Valley. Prices may vary (my copy cost \$5.25). It also held at Moe Public Library.

**The copy deadline for the
October 1996 newsletter
is 5th October 1996**

**OUR SEMINAR IS ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.**

Are you doing your bit to ensure its success.

Small contributions by a lot of members is what's needed.

Arrive early and help set up

help with morning/afternoon teas

wash up the dishes

accept entrance money;

offer to run down to the supermarket
invariably something is forgotten

sell/buy raffle tickets;

stay late and help clean up;

If someone who is doing a job looks harassed,
offer to help

be prepared to get up and thank speakers

VOLUNTEER NOW
to be
A SEMINAR CO-ORDINATOR
in
1997
and be
INITIATED
into the
TRICKS OF THE TRADE
by
"EXPERTS"

EDITED EXCERPTS FROM THE REPORTS
OF OFFICE-BEARERS
TO THE AGM JULY 1996

SECRETARY'S : At last years AGM we were, with a little arm twisting, able to fill all positions on the Committee. To those willing volunteers, and all members who have helped the Society by giving your time and talents, thank you. Members must realize that this is your Society and without everyone contributing, it would cease to function.

For the statistically minded, average attendance at the 11 general meetings has been 25.63.

The programme coordinator arranged several visits to major genealogical libraries and places of interest, but, attendance was not good. Members express interest but on the appointed day, do not attend. Let's make the next visit an outstanding Day.

I represented the Society at the Gippsland Groups meeting in Leongatha, the GSV Member Societies annual meeting, and, with two other members, flew the flag at the Sale Society's Expo in April. - **Mavis Lynch**

CEMETERIES : The work done by this Group has been established as a viable fund raiser for the on-going work of the Society. During the year, several new titles with added to the cemetery series - Hazelwood Transcriptions, Gippsland Crematorium Register and Transcriptions, Walhalla and an update of the Trafalgar Cemetery.

A major decision taken during the year was to for the Society to totally control the production, promotion and marketing of all our microfiche publications. Such control will be to our advantage in the future.

Work is continuing on the Moe, Yallourn and Narracan cemeteries; the Hazelwood Cemetery register is at the proof-reading stage.

Of course, all this work is the culmination of many hours of volunteer effort, and my grateful thanks goes out to these people who have, and continue, to "put in" on this project.

I have decided not to stand for the position of "cemetery officer" in the coming year. However, I have asked for the groups permission to complete the work currently in hand. - **Eddie Tunn**

EDITED EXCERPTS FROM AGM REPORTS

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RESEARCH : In 1995/96, some twenty research letters were received from within Victoria and Interstate. **All research queries were answered.** One letter was forwarded to the South Gippsland FHS, it being more relevant to their area. Some queries, involving research in the Walhalla, Wood Point area were particularly difficult, but untangled vital information which would otherwise not have been found by the person seeking the information.

I wish to thank Don Macreadie for handling a couple of in depth research queries covering the Cowwarr, Heyfield (etc) areas; and Mavis Lynch for providing information on the Boolarra district.

SOME GENERAL ADVICE FOR PEOPLE SUBMITTING ENQUIRIES

- *Remember that the research officer is a volunteer.*
Do not take their time and effort for granted
- *Make your enquiry clear and concise.*
Otherwise you may send the research officer off on the wrong track entirely and be disappointed with the results they are able to produce,
- *Do your homework before writing*
be prepared to spend time and money doing as much research as you can (looking through the BDMs, IGI etc.) and studying the region in which your ancestor lived before you write.
- *Employ some lateral thinking*
look at the surname - think about variant spelling, mispronunciation etc. Don't assume that because family tradition has gggranddad settling in a particular area that family tradition must be right.
Study local and social history so that you know the background of the area, the society and the time in which your ancestor lived.
- *If you do receive help and many do, write and thank the person who provided it to you*

J. G. Rogers

Editor] : Mid-Gippsland FHS charge \$10 for any enquiries involving research. Most Societies charge. If in doubt, send an SAE and ask what their charges are.



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SEMINAR.

Saturday September 7th 1996
VENUE: St Andrew's Church Hall,
Fowler St Moe.

GUEST SPEAKERS
ARE

- Faye Guthrie. = Inquests.
Laurice Cross. = Convicts.
Fay Johnson. = Researchers &
Newspapers.
Lyndon Arnold. = German research.

TIME: Registration 9.15am. FINISH: 4.30pm.
COST: &10.00 per head.
B.Y.O. Lunch. Morning & Afternoon tea supplied.

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