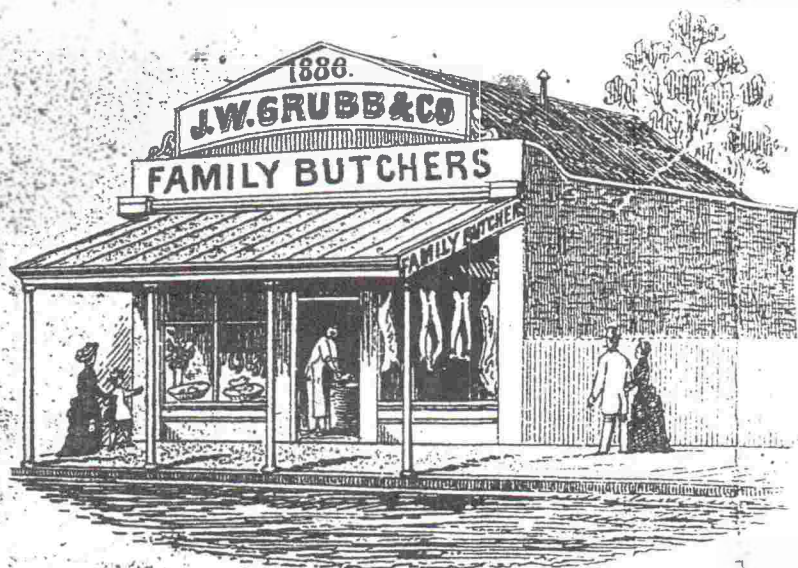


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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.
NEWSLETTER



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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear of the Moe Library, Kirk St, Moe. Our Library will open at 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

Fees 97/98: Membership Single \$16 ; Family \$22
Library: gold coin donation 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. Enquiries 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.

Cover: From the Carlyon Collection, Centre for Gippsland Studies.

The Mid Gippsland Family History Group welcomes, new members, Glenys Fox and Ernest Stares.

The latest twig on David and Jo Tatnell's tree is little Johnathon Reuben, born 15th April. Congratulations!



My keyboarding and proof reading skills weren't up to scratch in the last edition of 'On Track'. Pam's email address was incorrect. It is bhf@net-tech.com.au Sorry! To the same article you can add Wendy Brown who now has an email address wendyb@latrobe.net.au Also add Graham Hill to the Brothers Keeper list and Richard Werner and Bob Budge to the Family Tree Maker list.

While on things technological it probably won't be long now before we start purchasing CDs which members will be able to borrow. Sounds pretty progressive doesn't it?

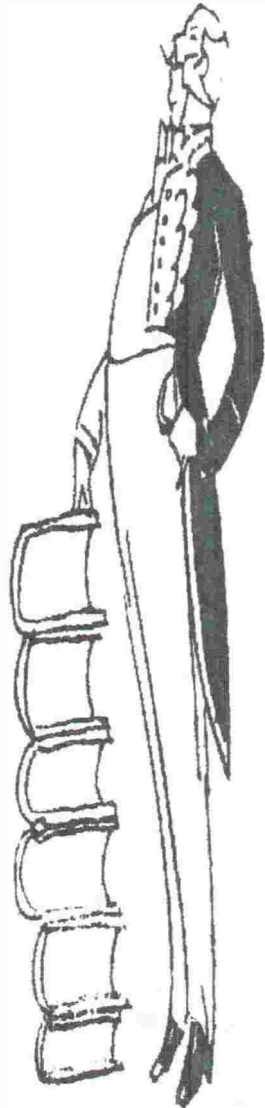
Last month Linda Barraclough spoke at our meeting about publishing/printing family histories. It was very informative and interesting. A tape of the 'fireside chat' is available. Tonight we will hear solicitor David Davis speak on wills and all the other diversions we come up with. Next month is the AGM where positions will be up for grabs. Don't be shy. Show us your stuff!



Scottish researchers using the net check out <http://www.origins.net> (and have your credit card handy). Sorry about the lack of info here but I have had a mental blank and can't recall exactly which indexes can be searched and the cost and payment details. I think spending each day with a two year old is starting to take affect.

The following books are fairly recent additions to our library.

A History Of Morwell Open Cut
A History Of Yallourn Open Cut
Allambie East Cemetery Burial Register
Computers For Family History
Cuillin Hills Calling
From Shere To Eternity
From The Ashes
G.R.D 1997
Genealogy On The Internet
Glengarry West Primary School
Hell to Health
In Search of Your European Roots - 2nd Edition
Index To Extra B.D.& Ms No. 16
My Ancestors Were Londoners
On The Ridge
Purvis For Survis
Railways & Pastures
Searching Land Records In Victoria
So Ends This Day
Some Geelong Scots
Tay Valley People In Australia 1788-1988
The Chinese Ingredient
The Dog Watch No. 40
The Parishes, Registers & Registrars Of Scotland
The Settling Of Gippsland
Tracing Your Ancestors In Ireland
Victoria's Forgotten Goldfield
Web Sites For Genealogists
Where Did I Read That 1995
Writing A Non-Boring Family History
Y.O.G.A 1986
Y.O.G.A 1991



Some Local Hang Outs for Family Historians.

Moe Library's hours of opening changed recently and I thought this an opportunity to do an update on some of the local places that the likes of us may hang out.

La Trobe Shire Community Libraries.

Some of the things available at the various branches include shipping records, Victorian B.D.M indexes (fiche and CD), internet, genealogy magazines as well as early Traralgon, Morwell and Gippsland newspapers (microfilm).

Churchill Branch, McDonald Way, Churchill Ph: 5122 2723 Fax: 5122 2723. Open during school term only. Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm, Tues 9am-5pm and every 2nd Saturday.

Moe Branch, Kirk Street, Moe Ph: 5127 0365 Fax: 5127 8423
Open Mon- Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9am 12noon. (Remember if the meeting room is not in use members can access our library during these hours.)

Morwell Branch, Hazelwood Road, Morwell Ph: 5134 1047 Fax: 5134 8808 Open Mon, Wed, Fri 1pm-6pm, Tues & Thurs 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-12noon

Traralgon Branch, 13 Breed Street, Traralgon Ph: 5174 2534 Fax: 5174 8212 Open Tues & Thurs 10am-6pm, Wed & Fri 1pm-6pm, Sat 9am-12 noon, Sun 3pm-6pm, Closed Mondays.

L.D.S Family History Centres.

Ollerton Ave, Moe. Open Tues 7pm-8.30pm, Fri 10am-5.30pm & 7pm-9pm or by appointment phone Gwen Callaghan 5127 3341

Kosciusko Street, Traralgon. Open Mon and Wed 10am-3pm, Fri 7pm-10pm and Sat 12 noon-4pm. Ph: 5175 0170

DAVIS BROS. FURNITURE STORE, SMITH STREET, COLLINGWOOD.

by Elaine Johnston.

My grandmother's parents died early in life so my record of their lives is sketchy. John Charles Davis, cabinet maker, came to Australia from England, arriving on the south coast and made his way to the goldfields near Ballarat. I have been told that he worked for a man named Moss, courted his daughter Margaret, and married her in 1855. Their ages were Margaret eighteen, John Charles twenty-nine years.

Life on the goldfields was primitive and harsh whether in a permanent building or under canvas. Margaret had five living children when my grandmother was born on 16th October, 1870. The family consisted of John 12, Margaret 10, Thomas 8, Ann deceased, Harriet 6, Ellen Ann 2 and my grandmother Louisa Mary.

Margaret died of pneumonia on 19th March 1874, and 3 weeks later John Charles her husband died by accident from fracture of the skull by accidentally falling off the frame of a puddling machine of the Red Jacket Company, leaving the family orphaned. The parents' grave is in the Buninyong Cemetery, Wesleyan section, 501. As far as I know the family was spread among relatives or friends who would look after them. My grandmother was "adopted" by a childless couple - Thomas Arthur and Mary Ann Davies - also on the mines.

The mines I heard my mother speak of were "Steiglitz", twenty-one miles from Geelong, named after Baron Von Steiglitz who was born in Ireland and came to Van Dieman's Land in 1830. In my mother's memory they never spoke of living at Steiglitz, but on it. That was the mine itself I suppose, and the small settlement to this day bears the name Steiglitz.

The Minerva mine was a very rich one, producing £10,000 worth of gold at one crushing but nothing more. In latter years the family home always bore a brass plate "Minerva" near the front door, but nobody remembers gold ever coming their way.

My grandmother's parents moved about from place to place, always seeking the rich reward of a good strike. They lived at Morrison and Elaine in close proximity to Ballarat where the main diggings were. They later tried Sebastopol. It was hard on the children breaking up the family at such an early age, but my grandmother had a good home and education.

Louisa Mary Davis and James Alexander Paterson were married on 5th October, 1898, at the home of the bride's parents at Elaine, and went to Melbourne to live. My grandfather was a builder and moved about a bit according to work. My mother was born on 3rd March 1901 at Moonee Ponds, the second of six children.

Little is known of the Davis family after their parents died. John, the eldest, would have been able to work at the age of eleven years. Thomas was boarded out to a lady in East Melbourne at the age of eight years. He had no recollection of where he went to school, but at the age of eleven he started work in the furniture trade at Solomon Bros. then situated

on the corner of Lonsdale and Swanston Streets, as a mirror polisher. He graduated through the store and at the age of twenty-one years became chief salesman. A year later he applied for more wages but Solomons refused.

He bought a horse and wagon at Kirk's Bazaar which was situated up the hill in Bourke Street. Having plenty of initiative he went into warehouses in Flinders Lane, filled the wagon with merchandise, and set off up the Sydney Road to Shepparton and afterwards to Echuca, where he camped on the banks of the Murray River. He was a Hawker selling his wares off the back of the wagon on Fridays and Saturdays, just off the main streets in the bigger towns.

For twelve months he was selling there when the Solomons came to him on the Murray and persuaded him to go back with them, offering him the position of Assistant Manager, and more money. So he went. One year later, Thomas Davis founded the Davis Furniture Store in Smith Street.

The brothers Tom and John had lost touch with one another but one day John, who had a carrying business from the wharves, was passing up Smith Street, when he saw on a shop window - Davis Furniture Store. On chance he walked in and after a little talk he said, "You must be my brother". So the brothers became a partnership. The business became Davis Bros. and prospered.



Local Hang Outs continued

Centre For Gippsland Studies, Churchill Campus of Monash University.
Ph: 5122 6356 Open: Mon-Wed 9am-5pm

Land Titles Office, 81 Buckley Street, Morwell. Ph: 51343010 Open: 8.30am-4.30pm Mon-Thurs and 8.30am-3.30pm Fri. If you can get to Morwell this is the place to order birth, death and marriage certificates. I have lodged an application and paid my \$17.00 at 10.30am Monday and my certificate was in my hot little hand, via the postie, lunchtime Tuesday.

This list of places is by no means complete, for instance, there are local historical societies and museums. Eddie has mentioned a display at the Education Office and I'm sure you know of other places, not to mention local people.

COLONIAL OCCUPATION TITLES AND DEFINITIONS

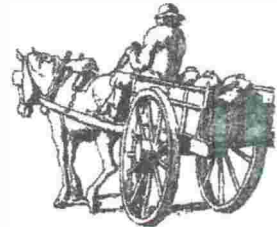
Wendy wishes to share this list with us. It was compiled by her friend, Joan Brane. If the topic interests you check out *Dictionary of Old Trades and Occupations* by Andrew & Sandra Twining FHS 133 TWI on our library shelves or the following web site cpug.org/user/jlacombe/terms.html

Accomptant
Administatix
Amanuen
Artifice
Ashman
Boniface
Brazier
Brightsmith
Brownsmith
Burf
Burnisher
Carner
Carter
Chandler
Chiffonier
Clarke
Colporteur
Conveyor
Cooper
Coppice Keeper

Accountant
A female administrator
Secretary or stenographer
Maker or fixer of intricate objects
Shipman or sailor
Innkeeper
Brass worker
Metal worker
Copper or brass smith
Cup-bearer
Metel polisher
Granary keeper
Maker or driver of carts
Maker or seller of candles; retailer of groceries
Wigmaker
Cleric or scribe
Peddler of books
Grantor or seller
Maker/repairer of barrels and casks
One who takes care of small wood



Cordwainer	Shoemaker
Crayman	Driver of cart carrying heavy loads
Culler	Gelder of male animals
Currier	Tanner of leather; user of curry comb on horses
Cutler	One who makes or sells knives etc.
Dareman	Dairyman
Diviner/Dowser	One who finds water under the ground
Draper	Dealer in cloth and dry goods
Dresser	Surgeon's assistant in hospital
Drover	Driver of animals to market; dealer in cattle
Drummer	Travelling salesman
Duffier	Peddler
Dyer	One who dyes cloth
Endholdermn	Inn keeper
Enumerator	Census taker
Executrix	A female executor
Falkner	Keeper/trainer of falcons
Farmer	Tax-collector or bailiff
Farrier	Horse doctor, one in charge of horses/blacksmith one who shoes horses
Fence Viewer	Person who inspects farmer's fences
Flax Dresser	One who works with flax fibers
Fletcher	Maker of bows and arrows
Framar	Farmer
Fuller	Cleaner and thickener of cloth
Gaoler	Jailer
Ginerr	Joiner
Glover	Dealer or maker of gloves
Gobar	Jobber
Grecher	Grocer
Guilderer	Maker of gold or silver coins
Hansard	Weapon maker or seller
Hawker	Peddler
Headborough	Constable
Hedger	One who trims and tends hedgerows
Hillard/Hiller	One who covers houses with slate
Hind	Farm laborer
Horsler	Ostler (Stableman or groom), Horse servant at an inn
Huckster	Seller of small articles



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NEWSLETTER NOTES

We are now exchanging newsletters with the Bland District Family History Group. (West Wyalong)

Unrelated certificates can be found in the Wangaratta and Echuca/Moama newsletters of May 1998, the April 1998 newsletter of the Geelong F.H.G. and the March 1998 issue of *Reflections* (Bass Coast).



Also in *Reflections*, March 1998, is the continuation of alphabetical listings from the photocopies of random pages of the V.D. Land Registers - **Burials in the Parish of St David's Hobart 1818 and 1820.**

The Pivot Tree (Geelong F.H.G.), April 1998, has general information about, and a map of, **Port Arlington cemetery**, including information on early pioneer families of the district.

Continued in the *Port Fairy Genealogical News*, April 1998, are profiles of people buried in the local cemeteries, Directory of Gloucestershire 1830 and List of those Eligible to Vote in Galway 1832-1837. There is an article on **Queensland wills**, a list of those believed drowned on the '**Gambier**' (1891) and the names of those on the **Port Fairy Memorial** (to be continued).

The **Leeton Family History Society Newsletter**, March 1998, has information on **soldiers from Leeton who died at Sandakan and Tarakan**. There is also an article on the history of **Kooba Station** (Darlington Point).

The soldiers on the **Carisbrook Roll of Honour** are listed in *Wattle Bark* (Maryborough F.H.G) April 1998.

Contributions for **Pioneers of the Echuca and Moama Districts Pre 1940** are being sought. Contact Shirley Durrant PO Box 707, Echuca, 3564. Pre 1900 and Pre 1925 are available for \$10.00.

Continued in *Ballarat Link*, Feb and April 1998, are the names of miners killed in the Ballarat District 1874 and 1875. The February issue also has a list of **Medieval and obsolete English trade and professional terms used from 1086-1400.**

Ibis Heritage (Kerang and District), April 1998, has a list of the district's **school registers** and where they are held.

Red Gum Tree (Nathalia), March 1998, asks for contributions to their 5th book of **pioneer families**. Check the other four books for your family first. Contact Iris Pearce 5869 1235. In the same newsletter addresses for **private researchers in England, Wales and Scotland** who operate through 'The Research Network' are given. Three of these are recommended by the member who contributed the article.

I usually find useful and up to date information in *Joy's Newsletter*. In the March issue you can find out about the **L.D.S new releases** and an update on **Scottish records**.

Blarney, May 1998, informs us of the following web site where you can find passenger lists for the eight convict ships from Ireland that brought the remnants of the **1798 Irish Rebellion Rebels** to NSW 1800-1806.

<http://www.actonline.com.au/~ppmay/>

A list of **local records** held by the **Lithgow and District Family History Society Inc.** can be found in the February 1998 issue of the *Lithgow Pioneer Press*.

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



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If you don't receive your newsletter check in the trusty old green library bag the next time you're in the library. Only take one if your name is on it.



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Books (postage cost on application)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions		1879-1994	\$ 5.00
Gippsland Crematorium Register		1985-1995	\$15.00
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions		1985-1995	\$15.00
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	2 vols	1879-1995	\$30.00
Moe Cemetery Register		1891-1996	\$20.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	2 vols	1881-1997	\$30.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register		1872-1995	\$15.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions		1873-1994	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register		1887-1995	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions		1886-1994	\$20.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	2 vols	1872-1994	\$40.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions		1869-1995	\$15.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions		1898-1993	\$15.00

Microfiche (postage included)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions		1879-1994	\$ 4.00
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Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions		1879-1995	\$15.00
Moe Cemetery Register		1891-1996	\$10.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions		1881-1997	\$15.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register		1872-1995	\$ 8.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions		1873-1994	\$ 7.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register		1887-1995	\$ 8.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions		1886-1994	\$ 7.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions		1872-1994	\$25.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions		1869-1995	\$10.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions		1898-1993	\$5.00

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