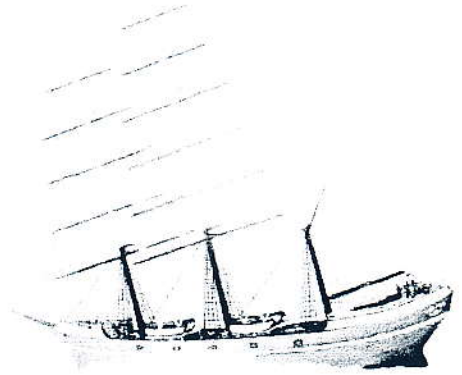


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Meetings

2nd Thursday of the month commencing at 10am at the Historical Society Museum McMillan Street Anglesea 3230
Visitors most welcome.

Library And Research Facilities
Monday 10am-2pm.
Friday 10am-12 noon

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Joy Roy was our guest speaker at our May meeting and she spoke on research in the north of England and Cornwall. Joy gave a very good presentation and the meeting was well attended. Pictured with Joy is our Bruce Bodman.

Forthcoming Meetings And Trips

Thursday 8th August	Book Review By Members
Saturday 12th September	Family Tree Maker Computer recording of data.
Thursday 10th October	Annual General Meeting
Speakers	Beryl and Brian O'Gorman Research in the UK and Ireland
Thursday 14th November	Old Pharmaceutical Remedies Trip to Immigration Museum (date to be advised)
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Party Meeting (Fun meeting with prizes and awards)

Note We will have a trading table at our October meeting and all members are requested to bring a contribution.



Whose Tom Pearse owned the Grey mare? (From Shank's Pony To The Moon) Our thanks to Marjorie Hansen for this story.

One of the books in our library is called South Beach Pioneers: The Pearse Family. It is quite an extensive history of the families of William and Thomas Butson the early settlers of the Aireys Inlet area and the family connected to our Historic Bark Hut. In the introduction of the book it states "However descendants of another Thomas Pearse from Cornwall probably belong to the largest Pearse Family. His son William, wife Jane and seven children migrated to Australia during the period 1852-1857" It states that any direct relationship of his family with the South Beach Settlers seems unlikely and would be impossible to trace.

The first Tom Pearse came from Devon 20 Kilometres south-west of Widecombe; And the other Tom Pearse came from about 25 kilometres north-west of Widecombe in Cornwall. Which ever family the legendary Tom Pearse was from he had progressed by then from Shank's Pony and was according to the song a generous man.

I like to think the Cornish Tom Pearse was a remarkable man, every bit as note worthy as the Airey's Pearse family. Lets have a look at some of the descendants of Thomas Pearse born at Lezant Cornwall in 1774. Tom married a Jane Reed and this couple raised four sons , Thomas, William, Richard and Geddie. William married a Jane Langman and they Migrated to Victoria with their family. This Pearse family had many descendants . This included my great grandfather Richard and important civil leader in early Ballarat Greatest of all Tom Pearse's descendants was Richard William Pearse born in New Zealand in 1877. Richard was born to Digory Sargent Pearse and his wife Sarah Brown Digory set out for the world in 1864 at the age of 18 years. He made originally for Adelaide but found the first summer too hot and left for New Zealand.

On arrival in New Zealand he purchased land near Timaru on the central east coast of the South Island Digory and Sarah had 9 children. The family excelled at music and had their own family orchestra and enjoyed sport including tennis and golf.

Son Richard was very interested in modes of transport. At the age of 25 in 1902 he lodged a patent application for improvements in connection with bicycles. This bicycle had up and down pedal to eliminate waste motion across top and bottom of rotary pedals. It was during this period of 1896 to 1906 that there was much development of motorised transport. Richard developed his own motor which he attached to his bicycle making an early motorbike.

At the same time about 20 miles away a Cecil Wood built his own motor car engine and constructed the first motor car in the South Island of New Zealand. This was a self propelled cart attached to four bicycle wheels.

Concurrently with all this development Richard was building home designed motors and attaching them to wings Hoping to achieve something man had to date never done.

"Fly like a bird".

In April 1903 to Richard's amazement his plane took off into the air. Neighbours recalled later, hearing a terrible noise and seeing a plane careering towards a gorse hedge.

This is where Richard's plane came to rest. (perhaps more than once).

The Wright brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk was on the 17th December 1903.

In 1906 Richard submitted his plans for an approved Aerial or flying Machine to the Wellington Patent's Office. Whether Richard's flight was the first man made power flight in a heavier than air machine will never be known but we can say that it was because of the madness of men like Richard Pearse that man's dream of walking on the moon became possible.

Research tips to try:

Books-

Check for anything personalised or inscriptions.

Cupboard doors-

Look for writing on the inside.

Furniture-

Look for names and addresses on the bottoms and the backs of furniture.

Jewellery-

Including pins ID and charm bracelets lockets etc.

Pictures-

Look on the back of the frames.

Other sources-

clothing, cookbooks, letters, certificates, year books, diaries and bibles.

Useful websites

www.sag.org.au

(Society of Australian Genealogists)

www.coraweb.com.au

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

(births, deaths, marriages, Australia wide)

www.records.nsw.gov.au

(NSW State Records, links Australia wide)

History Of The Wells Family
Thanks to Helen Mann for this story about her family which was
written by Charles Wells (1847-1937) her Great Great Uncle.



Frampton House in Boston Linconshire United Kingdom
Nicholas and Mary Wells Family Home.

“The Family consisted of Nicholas (husband) and Mary (wife) Their children James, Nicholas, Joseph and wife Louisa, William, Mary, (Polly) Henry, Sarah Ann, Elizabeth (Betsy) Fanny and Charles”

My father gave up farming in 1843 and moved into Boston and worked in the railways as a valuer and surveyor. He had an engine to transport him around. The drivers name was “Hell fire Jack” a reckless and daring man.

When my father finished with the railways he bought Frampton house and settled down to his hobbies of growing flowers and vegetables and was noted for producing the best of both in the district. When news of the discovery of gold electrified the world the men and boys became unsettled. Finally Nicholas, James and Henry (the brothers) decided to come to Australia on the “Holyrood” in 1852 and the letters they wrote set the whole family agog. The rest of the family decided to follow and they sold all their possessions and left for Liverpool docks and when they found the ship, the situation was very confusing. They were miserable and huddled together like sheep and when they woke next morning they were out at sea. The date was 28th May 1854, the name of the ship was the “Bloomer” and the voyage took 93 days and they finally landed at Sandridge. (Now called Port Melbourne).

Crossing the Equator, Mary the wife of Nicholas died of apoplexy. I was ill with ague for a long time and the doctor and the Captain used to come and see me every morning. They all thought I was going off. My father used to carry me around on a pillow on deck.

We came up the Yarra river in a tug boat to Coles Wharf. The Captain on the paddle box lifted me up and gave me to a person on shore. I was placed in a dray with two boxes of luggage and was told to hold on and it took me all my strength. We came up Elizabeth Street and in those days it was a wild bush gully. I believe it was my 7th birthday. Some of our folk meet two brothers called Snow who had 2 bullock drays and they agreed to take us to the bush to a place called Taradale. I do not know how long it took, but it seemed several days.

Nicholas (my brother) bought land to farm and when we arrived he was on the roof of the house just finishing shingling it. The place was on the Bendigo to Melbourne road which was just being formed and metalled. There was great excitement and confusion as we had to set to work erecting tents

Joseph was the first to leave for Kyneton where he settled. My brother Nicholas went over and built his shop. Louise joined her husband at Kyneton and Polly went to Sawpit Gully. Bessie went to Kyneton to marry a Mr Parker. Mr Parker went up to see the Reverend Barton, Church of England and made an appointment for 3 o'clock the next day at the shop to perform the ceremony. He was serving a Mrs Booth St. Agnes-Hill when the Reverend arrived. Mr Parker asked to be excused, then went to the showroom where he was married and came back to serve her. Fanny went to Kyneton to help Bessie. A Mr Jarrett married Bessie and on their honeymoon they called at Scotch College to see me.

Conservation of Records



Bruce Bodman (pictured left) recently attended a Conservation Workshop presented by the Conservation Centre at the Geelong Woolstore. Bruce has been kind enough to prepare this report for the members.

A considerable amount of the information presented was geared towards the management ,collecting and cataloguing policies of local history museums. However ,aspects of the session on conservation does have relevance to the Family History Group. In particular the storage and handling of documents photographic Material, textile artefacts and prints and works of art that have been handled down or collected over the years through family connections.

These aspects are summarised as:

Environment.

Expert opinion considers the major cause of deterioration of objects is due to environmentally unstable storage conditions , thus accelerating the impermanence of chemicals and materials used in the manufacture of those articles. To minimise any problems care should be taken to limit light, temperature and humidity fluctuations as well as air pollutants.

Conservation/preservation

Introduce guidelines to ensure that damage from use , storage and display of any items is minimised.

For example:-

- a) Fragile material to be handled as little as possible.
- b) Explain the importance of an item which creates an "attitude" of care
- c) Physical and irreparable damage can be caused through overcrowding in boxes and cabinet drawers.

Risk management.

Computers have been a wonderful innovation for the collection of data required in following our family histories. It is essential that good housekeeping practices be maintained in protecting the recorded information.

- a) Back up all data on disk and store off site for greater protection .
- b) Keep all photographic records and documents in acid free archival storage materials.
- c) Use all endeavours to check and acknowledge copyright of photographs and other material used in the publication of Family history. Articles prepared for publication in journals and magazines should be subject to copyright clearance.

I am sure that if everyone follows these common sense precautions ,our family history records and artefacts will be preserved for future generations.

The booklet covering the sessions during the workshop will be placed in our library.

The Conservation Centre Personnel indicated that they would be willing to assist with any queries.

Contact Anthony Mugg– Manager On (03)94151833 or email vccm2vicnet.net.au

Web site www.theconservationcentre.org.au

Family History Group Administration Charges

The administration charges for our group was reviewed recently and the following charges are now applicable;

Internet Two hour blocks at \$3.00 per block.
(minimum two hours payment)

Printing 10 cents per copy.

Non members using the facilities \$5.00 per day.

Hire of Microfiche reader and mircofiche \$5.00 per two weeks *

Hire of the box of microfiche \$2.50 per two weeks *

(*In both cases the microfiche must be returned to the museum on open days).

Tea and biscuits – When doing research if you would like tea and biscuits we request a donation of 20 cents

Raffle prize – Each member to donate one raffle prize per year to the value between \$5.00 to \$10.00.



Members Gallery

Pictured left are Lois Wilson and Norma Morrison at our July meeting.

Our thanks go to Norma for giving us a very interesting talk on orphanages and homeless children at the July meeting. Norma has also lent our library a range of historical and family history books which are available to our members to borrow.