

# Inverlochy Log

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## **The Surf Coast Family History Group**

c/o P. O. Box 98 Anglesea 3230

**The Society is housed in the Anglesea Historical Society Museum  
McMillan Street Anglesea 3230**

### **Library and Research Facilities**

Monday 10am-2pm  
Friday 10am-12noon

### **Meetings**

The 2nd Thursday of the Month  
Commencing at 10am at the  
Historical Society Museum  
McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

**Visitors Welcome**

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

**June 10th** Guest Speaker:  
Brian Gleeson-Ireland

**July 8th** Guest Speaker:  
R.Graham Thouliss-Gallipoli

**August 12th** Guest Speaker:  
Rose Johnson-Pat Hughes  
**Records on Microfiche**

**September 9th Trip:**  
Blackburn Genealogy Library

## **Committee Members 2003-2004**

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## Genealogy and DNA

DNA testing has revolutionized human identification and forensic science.

Applied Biosystems has been at the center of this revolution with a comprehensive set of advanced DNA analysis technologies that allow you to determine human identity to one person in a trillion.

From establishing paternity, to identifying the remains of military personnel or disaster victims, to anthropological research, to criminal investigations.

### **In Dublin DNA tests hold key to million-dollar fortune**

Dublin - DNA tests on a sliver of bone from the thigh of an Irishman who died 40 years ago could net his grandson a multi-million-dollar fortune in the United States, a genealogist said on Friday.

Businessman Dermot O'Regan, 62, from Cork, has been battling for 16 years to establish he is the only living relative of Mary Ellen Sheehan, who died in 1983 without leaving a will in Savannah, Georgia.

On Thursday the body of Jeremiah O'Regan, Dermot's grandfather who died in 1966, was exhumed in Cork. A forensic anthropologist took a bone sample from the femur.

It will undergo DNA analysis in the United States. When the results are available, they will be compared to DNA samples taken when the remains of Sheehan were exhumed in January.

Genealogist Jim Herlihy is confident from his own research that the DNA will prove that Dermot is the first cousin once removed of Sheehan.

### **In America**

Tracing DNA has many increasing uses in today's society, especially in criminal investigations. But it is also being put to good use in tracing one's roots.

Genealogy poses special challenges for African Americans whose forebears were often slaves, with sketchily kept records. One researcher who overcame those challenge used DNA to trace her roots, not only back to Jamaica, but to what is now Ghana in West Africa.

**Find out if a surname project exists for your name through Website.**

[Fttp://www.familytreeDNA.com/surname.asp](http://www.familytreeDNA.com/surname.asp)

**Read some fascinating stories on DNA on the Website.**

[http://www.traceit.com/DNA\\_genealogy.html](http://www.traceit.com/DNA_genealogy.html)

<p>Genealogy by genetics is the greatest addition to Genealogy since the creation of the Family Tree!</p>
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STORY OF THE MASKELL FAMILY'S  
COMING TO THE PORT PHILLIP  
DISTRICT IN JANUARY 1851

William and Susanna Maskell were living in Globe Rd London with their five children. They were both working as tailors. My great aunt wrote this story out in the 1930s.

“In the year 1850 The Gold Rush was on in Australia. Shiploads of people were leaving England to make their fortunes in the new country....

The barque they sailed on was the Slains Castle, 503 tons , H. T. Andrew was the Commander.

They arrived in Melbourne on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1851. It was in the middle of summer... William left his wife and children on the wharf while he went to look for accommodation in what was practically a Tent Town. The main feeling was despondency for they had to wait in intense heat of a summer's day.

William's one thought was GOLD. After settling his wife and family in Tent Town he set off with a partner with swags to walk to Ballarat. Their position was very grim. After 12 months William returned to Melbourne. He was welcomed particularly as he had brought half a sheep which he had paid 2/- for but NO GOLD.



Many hundreds of unsuccessful miners returned to Melbourne at that time very disillusioned and in a serious position.

Tent Town was on the Yarra where Rosella Jam Factory stands today.

Their main transport to Melbourne was by boat. There was a gondola playing for hire. They used the then, clear fresh water from the Yarra for all their purposes.

In the year 1852-3 the Government started a general systematic survey of the colony and the land was sold in large allotments.

It was then sub-divided and resold in small blocks”.

The Maskell's purchased a small block of land on the beach side of Bluff Road (now Black Rock) on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1853.

Later they owned six acres on the corner of Bluff Rd and Tulip Rd and had a market garden. The vegetables were taken to Melbourne by boat.

In the late 60s they gave up gardening and moved to Richmond.

The land which was sold in 1873 was situated adjacent to the ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

Their second child born on Australian soil, Jane Rose Maskell became my great grandmother.

*Heather Hudler.*



William Scott Wemyss Born 1853 Scotland  
Rose Wemyss Nee' Maskell

**NEW ACQUISITIONS**  
**SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY**  
**GROUP**

1841 census of Kilkudbridgeshire

Old Parochial Records of Aberdeen, Angus  
and Nairn, Scotland.

Echuca: Bridges & Branches

For better or worse: by Tony Satchell

Maritime Liverpool: the guide to  
Merseyside Maritime Museum

The Woman as Murders: Five paid with  
their lives

Barefoot & Pregnant: Trevor McClaughlin

Benalla: Roses & Thorns Cemetery  
Records

**Library News**

Members note: The Film Reader is now ready to use

We have Geelong Rate Books on Film

Also some Scottish counties

Please let Norma know if you need help to work film reader

**Help Needed**

If anyone is available to open the Library on some Mondays

Please let Norma know

**ALCOA 35 YEARS CELEBRATIONS**

**Alcoa open day on Sunday 23rd May**  
**Congratulations to Alcoa**  
**On celebrating their 35 years in Anglesea**

**The Surf Coast Family History Group on the day**



**Once you get into Family History!**

**Interested?.....Call 52 616239**

## Recipe from Ireland

### Barmbrack

#### Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cup Mixed dry fruit--currants, dates & raisins
- 1 cup Boiling black tea
- 1 Egg, slightly beaten
- 1 Mixed spice
- 4 tsp Orange Marmalade
- 1 1/3 cup superfine/castor sugar
- 2 1/2 cups Self-raising flour
- 1 ring (optional)



#### Directions:

Place dried fruit in a bowl, cover with the hot black tea and let soak overnight.  
The next day, add the remaining ingredients, and mix well.  
Add ring wrapped in greaseproof paper (optional)  
Preheat oven to 375 F. Pour batter into greased 7" square pan and bake in the centre of oven for 1 1/2 hrs.  
Let cool in the pan on a wire rack. Slice and serve buttered with tea.

Whoever gets the ring (make sure not to swallow it) is prophesised to be the next person to get married.

### Gollipoli

Our guest speaker for July is Mr R. Graham Thuoliss  
On April 25th 1915 Australian troops landed on an unknown beach  
on a far away Turkish Peninsula called Gallipoli.  
As a young nation watched and cried as they fought and died  
the Anzac legend had begun.

### John Stewart– Scotland

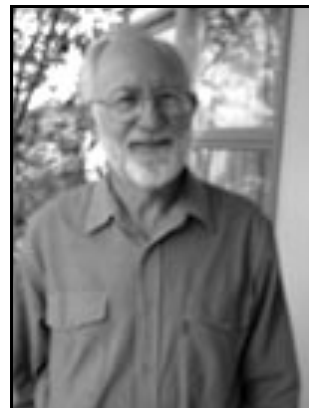
Mr John Stewart was kind enough to travel from Mt Duneed to give our members a great talk on Scottish Ancestry

His talk was very informative and  
It gave Members new links  
for Scotland research.

John left a list of where to go for available records and a book that give links to Public Record Offices and Internet sites.

Thank you John for your kindness.  
Anyone wanting a copy of the list  
Please contact Pat on 52 896686

### John Stewart– Scottish research



# Glimpses from the Past

## Family History of the Mawson Family

**MAWSON AVENUE** is named after Sam and Emma Mawson. Their family was once well known and respected in our seaside area. They enthusiastically supported the New Year's Day Regatta which was the social event of early Anglesea - sometimes



their house party included up to 23 guests. *House guests at 'Cambridge'*

**SAM MAWSON** was President of the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club in 1914. Mrs. Emma Mawson had the honour of opening the new Club-house in January of that very same year. They also donated the Regatta Cup in 1922.

**HE FOLLOWED** in his father's footsteps and became a dentist - a very successful one too. His Surgery was once on the eastern side of Moorabool Street, about opposite today's Fletcher Jones store - "Pottage" now occupies the old attractive double storey building.

**HIS FAMILY HOME** in Geelong '*Saltaire*' can still be seen on the western side of La Trobe Terrace, just up the hill from Aberdeen Street. You would have passed this many times - it's that lovely two storey Victorian Eclectic residence (now used by a Solicitor) next to the Medical centre - which occupies part of the original side garden. *Yes, Sam chose his Real Estate well!*



**PHOTOGRAPHY** also interested Sam. Many people do not realize that the photo of early Anglesea on their lounge room wall was probably taken by the clicking extractor of teeth. Some of his shots taken at the river fork area, or at the original bridge were superb.

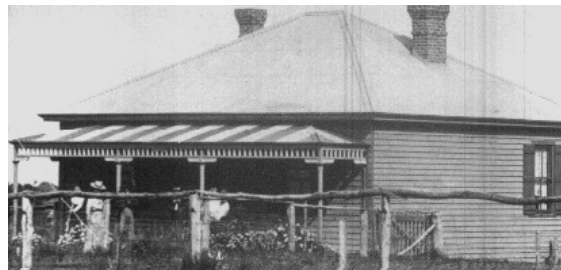
**WHEN** the family at first travelled to Anglesea in their horse drawn coach, Sam Mawson sat up front with the footman, with Mrs. Mawson seated at the rear with the four children and maid. In those days the bumpy journey from Geelong including rest stops would have taken at least three hours.



*The Mawson's coach*

**THEIR** holiday home '*Cambridge*' occupied a very large block, at the south east of the corner of today's Noble and Murray Streets. It was built in 1902 of timber, and was of double front design. A separate building at the rear of the property contained a bunk room billiard room and stable. This was named '*Inverlochy*' as it had been constructed from timber salvaged from the local shipwreck of that year.

**A FLAGPOLE** said to have come from that particular ship was at the front of the cottage, and often flew a blue flag with the word *Cambridge* emblazoned on it. Early photos show that this upright shaft and their house could easily be seen from the river mouth. No tall trees then!



*'Cambridge House' in 1908*

**DURING W.W.1.** the Mawson family arranged many patriotic concerts in Geelong to raise funds for the Australian Forces overseas. Grief came to older daughter Ivy, when her fiancée Lyal Young was killed in action in France. Lyal's name is on the Honour board at Anglesea's R.S.L. rooms.

**'CAMBRIDGE HOUSE'** was destroyed by the 1947 bushfire. The Mawson Estate was sub-divided into 84 allotments and auctioned during 1948.

**IF YOU LIVE** in the area bounded by Mawson Ave, Holmwood, Fernald and Murray Streets, *you reside on land once owned by pioneer Anglesea holidaymaker Samuel J. Mawson.*

*Lindsey Braden*

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