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The Anglesea Family History Group

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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

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Forthcoming Meetings

Dec 2005 Xmas Party
Bring a plate

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2006

Feb 9th Meeting
Land Records
Speaker: Norma Morrison

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March 9th Meeting
Members Interests

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April 13th meeting
To be announced

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GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST

REYNOLDS OF "TYBURN"

HENRY REYNOLDS ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA WITH HIS PARENTS WHO CAME FROM KENT IN ENGLAND. THEY LANDED AT POINT HENRY NEAR GEELONG (WHERE ALCOA NOW STANDS) AND MADE THEIR WAY TO BALLARAT AND LATER MOVED SOUTH TO CORINDHAP AT BREAK O'DAY. HENRY REYNOLDS FIRST PAID RATES IN THE LEIGH SHIRE IN 1864.

ROBERT LEWIS REYNOLDS WAS BORN AT BREAK O' DAY IN 1889, THE SON OF HENRY AND SUSAN REYNOLDS (NEE EVERETT). HE RECEIVED HIS EARLY SCHOOLING AT CORINDHAP AND LEFT SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF TWELVE, TO WORK AS A LABOURER AROUND THE GOLD MINES IN THE AREA.

HE LATER SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS A SUPPLIER OF WOOD TO THE MINE OPERATORS. AS THE BUSINESS GREW, LEW AND HIS BROTHER, JAMES EMPLOYED TIMBER CUTTERS AND OWNED AND OPERATED BULLOCK TEAMS.

AS THE MINES WERE WORKED OUT, THE BROTHERS TURNED TO PASTORAL INTERESTS. THEY BEGAN BY LEASING LAND, ORIGINALLY FROM MR. CHARLES ROWE AND LATER PURCHASED LAND IN THE ROKEWOOD AREA.

LEW MARRIED ETHEL LOUISA GIBLIN IN 1906. THERE WERE THREE SONS OF THE MARRIAGE; HENRY, ALLEN AND STEWART. THE BOYS BEGAN THEIR EDUCATION IN ROKEWOOD AND LATER CONTINUED AT CRESSY. IN 1917 LEW AND JAMES PURCHASED 394 ACRES NEAR CRESSY, FROM LUKE DARCY OF BEEAC. THIS LAND WAS WORKED FROM ROKEWOOD AND IN 1920 A FURTHER 199 ACRES WAS PURCHASED. THE TWO BLOCKS BECAME IN TIME THE HOUSE BLOCKS OF TYBURN.

IN 1924 THE BROTHERS LEW AND JAMES DISSOLVED PARTNERSHIPS AND

SOLD A PORTION OF THEIR ROKEWOOD HOLDING. JAMES REMAINED AT ROKEWOOD WHERE HIS FAMILY CONTINUES TO FARM. LEW, ETHEL AND THEIR THREE SONS MOVED TO CRESSY, HAVING BOUGHT 320 ACRES FROM MRS. JONES IN 1923 AND CHOSE TO MOVE THE HOUSE FROM THERE TO THE BLOCK NEAR THE RIVER TO ESTABLISH A CONSTANT WATER SUPPLY.

STEWART MARRIED EDNA MAY JOINER IN 1939 AND REARED A FAMILY OF THREE DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON, ALL OF WHOM LIVED AND WORKED ON THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE GIRLS MARRIED AND MOVED AWAY. ALL DAUGHTERS MARRIED FARMERS AND CONTINUED TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY INTERESTS IN AGRICULTURE. DAWN IS MRS. BOB MEYER AT "PARLAWIDGEE", KANIVA; ISOBEL MARRIED IAN SCOT AND LIVED AT "SPRINGVALE", BURRUM-BUTTOCK; AND NANCY AND HER HUSBAND MAX HENDY ARE AT "MONARO", BERRYBANK.

DURING THE EARLY 1940'S LEW AND STEWART BEGAN A FINE MERINO STUD. THIS PROVED SUCCESSFUL, AND LEW'S GRANDSON JOHN, CONTINUES TO RUN THE PROPERTY AND STUD TODAY.

LEW REYNOLDS PASSED AWAY IN 1963. STEWART AND HIS FAMILY CONTINUED FARMING THE PROPERTY. AS LAND CAME ON THE MARKET STEWART AND EDNA ADDED TO THE PROPERTY.

JOHN MARRIED JANIS LAMONT IN 1970 AND SINCE THEN THEY HAVE ALSO PURCHASED MORE LAND.

FOLLOWING STEWART'S SUDDEN DEATH IN 1986, EDNA STILL LIVES ON THE PROPERTY WITH JOHN, JAN AND THEIR TEENAGE CHILDREN, CRAIG, MICHELLE AND PAULA. THIS REPRESENTS FOUR GENERATIONS OF REYNOLDS AT "TYBURN"

Members Story

The Wood Family at the Gold Fields

Following Pat Hughes' very informative talk on the Victorian Gold Fields at the October Meeting, I was prompted to look up my own families experiences on the Gold Fields.

This record was extracted from the **Wood Family History** which was compiled by my cousin Alec Wood back in the 1970s.

Tracing Family History back in those years must have been a much more formidable task than we experience now, no computers, no internet, no BDM's on C/Ds etc, just the hard slog searching through volumes of often hand written documents and recording them on a manual typewriter.

Back to the Gold Fields.....

Charles and Francis Wood (Charles being my Great Grandfather) - who along with several other family members had arrived in Melbourne in April 1853 – had been entrusted by their father (Francis Senior) with a sum of money and instructed to buy land, but in direct violation of these instructions went into business in King Street Melbourne (believed to be Hardware & China).

Francis Senior became very concerned with the operation in Australia and decided to migrate with his wife and two other children, arriving in Melbourne in December 1854.

Francis Senior at first became involved in the King Street business, but then decided to open a branch of the business on the Gold Fields at "Break O'Day Gully" near Bendigo.

Break O'Day Gully was on the north side of the Bendigo/Eddington main road about three miles east of the junction of this road and the Lockwood/Morang main road. Break O'Day Hill is situated at the head of the gully between Eddington road and Crusoe road to the south.

The Break O'Day Field was initially established in the dry creek bed and later on the field extended to the hill at the end of the gully.

Alec was able to discover records of three old contract papers – "Grubstaking Agreements" – for prospecting in the Break O'Day Hill area. These contracts are between Charles Wood and a Chinese Miner named Ah Tok and signed by him in Chinese, The dates being January 1860, August 1860 and an unissued one for 1864.



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The Wood Family at the Gold Fields

Grubstaking of miners was mostly carried out by General Store Keepers who were able to supply all the miners' needs and offer credit, gambling on being paid when gold was found.

Needless to say many Storekeepers lost fortunes in this very chancy business.

There is no record of Charles ever receiving a return on his investment. It appears that Francis Senior found the excitement of the Gold Fields too much and returned to Melbourne, and went on to select land near Yarram in South Gippsland, leaving the running of the Bendigo operation to Francis Junior and a Daughter Margaret and her husband Samuel Rendell. At some point in time Charles must also have spent time at the Bendigo Store as his name appears on the Grubstaking documents.

Today Break O'Day Gully has gone back to bushland, there being only a few stones to indicate where a house once stood fruit tree to tell a silent story of a gully that once held a large number of people in residence.

Colin Wood....



<http://www.census-online.com/tools/calendar/>

**Given a date of historical or genealogical significance,
use this calendar to determine the day of the week on which the date fell**

Example:

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865 -- Good Friday

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~fianna/kitchen/index.html>

Tasty Irish Recipes

Xmas Raffle

**This fundraiser helps our group financially
we ask members for support
To purchase or sell enclosed tickets to
family & friends.**

**Five tickets are enclosed at \$2 each
Please return moneys or unsold tickets to
Thelma Western P. O. Box 98 Anglesea 3230
by the 17th Dec**

Thank you for your support.



The Surf coast Family History group-Members Interests

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Name	Years	Place	Country
GOODEAR	PRE 1840	PRESTON	LANCASHIRE
SCALE	PRE 1840	PEMBROOKSHIRE	WALES
MANSFIELD	1800's	SUFFOLK	ENGLAND
FAITHFULL	1800's	KINTBURY	ENGLAND
MCMAHON	1800's	FERMANAUGH	IRELAND
WIKBACK	1800's	KRISTINESTAD	ENGLAND

SHIPS AND VOYAGES

"CHINA" VOYAGE 1840 ENG TO AUSTRALIA. PORT PHILIP
 "MARGARET" VOYAGE 1841 IRE TO AUSTRALIA. SYDNEY
 "JAMES T. FOORD" VOYAGE 1849 ENG TO AUSTRALIA. PORT PHILIP
 "ROYAL CONSORT" VOYAGE ENG TO AUSTRALIA. PORT PHILIP
 "MARY" 4 VOYAGE 1833 ENG TO AUSTRALIA. SYDNEY

Family History Members at the November Meeting

Topic: The Victorian Goldfields

Speaker: Pat Hughes



New Acquisitions

CD's

Manchester Commercial Directory 1773
Lancashire Pigot's Directory 1828/9
The Organized Family Historian (CD and Book)
County Maps-Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire
South Australia Pre-Civil Registration Deaths
Historic Parishes of England & Wales
Migrants Ships for South Australia 1836-1866
Port Philip Convicts Ticket of Leave 1837-1843
Bound for South Australia Passenger Lists 1836-1851
Biographical Index of South Australia 1836-1885
Scandinavia Vital Records Index
Vital Records Index, Western Europe;
Alpine, Benelux, French, German, Italian and Spanish regions.

Books

Heritage of Lethbridge
Forest Lake Plain
"St Mathews" Windsor

**It needs to be remembered
that until Catholic emancipation in 1833 it was ILLEGAL
to keep records of Catholic baptisms etc
and Catholic clergy did so at their peril,
therefore records were often kept in unfavorable
circumstances or not at all.
Any perusal or extant Catholic records
will show records written in notebook style often using margins
etc
to use up any available paper.
After 1833 conditions only slowly improved
for the catholic community in Ireland.**

Australian Indexes & Databases Website

Very useful list of databases - whether online, on disc or where they can be viewed:
<http://www.nla.gov.au/pathways/jnls/austjnls/browse/geoghist.html>

MEMBERS REMINDER

Don't forget to checkout our records we have on Microfiche We have the IGI for all counties in England & Wales. Check our Library We have some new and exciting Books, Microfiche, Films

Why don't you come and use the Internet to check
Census online
Plus much more.....

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