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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

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Forthcoming Meetings

Aug 11th

**International settlers Group
Researching Europe**

Sept 14th

**Visit to the Geelong
Heritage Centre**

Oct 12th

**Surf coast Family History group
AGM**

*****NEWS FLASH*****

**Date to be announced
Lady Teviot
Family History Seminar
IN OCTOBER**

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Research in Victoria

The Surf Coast Family History Group hold Births, Deaths, Marriages Indexes on CD & Microfiche for Victoria Australia.

1836-1888 Pioneer Index. Births Deaths Marriages.

1889-181901 Federation Index. Births Deaths Marriages.

1902-1913 Edwardian Index. Births Deaths Marriages.

1913-1920 Great War Index

Deaths Index 1920 to 1985

Marriages Index 1921 to 1942

Certificates you will pay \$17.50.

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applying online for a certified certificate of the original register entry for a fee of AUD \$25.80.

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- Download the image online or
- Apply via mail or in person and quote the registration number

An uncertified image can be downloaded to your computer or printer whereas a certified certificate will be posted to you.

The changes to the prescribed fees are being used to improve service delivery to customers whilst meeting quality and security requirements.

Fees for commemorative certificates and marriage services at the Old Treasury Building are not being changed.

<http://online.justice.vic.gov.au> Navigate to Birth Deaths and Marriages.

ENGLAND.

Liverpool and Merseyside's life and times transcribed from old newspapers:

<http://www.old-merseytimes.co.uk/index.html>

Burials for St. Bartholomew's Roby to 1918:

<http://www.old-merseytimes.co.uk/stbartholomewsroby.html>

Ships losses for 1939 and other snippets:

<http://www.old-merseytimes.co.uk/New.html>

Romany Family History

Gypsy babies

Gypsy babies and bairns

The expected child arrives without much fuss in a bunk at the end of the caravan. Obviously, the event is taken as a matter of course, and, gypsy-folk are descended from the Hindu pariah caste known as Mangs.

The gypsy grand-mam, whose experience is wide and vast, manages things smoothly for her daughter and grand-daughter, she being both doctor and nurse. If she is faithful to her trust there are certain rites to observe, which, in the British Isles at least, appear to be more honored in the breach than the observance.

The proper thing to do is hold the baby near the fire or sun and christen it with a curious decoction of herbs, walnut-juice, and brandy, which is likewise sprinkled over the bed.

The child is lain on the ground and a circle drawn around it with a hazel-wand or wooden spoon, and the enclosed ground sprinkled with charcoal- an antiseptic. It is a good sign if the fine charcoal makes the child sneeze, but a bad sign if it should cry.

Bendigo LEE an English gypsy once confessed that he celebrated every addition to his family by taking a whole loaf of bread and crumbling it around the caravan, the child would never then be short of bread. For some unexplained reason, bread, coconuts and millet seed are regarded as the best thing for averting evil.

Pure bred gypsy women have a plate, cup and saucer, set aside for their exclusive use at this time, which articles are subsequently destroyed after the birth.

Recognized baptismal christenings are not necessary to a race whose religion is so vague.

The parents like to name their child with some unusual names, but not make a fuss about it, consequently compulsory registration of births is evaded wherever possible.

Some boy's names :-

Aretas, Befial, Bendigo, Culvati, Dimiti, Erika, Eros, Eza, Gilderoy, Jasper, Jeniel, Khalai, Lucsha, Mantis, Marilli, Merlin, Neurbei, Opi, Piramus, Segel, Sylvanus, Sudaveres, Spico, Spysell.

Some girl's names :-

Athealia, Bidi, Chrystal, Delaia, Dorilia, Fenella, Flamenca, Foma, Gentilla, Juranium, Liberina, Liubasha, Mia, Myrtle, Omfra, Otehame, Pendivella, Perpinia, Richarda, Saiki, Sanspi, Sardonia, Sybarini, Synfie, Truffeni and Zekkia.

Gypsy children are entirely nourished on mother's milk, and are rarely delicate, if they were so few would survive, being nursed in a caravan, which is stuffy and draughty, sometimes snowed up in the wilderness. They are quickly weaned and put on coarse fare, little different to what serves for the whole camp.

Women go far a field on foot and carry their babies in a sling of red-orange hued material knotted at the shoulder, and hanging down in a pouch, resting on the mother's hip.

Later when vans are not on the "drom" [road] the little ones are left in charge of the eldest girl, if the mother does not return till late, she finds her treasures stowed away in the cubby-holes at the end of the caravan.

They invariably receive a "chooma" [kiss] whether asleep or awake.



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Boys are made to work, carrying buckets of water, cutting, poplar, dogwood and guelder-rose for whittling into clothes-pegs and butcher's skewers, with sticker-like knives, these they make into strings and bundles for sale. The children are in complete sympathy with the wild creatures around them, being familiar with the call-notes of birds etc. They hunt out eggs, but never molest the nest of singing-birds, the equine breed is also never badly done to. They will track down a hedgehog for supper, which is an excellent titbit.

The children's charter has done little to keep tobacco pipes out of the mouths of young gypsies, who smoke "tuvalo" from as young as 7 or 8 yrs.

The education departments are determined that these young nomads will attend school, defaulting parents being liable to a fine of 20s for each child.

But what school will accept scholars for a few days at a time?

Compulsion of any kind is contrary to the ruling idea of any gypsy as he sees himself as a free agent

A Brief History of the Roma

There are more than twelve million Roma located in many countries around the world. There is no way to obtain an exact number since they are not recorded on most official census counts. Many Roma themselves do not admit to their true ethnic origins for economic and social reasons. The Roma are a distinct ethnic minority, distinguished at least by Rom blood and the Romani, or Romanes, language, whose origins began on the Indian subcontinent over one thousand years ago. No one knows for certain why the original Roma began their great wandering from India to Europe and beyond, but they have dispersed worldwide, despite persecution and oppression through the centuries.

There have been several great migrations or Diaspora, in Romani history. The first was the initial dispersal from India about a thousand years ago. Some scholars suggest there may have been several migrations from India. The second great migration, known as the *Aresajipe*, was from southwest Asia into Europe in the 14th century. The third migration was from Europe to the Americas in the 19th and early 20th centuries after the abolition of Romani Slavery in Europe in 1856-1864. Some scholars contend there is a great migration occurring today since the fall of the Iron Curtain in Eastern Europe.



Gypsy Travellers Heritage

In many ways Gypsy Travellers history can be described as a "hidden history". Although in recent years the number of publications and resources about Gypsies and Travellers has increased there is still a wealth of information waiting to be discovered. Attempts to define Gypsy Traveller history and culture is made more difficult by an absence of documents written by people from the Gypsy Traveller community. Gypsy Traveller culture is based around oral tradition, with stories being passed down from generation to generation. There are a wide range of sources that can be used to uncover and interpret Gypsy Traveller history, these include parish records, such as baptism, marriage and burial registers; poor law records including settlement examinations; as well as census returns and photographs.

The Romany & Traveller Family History Society Website: www.rtfhs.org.uk

Members Interests
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MacDonald	Kylerhea-skye Scotland	1800's
Angus McDonald	Inverleigh Victoria	1880-1914
John Griffin	Teesdale Victoria	1850-1870
Jane Jolly	Teesdale Victoria	1850-1900
Donald McDonald	Skipton Victoria	c1915
James Leahy	County Tipperary	Emigrated 1856
Matheson	Strath-Skye Scotland	1815-1820
Ship details:		
Hercules transferred to Charles	Arrived Melbourne	3rd Oct 1853
Sir WF Williams	Arrived Tasmania	Dec 1856
Medway	Arrived Port Phillip	Jan 1856
William Hammond	Arrived Tasmania	1854

The West Briton & Cornwall Advertiser
A good site with indexes

Newspaper Abstracts and extracts by Rita Bone Kopp & Julia Symons Mosman.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wbritonad/>

A Great Site!

To all of you who have Tipp. ancestors who emigrated to NSW and environs, be aware of Peter Madden's Tipperary Emigrant Index found at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~maddenps/TIPPEM1.htm>



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SEARCHES MAY ALSO BE CONDUCTED ON THAT WHOLE PARISH OR ON THE WHOLE COUNTY.

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YOU WILL FIND A LINK TO THE SEARCH FUNCTION ON THE OPC HOME PAGE:-

[HTTP://WWW.LAN-OPC.ORG.UK/](http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/)

OR YOU MAY GO DIRECT TO THE SEARCH FUNCTION AT:-

[HTTP://WWW.LAN-OPC.ORG.UK/SEARCH/INDEXP.HTML](http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/search/indexp.html)

IF ANYONE ENCOUNTERS ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONTACT PAUL DIXON AT:- RPD.OPC@YAHOO.COM

New Acquisitions

The Surf Coast Family History Group

For Sale:

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CDs

Lancashire 1851 Census
Worcestershire 1841 Census
Worcestershire 1861 Census
Tasmania's War Records 1914-1918

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Hawkesbury Death Duty Registers

Hope someone finds something of interest here!

1801 June 3rd less than £600 Admon of John HALL late of Wotton under Edge gentleman – to Joseph HALL of Portbury in the County of Somerset, Yeoman & Guardian to 3 infant children

1801 June 23 less than £600 Admon of Elizabeth GODWIN late of Old Sodbury to Charles GODWIN of the same place, gent. Her husband

1801 Oct 13 less than £1000 John DIMERY late of Wotton Under Edge, Gardiner, to John DIMERY (cousin) & Richard ?WILD (none) of Uley. All and singular his messuages lands etc to John DIMERY & Richard WILD upon Trust for the purposes in his Will mentioned.

1802 Oct 14 less than £3000 Robert CAM late of Old Sodbury, Yeoman, to Isaac CULIMORE, William SHIPP & Jonathan CORBETT of Yate, (none) upon trust.

1804 Oct 29th less than £300 John WATTS late of Wotton under Edge – to James WATTS of Wotton Under Edge, son and Administrator

1804 Oct 30th under £300 John ISLES late of Little Sodbury – to John ISLES & Ruth ISLES the son & daughter & Jt Executors

1804 May 30th under £300 Mary WATTS late of Oldbury (on the Hill) to William WATTS the grandson & Executor – rest & Residue of her personal estate to trustees upon Trust to pay & divide the same among the younger children of her late son Edward at their respective age of 21 years share & Share alike

1811 October 11th under £300 Elizabeth WATTS late of Chipping Sodbury – to John ?PARKER the cousin.



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In England & Wales.

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