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McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Library and Research Facilities

Tuesday 10.30am - 1.00pm
Wednesday by appointment
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Meetings held on

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:

11th November Meeting

Pam Jennings:
“Fun & Games in early years
in the Otway's”

9th December Meeting

John Stewart:
“The need for evidence”

10th February 2011 Meeting

“Newlyn's famous Cornish Lugger”
Neil Thomas

We are aiming to have guest speakers
to talk on Australian
Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Cornish,
&
European research
Next year

Please submit topics of interest

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**To Dear Norma,
our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of loss**

No One Can Know

No one can know just what you've lost;
No one can understand the cost;
But when you feel your energy drain,
Please count on us to help ease your pain.

Let us help you cope with grief;
We hope with time you'll feel relief.
We can't replace the one who's gone,
But let our concern help you carry on.

A message to all our members



A special thank you for your support through 2010
Thank you to all our volunteers who helped on the Lady Teviot Day
for all donations of food and for all your time given
without you we would not have a family history group
A special thank you to Dulcie Quinlan & Beryl Parsons
Who came especially for the day to help



We wish a joyous Xmas to all
and a fantastic year for 2011

Christmas Raffle

**It is the time of the year when we think about our Xmas raffle
To ensure a future for our group
please support us all you can.
If you are able to sell tickets in December
Please contact: Norma: 52616239**

IMPORTANT NEWS

A GENTLE REMINDER

ANNUAL FEES ARE NOW DUE \$30

THIS COVERS YOU FOR

\$ 15.00 ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

\$ 15.00 THE SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP



Those who left the Yorkshire Dales

In the month of (October) the Upper Dales Family History Group celebrates its tenth anniversary with an exhibition **Those Who Left the Dales**, which tells the stories of Dales families who braved disease, storm, shipwreck, icebergs and war to start a new life on the other side of the world. Modern communications enable the group to include Dales' families who now live far away, and it was this that sparked the idea for the exhibition and a book. Chairman Glenys Marriott says, "Our programme planner, Marion Moverley, suggested it, as it has never been done before."

Collecting all the information is a major task, and from her home perched high on a hill in Bishopdale, Glenys communicates with 561 world-wide members of the group. She says "The e-mail group is so successful that our monthly meetings are now only one element of the group. When we put a message on our list, people in Australia see it only twelve hours later."

It's a far cry from the gulf that separated the early pioneers from those left at home. Migrants rarely returned and families might never see each other again. This made their letters very precious, and those letters are now to be preserved in the County Archives.

Seeing so many stories led Glenys to see trends. People left, she found, for many reasons – maybe to study, become apprenticed or marry, or maybe to join the army. But most moved because of the decline in mining, or loss of farm income due to the Enclosure Acts.

Glenys says "Young people in their teens and twenties were more likely to move, leaving behind an ageing population. We now have a population in Wensleydale of around 4,000 but across the Dales over 12,000 left." Young men might return for a visit, and persuade others to join them. Glenys says "Many people went to the same place – for instance a graveyard in Wisconsin has the same names as the one in Grinton. Maps showing the allocation of plots show families who were neighbours here, still neighbours in Wisconsin.. Once you start corresponding with their descendants you realise that many of these people are related because of intermarriage.

As well as destinations in Canada, America, New Zealand and Australia, others 'emigrated' nearer to home, to mines in County Durham, or growing industrial towns in Lancashire and the West Riding. Nowadays we might not consider the West Riding as 'emigration' but in a world where people rarely travelled, it was a foreign country. Joyce Scobie, in a study of families who took milk cows to Liverpool, writes that youngsters intermarried with locals "in spite of being considered foreigners because people couldn't understand the dialect. Other people went further afield but ended up in the same trades. Ashley Clements described how his ancestor, Jeremiah Horn, had worked at Mallerstang Quarry.

He went to New Zealand, where he mined coal, while his son George became a lead miner.

Blair Southenden and Jonathon Kirton describe how George Kearton sailed to St Vincent to manage a plantation growing coffee and sugar. Later, Ann Doyle inherited the estate, and in her will, she directed that certain named slaves be freed.

Reginald and James Horton from Hipswell became military surgeons in India.

James' descendant Nancy McLaughlin contributes a letter written by Reginald to his mother in 1910.

After warning that his letter contained more pain than pleasure, he explained that he was staying away much longer than originally planned and concluded, "I hope that no rascally canon-ball or pistol-bullet will make this the last letter you have to receive from your ever affectionate son."

Hundreds of letters were written, but other messages were carried in person. Glenys says "If someone here died, and left money to a migrant, they waited until someone came over to carry the money back. Young men acted as travelling banks. It was built on trust and family networks – people didn't have cheques and bank accounts."



Above, George W Horn, son of Jeremiah, is standing at the bottom right and his son, Charles, is kneeling in the top right of the photo. They are in a mine in Whangarei in North Island, New Zealand. Photo courtesy of Ashley Clements.

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The Exhibition will be staged at Tennants' auction house in Leyburn. Glenys says, "As well as stories we have artefacts. We're grateful to our many sponsors, and Tennant's experts, who are helping us to properly display these things.

As well as individuals contributing family stories, village schools are also participating. Glenys says "Arkengarthdale school records show lots of children as 'leaving for America.'" A popular destination was Wisconsin. Although many young men emigrated alone, whole families also went. Glenys says, "I was amazed at the number of women who made the journey with all their children. They were incredibly strong and faced challenges they would never have faced in the Dale. "The journey was hard – children and adults died on the boat. If they did the 2,000 mile (3,000 km) walk to Oregon, they faced Indians as well as illness and disease. When they eventually arrived it was very different weather, with extremes of heat and cold. As farmers, this was critical as to what they could grow. "They did it for the opportunity to own land. In the Dales, they were all tenant farmers. They did it in the hopes of a better life for their children."

Their hopes, fears and the heartache of separation are recorded in the letters unearthed for this exhibition. Now the Internet is helping to bridge the ocean and restore old family ties. Family history researchers are reconnecting with their relatives overseas. They are, quite literally, family, and continue to help each other. Glenys says, "One of our members has been out photographing Coverdale for a chap in America. And lots of people are coming over for the exhibition."

Reviewing the migrant stories Glenys says, "These were brave people. I admire their resilience. No matter what they got thrown at them they went on. They had a stubbornness to make it a success. I think that spirit lives on in people now. Wherever they are in the world, they are proud to be from the Dales."

www.upperdalesfgh.org.uk/index.htm



Thanks to Kathy Feather for this interesting article.

SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

TUESDAYS 10.30AM—1.00PM

SATURDAY 10.30AM –1.00PM

**“PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL OPEN SATURDAYS ONLY
IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS”**

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THE TONGE FAMILY

Rev. Arthur William Tonge - 1869 - 1947. Wandering Classical Scholar. Aged 47 when 'Debonair' built.
Elsie Louise Tonge (Love) - 1874 1963. Managed school and family affairs. Aged 42 when 'Debonair' built
 Married at Dulwich England on 29/4/1897.

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| Ethel Phyllis Tonge 1898 | At the time Debonair was built Ethel would have been aged 18. |
| Janet Heathfield Tonge 1902 | Janet 14 |
| Mary Lynette Tonge 1903 - 1985 | Lynette 13 |
| Arthur George Tonge 1907- 1978 | George 9 |
| James Wystan Tonge (Tom) 1909 - 1995 | Wystan 7 |
| John Iredale (Dr) 1916 | John born the year 'Debonair' was built |

Rev. Arthur William Tonge. Educated at Repton. Brazenose College Oxford University. Graduated M.A. with High Classical Honours. Ordained Chichester in 1897. Chaplain Eastbourne College before going to Australia.

Elsie Louise Love. The only girl in a family of five. Born with a deformed hip. Although born 'Kirribilli House' N.S.W. finished her education in England. Very strong in business affairs.

- 1897 Arthur William Tonge arrived in Australia, after marrying Elsie Louise Love.
- 1899 Appointed Schoolmaster and Chaplain Kings School at Parramatta.
- 1905 Joined staff of Melbourne Grammar. Chaplain. Keen interest in rowing and coaching junior crews.
- 1911 Headmaster at Trinity Grammar. Kew. (1911 - 1916).
- 1914 *Harvey & Alice Sichlau build Bon-Air at Anglesea.*
- 1915 Elsie & Arthur visit Anglesea and purchase part of Sichlau's "Bon-Air" land.
- 1915 Rev. Arthur Tonge with Bill Love took Wystan Tonge by train to Geelong during the May School holidays to finalise the buying of the land from Harvey Sichlau and arrange the building of 'Debonair.'
- 1916 Walter Harrison completed 'Debonair' Tonge's holiday house in time for Xmas 1916.
- 1916 Arthur Tonge resigned from Trinity Grammar to serve as Chaplain 2nd. Div. Artillery. WW1. Away at war period 1917 - 1919. Chaplain A.I.F. Battles of Passchendaele, Villers-Bretonneux, Amiens, and the Hindenburg Line.
- 1917 *Anglesea Presbyterian Church moved from Camp Rd. to Murch Cres.*
- 1917 Anglesea Regatta 1/1/1917 Rev. Tonge's crew beaten by F.R.S. Mawson's crew
- 1917 Arthur Tonge pens poem "The Sichlaus" at Anglesea on 19/1/1917 and later departs to W.W.1.
- 1917 - 1919 Mrs. Elsie Tonge brought children to Anglesea during the period Arthur was away. in Bay Steamer and Cobb & Co. horse drawn coach.
- 1918 **Harvey Sichlau's Bon-Air No.1. land sale.** Elsie Tonge buys 3 sites adjoining 'Debonair'. Also purchased lots 10 & 13 cnr. Tonge and Parker Sts. in the name of Janet & Lynette Tonge.
- 1919 Large bushfire on 15/2/1919. Everyone from Anglesea seemed to be on the beach. The Tonge girls wanted to help in burning off and beating out the fire, but Mr. Sichlau said he would not have one girl with a skirt, so they all turned up in blouses and bloomers. (from **Peggy Bunton's (Paton) memoir**) Mrs Tonge was sitting with an old boiler with corn beef and carving knife at the ready (from **Doc. Bingley's memoir**)
- 1919 Arthur Tonge returns from WW1. His Army appointment terminated 20/8/1919.

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1919 *Minifie residence at Anglesea completed*

1919 *Construction of Great Ocean Road commenced between Airey's Inlet and Lorne.*

1919 31/12/1919 Rev Arthur Tonge at the Regatta general meeting

1920 New years day At Debonair the Rev and Mrs A.W. Tonge had as guests Miss J Patterson, Miss Duncan, Messrs J.D. Webster, W Thomas and A.S. Love, Misses J and L Tonge and Wystan Tonge were also of the party. Much regret was expressed on all sides that the genial padre and Mrs. Tonge should be leaving Anglesea immediately for Western Australia.

In the early twenties the Country Roads Board realising the Sunnymead subdivision was on the way, compulsorily acquired part of Frederick Harveys lots 33/34/35 (east of Tonges and Sichlaus) to shorten the route and eliminate the river corner. This cut Harvey's land into two parts. This would not have gone un-noticed by the Tonges and Sichlaus.

1920 Anglesea Regatta - J.Wystan Tonge cox in 'Blink Bonnie' crew

1920 Classical and Chaplain Guilford Grammar Western Australia 1920 - 1921.

1920 *Advertisement for Cobb & Co. Motor service to Anglesea in the Advertiser - H. Womersley now proprietor **Times of change are appearing- Horse drawn coach replaced by motor bus.***

1920 *Trial run of newspapers delivered by motor car to Anglesea / Aireys & packhorse to Lorne.*

1921 Arthur Tonge Classical and Chaplain . Ivanhoe Grammar School. 1921 -1929.

1921 4/1/1921 *Charlie Pratt has a mishap with his Avro flying machine at Anglesea camping ground - Wystan Tonge was at 'Debonair' at the time.*

1921 1/1/21 Anglesea Regatta - J. W. Tonge cox in 'Blink Bonnie' crew

1921 1/1/1921 Anglesea regatta. Debonair crew. N.B.White. V. Barker Hayes. Rev A.W. Tonge. J.D. Webster.

1921 **It would appear that this was the Tonges last full family gathering at 'Debonair'**

1921/2 *C..J. Lane at his own expense builds new coastal road (later known as Gt. Ocean rd.) from outside 'Debonair' to near Airey's Inlet) **Times of change are again appearing.***

1922 Anglesea Regatta - J. W. Tonge cox in 'Blink Bonnie' crew.

1923 *Hales build 'Ben Nevis' Arthur Tonge calls to advise on School for 'young Bill' Hale. (per Mrs. M. Hale)*

1923 Rev. A. W. Tonge attends farewell dinner for H. Sichlau at Anglesea Hotel.

1923 **Harvey Sichlau's Bon Air No. 2. Sale.** 29/12/1923. *Sichlaus depart for Yea*

1923 Xmas 1923. Major Tonge held 2 services. The first at the Anglesea church, and the second at the Scout Camp.

1923 Xmas holidays 1923 were Wystan Tonges last visit to Anglesea.

1924 Elisa Louise and one daughter spend one year overseas.

Arthur Tongue and Wystan Tongue stay with the Quartermains, as the rest of the family were away. Arthur Tonge left in December 1924 to join family overseas. Wystan Tonge goes to the Sichlaus at Yea.

1925 Wystan returns to Melbourne to meet the family on their return, with the intention of going to back to work for Harvey Sichlau. But, Mrs Louise Tonge had met Alfred Warner on the ship, who was a partner in Warner Bros & Siddins, who owned a sheep station at Talwood in south west Queensland and offered Wystan a job as a jackeroo - accepted.

1929 Arthur Tonge departs overseas to spend one year as a Parish Priest in England.

1929 **'Debonair' sold to Mrs. Annie. Beckingham for £2300 (including furniture £300)**

1932 Arthur Tonge returns to The Kings School at Parramatta.

Compiled from articles in the Geelong Advertiser. Geelong News of the Week. Peggy Bunton's (Paton) book 'The hut' Doc Bingley's memoir. Wystan Tonge's memoir and Shire of Barrabool rate books

By Lindsay Braden who was fortunate enough to be taught by the Rev. A. W. Tonge during WW2. at Melbourne Grammar's 'Grimwade House.'

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