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Library and Research Facilities

Tuesday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesday by appointment

Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Meetings held on

the 2nd Thursday of the month

commencing at 10am at

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Meeting: 13 November 2014 Doug Elms: Family Tree Maker Visitors very welcome Registration: 9:30am. Presentation: 10:00am to 3:00pm. Gold coin donation Bring your own lunch, but tea and coffee provided <u>Program details</u> Bookings: Chris Guerow Email: chrisguerow@gmail.com, Tel: 5264-7602

Meeting: Thursday 11th December 10am Christmas Break Up With Lots of fun and prizes to be won

Meeting Thursday 12 February 10.00am Connecting With Your Family Worldwide Speaker: Stewart McConachy

We aim to have Interesting guest speakers to talk on all matters of research Please submit topics of interest

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MY ANCESTRY

Members story

The Andersons are all of British stock, or perhaps I should say Australian stock. All of my grandparents were born in Victoria, Australia except my maternal grandmother who came from Nottingham, England with her family when she was six months old. Her parents Lancelot and Elizabeth Middleton (nee

Denton) arrived in Melbourne in 1865 Having left their oldest daughter Florence aged 14 with relatives in Nottingham because she was ill at the time they sailed. My grandmother, Ada Elizabeth, always said she never really knew Florence though she came here when she

was 20 years old, married and settled in the Mildura area.

The Middleton family lived at number one Brougham Street Hotham Hill, now known as North Melbourne.

Their neighbours were the Skinner family at number three Brougham Street. Janet Skinner (nee Cant) had come to Melbourne with her husband George and their older children from Kinross, Scotland in the 1860's. George Skinner was in the police force. In the police records it is recorded against him that he went to sleep while guarding a prisoner in the lock-up at the police station. For his negligence he was fine one shilling and six pence! Later he was transferred to the Mansfield station and on arrival there he was ill and died shortly after. The rest of the family was already on the way to Mansfield with all the household goods when the news of her husband's death reached Janet, so she returned to Melbourne and later was living with her children at number three Brougham Street, Hotham Hill. Charles Henry, my grandfather was the first of George and Janet's family born in Melbourne after their arrival from Scotland.

Evidently some of their children, after they married, went to live in north-eastern Victoria, others lived in different parts of Melbourne. Janet finally lived with one of her married daughters at 252 Abbotsford Street, Hotham Hill. The three houses numbers one, and three Brougham Street and 252 Abbotsford Street are still standing and are occupied today.

After their marriage Ada Elizabeth and Charles Henry lived in Victoria Street, North Melbourne where they had a drapery business. They lived above the shop and my grandmother's youngest sister, Emily, who never married, always lived with the family and looked after my mother and her younger sister.

She also kept the house. My grandmother was a very good business woman

and much preferred to be behind the counter than to look after a house. My grandparents later had a business, 'The Skinner Emporium,' in Sydney Road, Brunswick and they moved to 252 Moreland Road, Coburg.

My father's forebears came from Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man – (I understand from Douglas hence my brother is named Douglas). They settled in Kyneton and Romsey areas after arriving in the first half

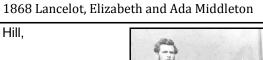
of the nineteenth century. My paternal grandfather, John James Anderson was born in Newham, near Kyneton. My grandmother, Emma Jane Lupton, born in Mt Duneed near Geelong. Her mother, Janet Laing, before her marriage to John Lupton, had lived with her family at Romsey.

These early settlers certainly travelled around.

When you think what that meant – no proper roads, no RACV, no well set up motels or eating places en route, probably not much knowledge of the place they were going to.

They travelled with all their household goods and usually a number of children. My grandmother was the fifth living child in her family when the Luptons moved from Mt Duneed to Toolamba and she was just two years old. Her father, John Lupton was a farmer and maybe they heard the land was better for farming further north.

My grand father's family also had moved from Newham near Kyneton, to northern Victoria evidently to Prangip. When John James Anderson and Emma Jane Lupton married in 1889 both families were living in Toolamba where my grandfather, John James, was a grazier. Cont......





John James &

Loris Anderson



They continued to live in Toolamba and my father Adiel John Lupton Anderson, was born there in 1893. He was an only child. When he was 14 years old the family moved to Melbourne and lived at number 26 White Street, Coburg , which like the three houses in North Melbourne is still standing.

At the end of White Street just one house block from number 26 is a park which was called until recently, the 'JJ Anderson Reserve' now it is just the 'Anderson Reserve'.

After the end of the 1914-18 war my grandmother bought the shop and dwelling on the corner of Barrow Street and Moreland Road Coburg. They lived behind the shop that was rented out as a small business. Such corner shops were a convenience of by-gone days.

The shop that was formerly 'The Skinner Emporium,' in Sydney Road, Brunswick. My grandfather's car parked beside the shop.





The home of my paternal great grandparents, John and Jane Anderson, Moreland Road, Coburg. This photo was taken in 1920 when Adiel Anderson returned from WW1, after having spent a year in England studying plane table land surveying.

When a group from the Brunswick Church of Christ started a church at Moreland, they met in this house until they had a building of their own.

Collection at the first service was 18 shillings and 6 pence – a princely sum in those days!



WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY



There is no one way to write your family history, but here are some suggestions:

Every genealogist starts off with charts – names, dates, and places, all arranged in family groupings to show relationships. If that's all you have, your book will be deadly dull. We need to convert the charts to stories, not one story, but a series of stories all contributing to your genetic inheritance and your genetic legacy to future generations.

Start with what you know best, your birth family. Follow it with a separate chapter for each branch of your ancestors and repeat the performance for your spouse's birth family and ancestors.

Have something suitable on the front page of each chapter, and a chart relating to the chapter at the end. Don't let the chart be complicated, merely flesh out the people the chapter is about.

A complete chart of direct ancestors only, no siblings, should follow the last of the individual chapters

and a map with numbers indicating where the various ancestors came from is a useful addition.

Include as many pictures as possible - people, houses, ships and anything else you have. Go through your photograph album, some photos will remind you of stories which should be included. Scatter the photos throughout the story and try not to have more than two consecutive pages without a picture. Include what you know of immigrant ships – tonnage, length of voyage, no. of passengers, etc. Also include what you can find of local colour appropriate to the times - this gives the story a sense of history.

Show direct ancestors in **BOLD PRINT.**

Give ages at marriage and death of all the people who are important in the story.

This is an added dimension to the dates. Include information relating to major illnesses or early deaths of your ancestors, as this may be helpful to your descendants when medical history is questioned.

Don't leave out anything important in a genetic sense – e.g., adoption. But after mentioning the adoption, treat all mention of that person as a member of the family. Also include the "step" children – they need to feel they belong, but make sure their genetic details are included.

Record all siblings along the way, they are jigsaw puzzle pieces and may form part of another picture when your research progresses further.

Be careful of what you write of the younger generation. It is better to err on the side of dates and important events only, otherwise things you've included or overlooked may cause offence.

You've put in a lot of work in your research, so find a spot in the story for everything you've discovered. Write an introduction explaining how you came to be interested in genealogy and a conclusion wrapping up the whole story.

Save your work carefully on disk. Duplicate each section and, even after you've gone to print, make additions or alterations as more information comes to hand. This way you'll always be up-to-date.

If you choose to number your pages, number only each chapter, not the whole book. Further research may reveal another branch of the family way back.

Remember how fire-prone Anglesea is, and make sure you have a back-up disk off-site.

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'Christmas is the keeping-place for memories of our innocence.' Joan Mills

- * 'Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.' *Norman Vincent Peale*
- * 'Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.' Helen Steiner Rice
- * 'The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.'
- * 'Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree. 'Charlotte Carpenter





Please can members contribute to our Newsletter, with family history items. We would love to read your story and see any family history related photos Please remember you never know who reads the Newsletter online It is possible to solve mysteries & find new family members or link up with relations you've never met

Christmas Raffle

We need volunteers If you can help Please register your name on the roster for selling raffle tickets

Thank You