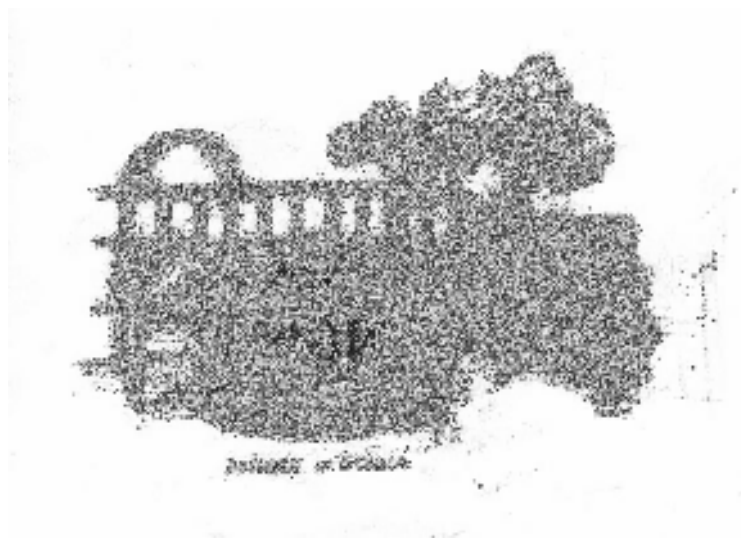


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Meetings held in the Community Health Centre, Martin Streets, Moama, on the third Thursday at 8.00 pm from Sept. to Apr., and the third Saturday at 1.30 pm from May to Aug. No meetings Dec. or Jan.

Beginner Classes

Classes for beginners or to update your skills:
Day and evening classes will begin in 2006
Classes consist of 4 sessions of 2 hours each at
the Group Library.

Day classes 1.30pm Tuesdays Feb 21 & 28

March 7 & 14

Evening classes 7.30pm Wednesdays Feb 15 &
22, March 1 & 8

Is there a need for other updates? Do you need
help to look on the internet?

For more information contact Pearl, 5482 1139

Don't Miss It!!

End of Year Celebration:

The final meeting for the year is to
be held on Thursday 17th Nov, at
the Moama Community Health
Centre.

**Please bring a main course or
sweet to share.** The meals will start
at 6.30pm. At the beginning of the
meeting, timed to start at 8.00pm,
Richard Wearne will be our Guest
Speaker.

The Editors welcomes articles, notes, queries, book reviews, comments and any items
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President's Report

This is the last edition of Bridges and Branches for 2005 and Christmas is almost upon us!! How can this be? The years seem to be getting shorter.

The big news this quarter is that we have successfully applied for a Local History, Heritage and Genealogy Grant from the Shire of Campaspe. We were handed a cheque for \$500.00 from the Shire, at a ceremony at Rochester, to be used towards the purchase of a greatly needed new computer for use in our Research Room.

Thanks are due to one of our Associate/Away Members, Margaret Rist for donating a copy of the book "Captain George Johnstone Dorward" a very interesting read about an Echuca-Moama pioneer and his family.

At the September meeting our librarian, Carol Miller, presented a very detailed and well researched "Resource Renewal List" for discussion, this was well received by the meeting and approval was given to order approximately \$1,450 worth of books and CD ROM's. As the orders have now been filled please drop into the Research Room and use these resources, which have been purchased with your membership money.

At the October meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming Glynn Brown, as the guest speaker. His topic was "Whatever happened to Fred?" This was Glynn's story of how he traced his great grandfather, Fred Brown in England, who had used an assumed name which made it very difficult. Glynn illustrated his talk with births, marriage and deaths certificates and he also showed us how he used census, parish and workhouse records. At the conclusion of his talk, Glynn very kindly presented the Group with a copy of his booklet "Whatever Happened To Fred?" and two CD ROM's, 1. Index of Persons – Gipsies, Travellers etc and 2. The "Lee Book". It was a very difficult meeting due to the very loud thunder storm and downpour of rain – which resulted in on leaving, having to wade through water to reach our cars, and then navigating the flooded streets of Moama.

Back in July, Neal Fraser and I attended a very informative seminar at Mulwala, hosted by G&MAG'S. The presenters were from State Records NSW and the Public Record Office Victoria. They told us of the way that we in the country, can access their records without travelling to Sydney and Melbourne. A lot of information can be accessed online and this is growing all the time. So, whenever you can, it is to your advantage to attend any seminars, that are put on by family history groups, and learn from the experts.

The annual Goulburn & Murray Association of Local & Family History Groups (G&MAG'S), Expo is on Saturday 19th November 10.00am - 4.00pm at Mulwala & District Services Club. Speakers include; Joan Hunt - Central Highlands Goldfields; Shauna Hicks - New VPRO Website; Meg Bate - Digital Family History; Alan Phillips - CD Books.

For more info visit, <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~gmags> or phone Jan Parker on 5744 1460

A new website has been launched, the Australian Heritage website www.heritageaustralia.com.au it contains a comprehensive listing of the historical features of more than 500 townships in regional Australia. Have a look.

Our final meeting for 2005 will be held on Thursday 17th November at 8pm preceded by dinner. See notice on page two.

John Howe

ΜΕΡΡΨΨ ΧΗΡΙΣΤΜΑΣ & ΗΑΠΠΨ ΝΕΩ ΨΕΑΡ

Long lost Cousins

I had always known that I had two cousins in England. When my father Albert Stiles came to Australia in 1911, married and settled here, his mother, realizing he wouldn't be returning home, sent out his substantial photo album containing all his family portraits for several generations. Amongst these was a photo of his youngest brother's wedding and on the back my mother had written "Douglas and Queenie - they had two girls Pearl and Sylvia".

My father never really kept in touch but other cousins in England did so, right up to the beginning of the war, then all was lost. A weak attempt was made to make contact later, but without success so it was presumed all the family had perished in the London blitz.

Surely there was a way to confirm this. My sister always said she was born about the same year as Pearl, 1921. So I visited La Trobe Library and searched through the GRO around 1921 and found when Pearl was born, and later Sylvia born 1928 in London. I then presumed she would have married about 20 years later, and found the date she married Bradshaw Paulin in London, as well as Sylvia's marriage to David Davies in Surrey. Then a year or two later Pearl had a daughter Helen E. Paulin in London, and Sylvia two sons in London. Then I looked for Helen's marriage about 20 years on and found she had two sons in Petersfield. These births were registered in Hampshire, but I had no address. What would I do now? I then applied for a birth certificate for Helen's youngest son in the hope I would get an address, when it arrived I wrote to her even though it was 30 years since she lived there and hoping she still used the name Coldbeck. After three months the letter was returned and

this is where the brick wall rose up before me.

Some time later a distant connection of my husband visited from Dorset so, because she was interested in genealogy, I related my problems to her. She offered to check out the electoral rolls on her return, typed in Helen E. Colbeck eight Helen Colbecks came up but only one Helen E. Colbeck who lived in Crawley, near Petersfield. She suggested it was worth a letter, so pen to paper again. After two months I began to feel that wall rising up but very early one morning the phone rang and it was cousin Sylvia - my letter had been passed on to her and she was so amazed and excited to think she had cousins she didn't know of in Australia. It was a time when she was trying to find out about her father's family of which she knew nothing and she longed to know. Helen had moved from Petersfield to Crawley to Hailsham hence the delay in replying.

She told me that Pearl had married a Canadian during the war, travelling to Canada later where her 2nd daughter was born. She later divorced and returned to England with her girls, remarried and died in 1983. I was glad to be able to send photos and a family tree. I realized that my decision to pursue Pearl's daughter gave the best result as Pearl had remarried and died with a different name. Strangely enough Helen had visited Echuca just 18 months ago and would have walked by my front door - if only we had this info before that. Thanks to La Trobe Library and the GRO for the hours spent there.

Clare Horsfall

The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up!

Nanneella & District Heritage Group

The Nanneella & District Heritage Group formed in 2004 and meets monthly on the second Monday 7.30pm at the Nanneella Hall. There are now over 30 people on the mailing list. Membership is \$10 payable to Kim Mundie or Lib Williams. There is a steady flow of interesting information being recorded. In April of this year a successful 'Show and Tell' weekend attracted almost 200 people who reminisced and provided valuable photos and information. Many documents and photos were scanned and will be used for a book.

Heritage has also been approached to find information.

The next big event will be on 1st and 2nd April 2006 when stones with plaques will be unveiled proposed for the sites of the following schools

1281 Echuca South (also known as Top Creek or Pye's) (1873 to 1881)

1857 Nanneella South (1877 to 1947)

2469 Nanneella North (1882 to 1895)

3722 Cornelia Creek (1914 to 1975)

3855 Strathallan (1914 to 1975)

3873 Cornelia South (1914 to 1916)

3879 Nanneella West (1915 to aft. 1973)

·Mrs McCurry's school

3708 Nanneella Estate (1911 to present)

The Group would like to hear from anyone with relevant information:

Did you know ..?

*Many schools were moved and may still exist.

*Nanneella South Primary School was moved to Corop, Strathallan PS to Stanhope, Cornelia South PS to Bamawm and was bogged for a week getting there.

Do you know ...?

+When the Nanneella Store opened on it's present site.

+If there are any photos of the old Nanneella Store that burned down.

+Where Thomas Sheehan selected land in

Nanneella.

+Anything about Mrs McCurry's or the other Schools.

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The Group Library will be closed from 24th Dec - 9th January 2006. If you want to borrow the key for some intensive research speak to the Research Manager.

Thanks

Huge thanks to those who cut out personal ads, stories of birthdays, anniversaries etc. Firstly Jan Gullick from Rochester has cut out 'news' from the Campaspe Valley news for over two years now. Jan and her husband have sold their house in Rochester and will be moving to Mooropna. Best wishes and thanks Jan. Your legacy to the Group will live on.

Congratulations Leo Pain for taking up the challenge of the Campaspe Valley New.

Secondly Di Marsh cut out 'bits' from the Riverine Herald whilst the researcher was galavanting around Europe for three months. Di did an excellent job.

Thirdly Betty Harrison cuts out 'bits' from Kyabram Free Press. Just recently a researcher was looking for any family members with the name 'Scutchings'.. sure enough, a family of them lives in Kyabram. Shirley Durrant started cutting out 'bits' from the Riverine Herald in 1988 as her bi-centenary project. So now with bits' from the Lockington Community News we have a significant and growing collection.

Pearl Collins

The man who is resting on his laurels is wearing them in the wrong place!

Pioneers of the Southern Otways

James McKenzie was born in 1823 to George McKenzie and Christina (McDonald) McKenzie, at Urquhart and Logie Wester, in Ross and Cromarty County, northeast Scotland. His wife Christy Lawson (married as Christian, and later in life known as Christina) was the daughter of William and Janet (McLennan) Lawson. William was a carpenter in Inverness. They were married in 1847 at Blackhall Castle (we believe this to have been Blackhall House, on the River Dee) as the marriage was registered at nearby Strachan. Their first child Eliza was born in Inverness, and my great-grandmother, Caroline, at Inverness in 1850.

They came to Australia in 1852 on board the *John Davies*, which came via Panama and Peru (delivering coal) and anchored in Portland Bay.

James became overseer for James Murray, who was "occupying" a property known as *Buckleys Creek Station* near the Curdie Estuary in 1847, and in 1855 James Murray bought *Kernans Run*. It was renamed *Glenample*. In 1866 it was then bought by Hugh Gibson and Peter McArthur. This would have been an isolated and hard life for James and Christina, as there were no roads, and supplies would have had to come from Warrnambool, through bush and scrubland. As late as 1864, the expedition of James McKain Meek reported "Mrs McKenzie was the only white woman in the area." Seven more children were born to James and Christina here.

A grand-daughter recorded "My Gran had lovely looks, a copy of Shakespeare, and she spoke French, and would take her children and sit looking over the sea, often sad and very homesick." also "Gran unpacked a kist¹ and took out frocks that were heavy silk and stood up by themselves." The first school in the area was a simple cottage "rented from Mrs

McKenzie for 13 pounds a year" It opened 1885. A quote from the Cobden Times 14 July 1971 "The township of Princetown was named by Mrs McKenzie, wife of the shepherd at *Glenample*, in honor of Prince Alfred who visited Victoria in 1867."

Glenample will always be associated with the *Loch Ard Gorge* disaster in 1878. From Don Charleswood's "Settlers Under Sail", "Whilst the search for Eva Carmichael was continuing in the gorge, Mr Gibson sent young Till back to *Glenample* for lanterns and a buggy. Three men returned with him. Messrs Shields, Robertson and McKenzie." From a crew and passenger list of 51, only Tom Pearce and Eva Carmichael survived. Eva lost her parents and 5 sisters and brothers in this tragedy. James also rode to Port Campbell for assistance after *Fiji* was wrecked in 1891.

James and Christina's children were:-

Eliza b. Inverness, m. Angus McDonald.
 Caroline b. Inverness, m. John Wood
 Christina born at sea, m. Charles Ayres
 Margaret b. Aust. m. James Jellie
 Elizabeth b. Aust. m. William Neill
 Jessie deceased as infant
 James m. Sarah Lawson
 William m. Christina Small
 George died aged 19 years
 Hugh m. Bridget Brady
 Christina died age 82 years in 1908 at *Glenample* and James died in 1911 age 88 years, at the residence of his daughter Margaret Jellie, in Camperdown.

Glenample homestead is open to the public, on the coastal road between Port Campbell and Peterborough.

Submitted by Carol Miller from family histories compiled by Geoffrey Wickham and Mollie Veale, whose late husband Hugh, was a descendant from Hugh.

[1.'kist' is a Greek word meaning 'a box used for sacred utensils']

Hopwood's Campaspe Bridge An Extraordinary Monopoly

Mr Henry Hopwood, the founder of Echuca, was a very shrewd man. In addition to his pontoon bridge and ferry over the Murray from which he must have obtained great revenue, he also obtained a franchise for bridge over the Campaspe River at or close to the present Warren Street.

When the Echuca Borough came into existence the Borough Council found itself up against a tough proposition in regard to his bridge. The Echuca Roads Board had earlier attacked the monopoly under which Mr Hopwood, and later his heirs, extracted a toll from all using the bridge and the Board earlier expressed itself as being unanimously of the opinion that the tolls should be done away with and the bridge thrown open to the public, the Government, it being suggested, should purchase the bridge. In 1871, the Echuca Borough

Council went into the matter when it was reported that the legal advice was to the effect that Hopwood had special legislation passed in the year 1857, when he obtained an Act of Parliament which gave him a monopoly for his bridge without placing any limitation on it. Legal advice said that the owners possessed a common right which would last for ever unless they chose to give it up which, of course, they would not do without legal consideration. A toll of 3 shillings for every vehicle was charged to go over the bridge. Many meetings were held both of the Echuca Borough Council and the Echuca Shire, and much time passed before eventually an agreement in accordance with legal advice tendered was finally arranged and the bridge thrown open to the public.

From a supplement to the Riverine Herald published 1st July 1938.

Just for St. Andrew's Day.

The average Englishman, in the home he calls his castle, slips into his national costume ~ a shabby raincoat ~ patented by chemist Charles Macintosh from Glasgow, Scotland. En route to his office he strides along the English lane, surfaced by John Macadam of Ayr, Scotland. He drives as English car fitted with tyres invented by John Boyd Dunlop of Dreghorn, Scotland. At the office he receives the mail bearing adhesive stamps invented by James Chamlers of Dundee, Scotland. During the day he uses the telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell, born Edinburgh, Scotland. At home in the evening his daughter pedals her bicycle invented by Kirkpatrick Macmillan, of Dumfries, Scotland. He watches news on T.V. an invention of John Logie Baird of Helensburgh, Scotland. He has by now been reminded too much of Scotland and in desperation he picks up the Bible, only to find that the first man mentioned in the good book is a Scot ! King James VI ~ who authorized its translation. He could take to drink but the Scots make the best in the world. He could take a rifle and end it all but the breech - loading rifle was invented by Patrick Ferguson of Pitfours, Scotland. If he escaped death, he could find himself on an operation table injected with penicillin, discovered by Alexander Fleming of Darval, Scotland., and given an anaesthetic discovered by James Young Simpson of Bathgate, Scotland. Out of the anaesthetic he would find no comfort in learning he was as safe as the Bank of England, founded by William Patterson of Dumfries, Scotland. Perhaps his only hope would be a transfusion of good Scottish blood which would entitle him to ask ~ "Wha's Like Us."

Author unknown (found in Scotland in 1985)



MEMBERS' Profiles



Please contact EMFHG Inc for a printed copy of our newsletter if you would like to read our members profiles.

Fees may apply.

In Search of Ancestors

In 1848 my Great Great Grandparents Richard and Honor Wearne left Cornwall with their eight children to settle in Wisconsin. They travelled with Richard's brother John, his wife and three children.

However, this is not the story of Richard and his family but the story of how Kay and I, on a visit to America, decided to pursue our family history by visiting the town where Richard had settled.

Richard settled in Linden (about the size of Lockington) the nearest town is Mineral Point (about the size of Rochester).

Prior to our visit I logged on to the Iowa County Genealogical Society website where, on a notice board, I found Gay Knutson who was looking for information on the Wearne family. I contacted her and she was most helpful in providing information on places to see, people to contact, where to eat, shop and stay in Mineral Point. Also on the website I found Jack Roberts who listed Wearne as a name he was researching. Again I contacted Jack and he responded by sending me 14 pages of descendants of Richard and John Wearne. He also offered to meet us in Mineral Point and take us to the various cemeteries and places of interest in Linden and Mineral Point.

We arrived in Mineral Point, a quaint little town with a lot of art/craft type shops, on a Sunday. A shop called the "Cornwall Corner" looked like a good place to start so in we went. As soon as you speak they ask "are you English" response "no Australian" next question "what are you doing in Mineral Point" When we told them the purpose of our visit the shop owner decided we might be related and proceeded to get out her family history charts. Having decided we were not

related she announced we would definitely be related to Florence Wasley.

Monday morning we were due to meet Jack Roberts for our tour when during breakfast he rang to say he had the flu and could not come. I was in the process of saying to Kay that we must make the best of it despite the setback when we received a phone call from Florence Wasley announcing that she would pick us up at lunchtime and take us to the cemeteries where our ancestors were buried. We had a fabulous afternoon visiting cemeteries, photographing headstones and touring Linden. We finished the day having an evening meal of cornish pasties with Florence and her sister Bonnie.

One of the contacts Gay Knutson had provided was Jim Jewell the local postmaster who had written a history of Linden. We tracked him down and he put us on to Ruth Jungbloth whose daughter and husband now owned the farm where Richard (my great, great grandfather) had lived. Ruth gave us directions to the farm and sent us out there. After the initial surprise her daughter Lisa Springer was very helpful and enthusiastically showed us around the farm and showed us the remains of Richard's cottage. She even had the original land grant and an artists impression of the cottage when it was intact. Lisa invited us to lunch the following day and after lunch she took us to a neighbours farm where we met her mother and Donna Caygill the secretary of the Linden Historical Society. They were all happy to share the results of their research and we came away with a vast amount of information on the area and the descendants of Richard and John Wearne. We came home with family lines of an

array of previously unknown America relations, a piece of rock from my great great grandfathers cottage and a photo of Kay and I in Wearne Road Wisconsin. Strangely we did not meet one "Wearne"

all of the relations we met were descendants of the daughters and granddaughters of Richard and John Wearne.

BrianWearne

Origins of the McFadden Family

The gravestones in Majorca cemetery (Victoria) told me that my great grandparents were immigrants from Northern Ireland in 1853. Yes, then I found their names on the Miles Barton shipping list. The various certificates told me that my 'greats' originated from the Ards Peninsula, Northern Ireland. The family was probably in the second plantation of Scots to Northern Ireland in 1650. Great great grandfather was probably a widower (I've never been able to find his death details) and brought his family of five out to Victoria. What I didn't know was that he brought alternate children. There were another five left in Ireland. I'd love to know how he chose which five. Now that I have had the privilege to visit the Peninsula I have a fuller understanding of who the stray five were, places of burial and their families. I found and met my mother's second cousin- Mollie Lockwood 92yrs and still drives her car. I was able to visit the farm where g' g' g'father lived and worked. I was always told that he lived with walking distance of the Balleyeasborough Church.. but which way do you walk? Now I know! Across the road (Portavogie-Rureagh) from the church and take the lane to the right 100 metres down that road.

Of the five who came to Australia the only son Hugh returned not long after arriving in Australia to inherit his uncle's farm at Gransha, on the Peninsula. Three

girls married and settled in Victoria. Mary in Charlton, Margaret in Majorca, & Eliza in Amphitheatre. The other daughter Sussanah married and went to Geraldine in the South Island of New Zealand.

So the full compliment of 10 was Mary Ann McF b 1829 m James Ennis (Aust), James McF b 1830 m Elizabeth (Belfast), Hugh McF b. 1832 (Aust-Gransha), Margaret Moore McF b. 1834 m David Stavely (Aust), Ellenor McF b.14.6.1837 m John Maxwell (Kircubbin), Susannah McF b. 1839 m Robert Morrison (New Zealand), Robert McF b. 1841 Ireland, Eliza Jane McF b. 1843 m Henry Spiers (Aust), Sarah Ann McF b. 1846 m Captain James Mahood (Bangor) Moore McF b. 1847 Balleyhalbert died in infancy.

And when I published the book, *Dear Aunt Emma*, in 1993, I thought I had it all right. One of the relatives in New Zealand helped me correct my omissions. It was all in Auntie Rina's drawer! Thanks Jackie & Bob Morrison. They were none the wiser either until they looked in the drawer after her death. Researcher beware!

Pearl Collins

Vale

Dick Worboys, a former member of EMFHG passed away last month. We send condolences to his family.

The Family of Ida Anderson and Laurence Moloney

It is hard to imagine losing your mother when you are only 1 year old and to grow up not having your mother or her family for support. But it is easy to imagine how it must leave a void in your life.

Ida Moloney (nee Anderson) was only 25 years old when she departed this world leaving behind three children - Ida four years, Laurence "Roy" three years and Irene one year. Ida's death certificate lists epilepsy and toxemia as the cause of death on the 8th March 1927.

Ida Anderson married Laurence "Larry" Moloney in Meeniyan, South Gippsland, in April 1922. Their marriage was not accepted by their families as the Anderson's were Protestant and the Moloney's Irish Catholic. Given that Ida's mother had passed away earlier that year and it was the beginning of the Great Depression there was minimal assistance given to Larry and his three children. Ida's sister and two brothers along with five step-sisters and one step-brother would have found it hard enough looking after their families without having to take in three more.

Larry found it difficult to look after his children even though he did marry again soon after and another son, Kevin, was born. But his battle with alcohol and finding employment around the slums of Richmond saw the children end up in orphanages. Irene and Ida were sent to the Good Shepherd Convent in Abbotsford and Roy and Kevin to the Christian Brothers. Irene was nine when she was sent to the convent and remembers that it was the first time she received a Christmas present or a hug.

It wasn't until Irene was 14 that a cousin of her fathers took her from the convent to work on their farm in Gippsland and be

nanny to their three children. Obviously Irene lost contact with her brother and sister until she heard that her sister had married but died giving birth to her first child. The child also died. She would make contact with Roy and Kevin again after they left the orphanages.

Irene always wished she had a mother of her own and wondered what her mother would have been like. She carried these thoughts through to her adult life but had little opportunity to find out too much detail about her mother. She could only depend on the stories she heard from relatives who did not really know that much about Ida.

After Irene married Ben Bentley in 1948 her father Larry returned to live with them for awhile but Irene did not have much of a chance to pursue her wish to know more about her mother as she was busy being a mother herself. Irene and Ben had five children within four years - with the youngest being twins.

It wasn't until recently when Irene's daughter, Frances, joined the Echuca Moama Historical Society to research the Anderson family tree that some of the missing links in the Anderson family were found.

Irene's mother Ida Anderson was the second youngest child of Carl and Sarah Anderson and was born at Loch in South Gippsland on 23rd November 1900. It was by obtaining Ida's birth certificate that Frances was able to trace Irene's cousin Rex Anderson. Neither Irene or Rex knew of each others existence. Frances was able to trace Rex by searching for information on Ida's siblings. It was found that Ida's brother Oscar Anderson died in 1971 and only had one child, "Stewart Rex" who was living in Euroa at the time of Oscar's

death. By taking a chance and telephoning the Anderson's in the telephone book who still resided in Euroa, Frances was able to talk to a local who remembered Rex's family. Rex had moved but it was found that his son who had also moved was a policeman. Having a contact in the police force, Frances was able to get in contact with Rex's son who put her in contact with Rex.

Rex Anderson was delighted to find he had a cousin and made the trip from the Geelong area to Myrtleford to meet Irene Bentley.

It was an amazing meeting in that there was a strong family resemblance between Rex and Irene. Even Rex's wife could not get over the resemblance. Rex was able to fill in some gaps about the Anderson family.

Ida and Oscar's father was Carl Anderson who was born in Kalonen, Sweden and joined the Swedish Army. Carl had apparently jumped ship in Melbourne. It was then that he changed the spelling of his surname from Andersen to Anderson in the hope that it would deter being found. There was finally an amnesty on illegal immigrants so Carl was able to settle in the Loch area. It was here, in 1891, that he married Sarah Ann Emmett, formerly Morland, formerly Wright. It is obvious that Sarah had been married twice before and already had five children by these previous marriages. Sarah was born in Carngham near Creswick and was 43 when she married Carl who was nine years her junior.

Sarah and Carl had five more children, Irene Pearl, Cecil Roy, Oscar Carl, Ida and another son (who obviously is not listed on Ida's birth certificate but advised by Rex of his birth).

Frances Bentley

Sharks

And I am not talking about the marine animals. Not long ago the Echuca Moama Family History Researcher was asked to assist a client. The brief was to find Daniel Allan who left Scotland, year unknown, and his mother's surname was McDonald. She felt it was an omen that her sister had taught at Moama School and enjoyed her time there.

I wondered how we would identify him. We found him- easy. The name Daniel + Allan and the mother's maiden name as McDonald is extremely unusual. He was the only one. He died in Victoria and interred in Fawkner Cemetery. The report was sent to the Client for which she paid the mandatory \$15. The client purchased the full certificate. Yes, we had our man.

Imagine my horror when she wrote some time later saying she was amazed that we had located him and that she had paid \$1700 to 'researchers' who had not found him!

So clients beware, there's sharks out there!

Pearl Collins

New Members

June Allison
Cassandra Cullen
Ann Haldon
Marie Hammer
Julie Harris
Diane Hulm
Karen Page
Wendy Sloper
Nina Stone
Liz Wisman

Welcome to you all

Going to the source

When I am teaching beginner's classes, I emphasise that it is important if able, to visit the location of relatives' origins. The visit will always give greater understanding.

It was my turn to put it into practice! I was to visit Berlin, Germany and would be able to visit the grave of my father's first cousin Norman Stockton in the British Military Cemetery there. I had the grave number, and clutching the little plastic bag of rosemary to place on his grave, my husband and I found the bus to catch. We were told where to alight and so with pencil and paper in hand, started off on the journey, several kms out of the city proper. As a non-German speaker, getting on the right bus and off at the right spot was an exercise in itself.

In every Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery there are always two books in the metal chest at the entrance to the cemetery. One contains the location of the grave and details of each deceased person, the other a loose leaved folder in which to write comments if you wish.

The surname was Norman STOCKTON and I knew he was a war reporter with the Sydney Sun. Imagine my surprise when I found another STOCKTON! He was my dad's second cousin from Canada. I had visited members of his family 5 years ago on the way to a Stockton reunion in England. The two inscriptions read:

STOCKTON Pilot Officer (Air bomber)
Andrew Hunter J/92026.550(RAF) Sqdn
Royal Canadian Air Force 15th January 1944
Aged 20 son of Bryant and Louise E.
Stockton of Sussex, New Brunswick,
Canada Grave 6 L 17

STOCKTON Reporter Norman, The
Sydney Sun Australia War Correspondent
22nd December 1942 aged 40 Husband of
Maree Patience Stockton of Elwood,
Victoria, Australia Grave 8 K 10

The inscriptions added a tiny bit more: **A. H.**

Stockton . Age shall not weary nor the years condemn

N. Stockton 22nd Dec 1943 (note different year). The rest is silence, remembered always by Maree and Anne (his only child)

I wonder if they had met each other in the course of their service.

As always, Commonwealth War Graves are beautifully kept, but I could only think of the wasted lives, wives left widows and parents bereft of children.

I wrote in the book 'What a loss, so young, at rest in a foreign land', and signed my name. It was an emotional experience.

Pearl Collins

Beer Family Gathering

On Sunday 12th Sept. 100+ descendants of James John and Elenor Beer met for lunch at the Echuca Show Grounds. The gathering was organized by Esma Dwyer, and family members brought an interesting collection of photos and memorabilia.

In 1995, "Not all Beer and Skittles", the story of the family of JJ and Elenor Beer, was launched. This year, it was suggested that it was time to up date the family tree.

To this end we are asking all family members, who have not already done so, to advise Esma Dwyer or myself, of all family births, deaths & marriages since 1995. Any corrections to information in the original book would also be welcome. When the information is in, it is planned to have copies printed for all interested family members.

It would be appreciated if the information could be submitted as soon as possible, along with the names of anyone who would like order a copy of the up dated family tree. Please send all names and dates to, or for more information contact:-

Shirley Durrant "Nullamanna" Barham,

My Encounter with the Manager of Perricoota Station Mr F.R.C. Hopkins

Mr F.R.C. came over to me, one day in a terrible scot.
And said I've come now to kick up a row, and the day had been very hot.
I knew why he came, for I was to blame, my nags had been out on his grass;
It wasn't fair play, they were there every day, and he couldn't allow it to pass.
So he said with a frown, my fence is all down, and fierce fire flashed from his eye.
As he uttered a swear, which polluted the air, and I thought that it blackened the sky.
As he raved and he swore, I thought I would score, that "jawd of a mare" I commenced.
"For your jawd of a mare, not a rap do I care, as long as you put up the fence".
I again tried to speak, but he with a shriek, went on with some torrent abuse.
So I gave him a show, and let his tongue go, for to try and talk was no use.
At last he was spent, and seemed to relent, then I thought I'd have something to say.
But he wheeled his horse round, and went off with a bound, never staying to bid one good-day.
But why with a flop, should he suddenly stop, and pull up his horse in the sand,
But to say with a look, which said more than a book, it's against human nature to stand.
Then he wheeled round again and made off for the plain, on his little white horse so stout.
Then I thought of the mare, the cause of this flare, and I sent to have her brought out.

James McKindlay "Red Gate" 1883

*In November 1884, James was again in dispute with the manager of Perricoota Station but of this occasion they ended up in court in Sydney. Two sons, James and Neil went to Sydney to defend the case which they lost. Costs of one shilling was awarded against them.
Shirley Durrant*

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Out there in the big wide world there is a maxim "Advertising pays" .We all know of course that can mean whole page ads, 'run on' ads for unwanted stuff we have at home, or multi colour ads which is leg and arm stuff.

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I've just had a response to an advertisement in Ancestor in 1991- 14 years ago.

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Pearl Collins

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Family Tree Magazine, July 05; Practical Family History, July 05, August 05, Sept. 05
 Wise P.O. Directories West Aust. 1905, Victoria 1904, Tasmania 1904, Sth Aust. 1903, Queensland 1903, NSW 1904,
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 Australasian Gen. Comp Index "AGCI"
 Aust Family Histories 2nd Edition Bibliography & Index
 Early Aust. Electoral Rolls Vol 1. NSW 1903, Tas. 1903 & WA 1901
 The 1831 Tithe Defaulters Irish Records Index
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 * Family History Library Catalogue LDS March 2000
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We now have films of the Riverine Herald from 1/7/1863 to 31/12/1881, and from 1/1/1885 to 29/12/1888.

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Cemetery Walks

Cemetery walks will continue over the summer, unless raining at the start time, but please note the change in times.

On the 2nd Saturday of the month from December to March, inclusive.

The walks will commence at **7.00pm** from the Main Gate of the Echuca Cemetery.

For more info phone:-

Pearl 5482 1139 or
Shirley 5884 2134

Help Needed

The EMFHG is planning to commence indexing the Riverine Herald in the New Year.

To speed up the process, and to ensure the accuracy of the project, member will always work in pairs. Would anyone interested in assisting in what will be a long term project, please contact Pearl or Helen for more information.

Remember many hands make light work!

National Clan McKenzie Gathering

At the

Lake Hume Resort, NSW

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd April 2006

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Also Scottish entertainment and a Clan Dinner and Ceilidh

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