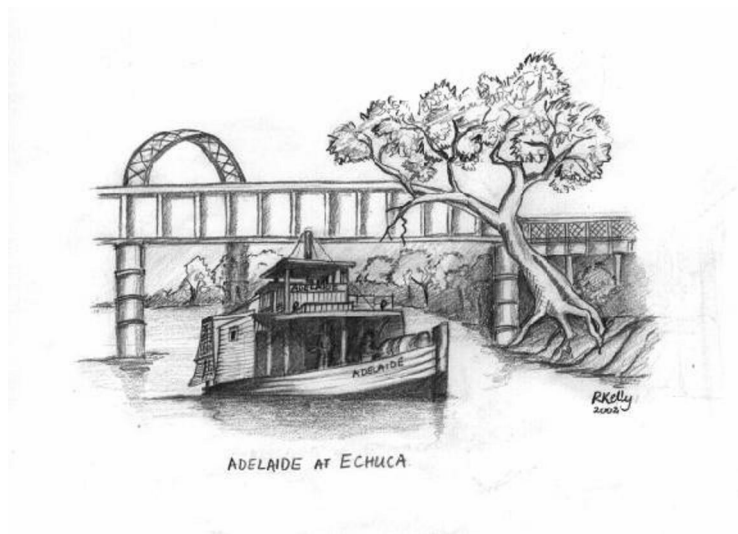


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Meetings held in the Community Health Centre, Martin Street, Moama, on the third Thursday at 8.00 pm from September to April, and the third Saturday at 1.30 pm from May to August. No meetings December or January.

Reminders for Members

Members you **must** present your membership card to secure the key for the Murray Hotel. If you don't have your card on you, you cannot get the key. Remember it's **No card, No key**. We want to keep good faith with the Port and Campaspe Shire staff.

Many thanks to all who have responded to our call for contributions for Bridges & Branches. Keep up the good work.

Also do remember to check the website for updates and don't forget to **REFRESH** as necessary. Members are reminded that the webmaster is always looking for new material.

Beginner and Refresher Classes

The following dates have been set for the next classes to be conducted by EMFHG

Tuesday nights 7.30pm - 9.30pm April 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd

Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm - 3.30pm April 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd

The Editors welcomes articles, notes, queries, book reviews, comments and any items of interest. Contributions to Bridges & Branches are accepted in good faith but the Echuca-Moama Family History Group Inc or the Editors, do not accept responsibility for the accuracy of information nor for the opinions expressed.

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President's Report

It is an exciting time to become president of this vibrant family history group with its core of diligent members, who are determined to promote family history in the district and are willing to volunteer many hours to open the rooms, index resources, donate new resources and run monthly meetings. Our group is not only characterised by friendliness and helpfulness, but a dedication to the pursuit of family history. I feel that I have joined a great family. Thank you for this opportunity. I am sure that I will learn a great deal about family history with so many experienced members supporting me.

The last two months have been extremely busy for many members of the group. The moving to our wonderful premises at the old Murray Hotel gives our family history discussions, and searching an ambiance that was never there in the old premises. It stirs the imagination to think who trod the boards in that old hotel a hundred and twenty years ago. Perhaps some of our ancestors sought solace in a chat and a drink, or even resided there for a time. Now we are well settled and attracting more inquiries due to our location, like the pub of old, the passing trade is providing more fee paying historical research.

The key to our research rooms is available from 57 Murray Esplanade, which is where the paddle steamer tickets are sold. Members must leave their card in exchange for the key. Members should read the note on the back of the front door in the rooms about locking the front door. It must be locked with the key to ensure that the lock catches. Please check the door by pushing it to see if it is locked securely before you leave. It can appear to be locked if you pull it closed without using the key, but it will not be secure and open after you leave.

I am indebted to Pearl for the following information. More of our research enquiries come via email initially. Some change their mind when they find there is a fee attached, but we have had great success with some stories. Pearl's current project is collecting funeral and wedding pew sheets. We have 500 plus and it's a great resource for finding surnames.

Thanks to the people who cut out newspapers, namely Carmel Cannard, Leo Pain and Betty Harrison. In-services on location of resources in the rooms are proving popular. These are designed to show members what to do when visitors or future members walk through the door.

The production of Bridges and Branches is due to a dedicated editorial committee led by Shirley who keeps Robyn, Craig and Pearl on their toes with content, style and interesting articles. We publish about 220 copies of which 90 are forwarded to Groups like us throughout Australia. This is a powerful way advertising for information about your family. This is your membership at work.

Pearl was proud to report that we are one of two groups who have increased their membership over the last year, after her attendance at the May meeting of GSV.

This is due to the members who continually offer their time for different tasks, and this teamwork creates an enthusiastic and vibrant history group.

Judy McCleary

Coming Meetings

October - Members Getting to know you! - Show and Tell

November - Members talking on their research plus a Candlelight Supper

Charles and Emma Horsnell

In April of 1857, Chelmsford ironmonger and clogmaker, Charles Horsnell, together with his wife Emma (nee Cross) and children Emily Jane 13 years, Charles 10 years, Harry Arthur 8 years, Arthur Octavius 6 years and Florence Elizabeth 4 years, along with Charles' brother James, left England for a new life in Australia. The 1851 census records Charles as employing five men and a boy, in his Moulsham Street premises. The lure of land must have been great.

On arrival it appears the family went to Emerald Hill, while James, with another shipmate M.R.Woodburn headed for Daylesford. James settled there taking up his trade as a blacksmith, which he carried on for most of his life. He took a short look at New Zealand, then returned and married Mary Ann O'Meara. They had a son Fredrick and daughter Elizabeth. In conjunction with the blacksmith business the couple ran a hotel.

Charles is first recorded in the Daylsford Advocate as being chairman of a committee at Glenlyon created to oppose a union with Daylesford. This was 1859.

Charles and Emma's eldest daughter, Emily was married in 1859 to John Cashin in Melbourne their address then being Simpson Street Collingwood.

Charles and family by 1864 had arrived in Echuca. It is recorded, but not verified that Charles was guard on the first passenger train from Bendigo to Echuca, their address at that time was Railway Reserve.

On the 7th May 1866 he leased under the Land Act 1865, Section 12, Allotment 43 Parish of Millewa, comprising 380 acres, on the north side of the Echuca - Mittiamo road, between Stratton road and Muller road, and allotment 32E of 40 acres, on the south side of the road. His second son Harry Arthur took up the next door block,

allotment 32 D of 70.3.7 acres, being at that time sixteen years of age,. The Riverine Herald reported on the 17th July 1869 under the heading Border Industries, Selectors Farms No1, that all of Charles Horsnells' property (Millewa Grove) except 40 acres had been enclosed with a substantial American log fence. Thirty acres were under cultivation sown to wheat, oats, barley, and a not inconsiderable amount of beans, peas, and other vegetables. There were also improvements comprising dwelling huts, out-sheds, and stock yards. The report is most interested in a dam about a mile in circumference for water conservation. All the improvements on the property were done by Charles' two sons, whilst he worked as the porter at Echuca Railway Station.

By 13th May 1876 Charles reports to the Riverine Herald, wheat yields of between 16 bushels to 25, average about 20. One good crop of oats went 40 bushels, Cape Barley 40 bushels, Oaten Hay from 15 cwt to 21/2 tons. He also planted potatoes five times without success.

Charles' two sons made further land purchases Harry Arthur took up allotment 73, Parish of Wharparilla and Arthur Octavius allotment 79,.Parish of Wharparilla, on which he built and ran The Stockyard Hotel until selling to his brother in the early 1880s.

On the 30th of August 1873 Charles inserted an advertisement in the Riverine Herald inviting co-operation of interested gentlemen to form a Farmers Club, and so was borne the Echuca Agricultural Association. He was the secretary of the group until July 1876, during which time several ploughing matches were held.

By 13th January 1877 Millewa Grove must have been sold because a report in the

Riverine Herald on that day states "last night friends of Mr C. Horsnell an old Wharparilla resident met at Hayes Teringa Hotel to say goodbye over a glass of champagne".

He moved then to Crossenvale, where he farmed 21 acres between Crossen Street and Rochester Road on which he had a six roomed house.

The 1st June 1878 saw the opening of Horsnells' Buildings in High Street Echuca opposite the Church of England. The rate books show he was paying the rates up until he died 5th January 1895. Charles Horsnell is buried in the old section of the Echuca Cemetery.

To this point two sons have been mentioned at Echuca, the third son, Arthur, and eldest son Charles lived in Howe Street

and was variously a railway employee, carrier, undertaker, and labourer. He was also connected with the United Order of Odd Fellows lodge as secretary and in other positions. He seems to have vanished after selling his delivery cart to Wm Rees around 16th December 1878.

This essay has been compiled by Paul Horsnell, 116 Banyan Street, Warrnambool 3280. great grandson of Charles He would be very interested in any information on any members of this early Echuca family. Especially any photos which may show Horsnells' Buildings opposite the church. This may be wedding photos taken at the church.

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A Pub with no Beer - Moving Day

Word was received in May that the Echuca Moama Family History Group had to vacate the premises the Shire of Campaspe had permitted us to use for peppercorn rent for the past 6 years. When we took up residence in August 2001 our holdings were modest and it didn't take long to pack, move and unpack and spread out in a spacious area. By May 2007, the landlord had raised the rent to a point that the Shire of Campaspe was not prepared to pay on our behalf, so we had to move again. With our librarians Carol and Lyn directing operations, five members packed up our entire holdings in several dozen boxes. Carol, Jim, Lyn, Judy and Pearl completed the task in just three hours. We didn't realise we owned so much.

The Shire offered us another suite but it was upstairs. However a further offer came and now we have the use, for at least 12 months, of the old Murray Hotel in the Port of Echuca precinct. The address of the

Murray Hotel, is, 9 Murray Esplanade, Echuca. With separate rooms for reception, magazines, library, a large kitchen, store room and back verandah and an area outside for morning coffee / Devonshire Teas, our wildest dreams are realised. The library will be large enough to have beginner classes and researchers working quietly at the same time.

The team who moved us were the Librarians one being at each at the two locations, Helen and Ken Hastie, Norm Dunn, Jim and Carol Miller, Lyn Bloomfield, Judy McCleary, Lorraine Johnson, Ian and Marjorie Grant, John Howe, Craig Ash and Pearl Collins. We now wait for the Shire to build the new Municipal 'Community Hub' which will house the General Library, our Group and the Toy Library.

Hearty thanks to all who helped. You were all an excellent team. Job done: three hours. Unpacking takes a bit longer!

Edmond and Margaret Whelan

My interest in family history began at an early age by spending a lot of time with my paternal grandparents, Edmond and Margaret Whelan (Doheney) at Bacchus Marsh. My Grandparents were 35 and 30 years old when they married. Margaret's parents had died before Margaret was married. Her parents being Michael Doheney and Margaret Kennedy both from Ireland.

Edmund and Margaret had four children. Hannah Margaret (Peg) married Allan Comrie, Patrick Michael married Edna May Woodgate, Edmund died when three months old, on his mother's birthday, and my father, Daniel James, who married Sheila Mackie from Annan, Dumfries in Scotland.

I am the second eldest of five children. We lived 150 yards from my Grandparents so most weekends were spent there. Grandad was a painter and decorator. Grandma always milked cows, reared calves and kept ducks and chooks. Grandma made her own soap, boiling up the lard etc in the old copper. Grandma told stories of her childhood at Chinton, milking cows, and rearing pigs. Grandma made black puddings out of the blood of the pigs, which was a gruesome vista to a child.

A week before my 12th birthday my Grandfather died at the age of 85. Grandma was 80. It was decided that I should live with Grandma for company. Relatives were always calling. Family asked Grandma to write down her Family details which she did. I still have a copy. I also read the letter that had been written to her Mother by her Mother when she was leaving Ireland. I realize now that it was actually the Parish Priest that had written the letter. I have a copy of that letter.

Six of Great grandmother's family came

to Victoria. One stayed in Ireland.

Great grandfather Michael Doheney and his brother Malachi along with their cousin came out together. Nothing was heard of John after his arrival

Malachi resided at Gisborne, married Mary Foley and had six sons, none of whom married. Michael and Malachi lost their parents and three siblings while still children. They were looked after by an Aunt and Uncle. Obviously life wasn't so good so Australia seemed a better option. Some of the cousins went to Canada. I know Malachi tried the goldfields in New Zealand before he married

My great grandfather Patrick Whelan came out with his sister Elizabeth who married James Ryan. Stephan an older Brother had arrived earlier. Patrick married Hanora Greene. Stephan married Margaret McGrath, but had no children. Another sister Kate in Upper Dunhill, Waterford, married John Power. Two of their sons came to Australia and lived with my Grandparents until moving to Melbourne. Patrick was killed before my older brother died. They are buried together at Fawkner Cemetery.

Grandma corresponded with relatives in Canada and Ireland. I have copies of these letters. I am a hoarder like my Grandma.

Lorraine Johnson

Sir John Monash born Monasch son of Louis & Bertha Monasch, completed three degrees Engineering, Law, Arts and commenced a fourth, Medicine. He was the only officer to be knighted in the field by King George V during World War I. A local connection is the engineering feat of the Strathallan bridge, which is still standing. A Victorian University was named in his honour.

Pearl

The Polish Connection

With great enthusiasm I researched family names- Smith, Wheatley, Rankin, Gilbert, Andrewartha etc- all good, stalwart ordinary families from Cornwall, Scotland and rural England.

With great courage they left their homes for a new land, knowing they would never return to the old, and they continued to be ordinary model citizens- as I am, but not interesting.

However when I obtained my great grandfather's birth registration, my first ancestor born in 1853 on Australian soil, some interesting details were recorded.

His mother was Malwine Eulalie Nathusius born in Schivelbein, Prussia. Her father was Carl Nathusius, a colonel in the Prussian army, and her mother's maiden name was Auguste von Taubenheim. Interesting, but how to learn more?

Schivelbein, because of changing boundaries in Europe is now Polish and renamed Swidwin. I learned that, because of the language, attitude and loss of records due to war, it all became too difficult for communication with Poland.

I gave up, but listed Malwine's details on our Echuca Moama Family History website. Months later a letter came from Saint-Sulpice, Switzerland. It was from Dr Martin Nathusius, amazed to find he could have an Australian connection. After I read his letter, I literally danced around my lounge room. I sent him a copy of great grandfather's birth registration and Martin, being an avid researcher with amazing computerised information available, sent this information. Unfortunately Martin's pedigree is not mine, but he knew of the family. My earliest identified ancestor in

Prussia was Nathan Marcus b. 1717 a wealthy Jewish merchant. In 1812 the Prussian Government made an edict for the Emancipation of Jews and Nathan Philipp, Malwie's grandfather, was obliged to conform. He chose the surname Nathusius, and also embraced Lutherism. His elder son became August Adolph Nathusius and married Baroness Malwine von Selmetz.

His second son, our Malwine's father and named Hirsch Nathan became Carl Nathusius and married Auguste von Taubenheim.

This emancipation allowed Philipp to buy commissions in the Prussian army for both his sons. The commission was that of Leutnant (sic) and also involved the purchase of uniforms, weapons, horses and the ongoing replacement of same.

Both sons fought in the Prussian Cavalry against Napoleon in 1812/3.

Incidentally from a district not far from Schivelbein, Louis Monash migrated to Melbourne in 1854. He had some success as a merchant (what else) and returned to Stettin where many of my ancestors are buried, to marry his sweetheart Bertha. They returned to Melbourne, anglicised their surname and became parents of that great Australian, John Monash.

In my research I sometimes find a Malwine or a Eulalie, so I know-jackpot! I have a cousin Malwine, my aunt was Eulalie Malwine, and my sister is Eulalie. She is not really impressed. How a young Prussian girl met and married an Englishman and later settled in Australia in another story.

Why is this European / Jewish connection so exciting? I find it awesome that an ancestor of mine may have come out of

Looking for ghosts

A big fella by the name of Malcolm Fraser once said 'Life wasn't meant to be easy'. He may have been correct on this account but he should have tried tracing unknown or forgotten relatives.

I would recommend it to anyone with a little time on his or her hands. Even a dum-dum like myself with 77 summers (and winters) under my belt can do it, it's a piece of cake. My reason for taking off on this project was that my dear wife is at present taking chemotherapy for breast cancer. She was adopted as a child and from 14 days of age her mother never saw her again.

She has lived with the fact for her entire 74 years.

I suggested that she give me a three week leave pass and I would take off to Victoria and see what I could find out.

Her adopted parents, long since dead, left paperwork detailing affidavits from both parties, and as a result we were able to learn her mother's married name, her parent's name, her age and the place of her birth.

It seemed so simple, and to make the hunt easier, her maiden name was Smith.

I was to find out that a Mr Smith, many many years ago must have been infected with a rabbit virus, cause he bred like one - there were many thousands of them in Victoria alone. Undaunted at this stage I gave my old Commodore an oil change, checked the tyres, put the tractor in the shed, filled two suit cases with clothes and alone and unassisted took off from Maryborough in Queensland for the southern State of Victoria.

My first port of call was the Brisbane Library. Victoria electoral rolls gave me the town of her birth and the residence of her parents - Bloomfield in the Gippsland District. It was when I arrived at the Gippsland area there was no such town by

this name on any of my road maps, this was to be my first hiccup. A visit to the Warragul Genealogical Society put me on the right track the town had inherited the name of Nilma in 1910. Society members here were most helpful and as a result of their local knowledge I found details of more family members namely her:

grandmother and grandfather, two uncles, two aunts, her father plus the place where she attended primary school. I paid a visit to this small country two-roomed school, which is still operational, and it was here that I obtained a photo of the class of 1919 with the names of the students printed underneath.

My wife's mother, a brother, and a sister were included in the photograph. This was to be the first pictorial record of the family. School records from this date showed no Smiths enrolling for the years after this date. Just where had the family gone?

My next trip was to Melbourne to check on the electoral rolls from 1920. The family had shifted to a town by the name of Elmore and it was a simple task to find its location and off to this town I travelled. I was to find out that at one time the district around Elmore was very prosperous but at present it is only a shadow of its former glory (due to the drought). A visit to the museum was a bonus. Once more the ladies on duty at the time were more than helpful. They searched the cemetery records and found the location of the graves of both of my wife's grandparents. They had an album of old black and white photos and in one of these photos was a group of Red Cross workers with the names of the ladies underneath. I got excited when I saw the name of one of my wife's aunts.

One of the ladies on duty said 'I knew Hazel, I used to play golf with her, she went to live in Bendigo but I think she has

passed away’.

My next stop was at Bendigo and I had another stroke of luck here. My wife had a brother but unfortunately he was killed as a result of a motor vehicle accident at Kilmore at the tender age of eighteen.

It was then a case of back up on the road to Echuca on the banks of the Murray River. It was at this town that the pieces of the jig saw started to fit. I was to meet a lady from the Echuca-Moama Family History Group who went out of her way to help. She was a master of locating ancestors and a real Pearl.

As a result my score now was two great grandfathers, two great grandmothers, one grandfather, one grandmother, one mother, one father, three uncles, two aunts and one brother.

As yet I have not located any children of any of the uncles or aunts but I will as I have written to the Editors of many Victorian district newspapers asking for

help. When my wife is able to travel once more, I will feel that this trip has been well worth the trouble when I can introduce her to a relative, as they say ‘blood is thicker than water’. Now I would suggest if you are part of the wrinkly class, don’t go looking at tourist spots on your holidays. Take your senior’s card, a list of bed and breakfast establishments, a heap of up to date road maps and go looking for a few ghosts from your closet. There are so many wonderful people out there just waiting to help. I believe they get as much satisfaction out of the chase as does the chaser.

Malcolm was entirely wrong, ‘Life is meant to be easy’.

Neville ‘China’ Johnson

His nickname China was because of his partner at a dance when he was 18 years, was a lass of Asiatic appearance.

Charles Sturt University Regional Archives at Wagga Wagga

The Secretary of Moama / Mathoura Anglican Church Parish Council has kindly provided the Echuca Moama FHG with a copy of the list of records held at the above Location. The list details holdings of: -

Parish of Menindee and Ivanhoe- Marriage Register

Parish of Mathoura Baptism and Service Register, Minute Book

Parish of Moama Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation and Service Register

Saint James Church Moama- Minute book, Cash book Parochial Council Cash Book and Letter Book, Ladies Guild Minutes and Cash Book, Building Committee Minutes, miscellaneous papers

Parish of Walliston-Service Register

All the above are various dates. Document filed in Correspondence Drawer in Charles Sturt University File.

The price of the documents is very competitive with the NSW State charges. \$33 for baptismal, marriage, burial and related records per inquiry inc postage and GST

Also in the file is a Charles Sturt University, Regional Archives ‘**A beginner’s guide to Genealogical Sources Family history research in New South Wales and Australia.** A 12 page publication.

Research Room Duty Roster

For privacy reasons details on this page have been deleted.
Please see printed copy for details.

Members Please Note. Because it is advertised in the press that the room will be open on these dates, it is **MOST** important that it **IS** open and manned. If you are unable to attend please be sure to arrange for someone to take your place. Before leaving the rooms, be sure that **all** the doors are locked - the toilet, the kitchen and the front door. The front door may not lock if slammed too hard, please check that it is locked before leaving.

The down side of middle age, is the knowledge that we will grow out of it.

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Echuca Moama Pioneers Book 4

Entries for Book 4 in the series published by EMFHG are being accepted. If your family were residents of the Echuca-Moama District, you are invited to submit an entry. Entries are to be up to 1000 words, with one photograph. Guide lines are available from the EMFHG at Box 707 Echuca

New Members

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Margaret Wegmann

Welcome to you all.

Would members please remember to notify the secretary when you change your address or your email address. Unclaimed correspondence, because of an incorrect address, is not helpful to either you or the secretary.

Aeroplane Service

It was announced yesterday that the Melbourne-Echuca-Deniliquin-Hay air mail service will be inaugurated within a fortnight. The aeroplanes will carry passengers and mails between each stopping place. Passengers will leave Melbourne at 7.30am and arrive at Broken Hill via Hay at 5.30pm the same day. By train the same journey takes twice as long. The Melbourne business man will breakfast in his home city, lunch at Hay and return to Melbourne at 6pm.

Riverine Herald 1.4.1925

Births, Deaths and Marriages

The first records that we go to when we want to find some of our ancestors' births, deaths or marriages, are the Indexes which have been put out by the Registrar. Hopefully we will be able to find the people that we are looking for on the Compact Disc Indexes as they are so quick and easy to access.

Not always will we have any success as they don't seem to be there, but maybe you have given the full name of perhaps James, when the record only shows Jas, so the computer will not bring up your record. Put in as little information as possible and you are more likely to have success, perhaps just J for the Christian name and then you will get Jas, James, Jos, Joseph and heaps more, but you may just find the one that you are seeking.

If you do not have success on one Index, try an earlier one. There have been at least three publications of the Victorian Indexes and I have proved that some people have been missed off one and appear on a later edition. Or they appear on the original release but don't show up on a later edition. Keep trying and look at all the different Indexes.

Again if you still don't have any success, try the Church in the area in which the family lived, especially for births as most people had their children baptized. I know of one case where the child was not registered at birth and many years later had to get an elderly friend, with whom he had grown up, to make a Statuary Declaration to prove that he had been born. Years later I found the baptism of this gentleman in Church Records which I had been helping to index. If the required time for registration had elapsed, the parents sometimes decided not to bother to register the baby, as a fee had to be paid

for a late registration. Marriages often appear many years after the births of the couple's children, so be prepared for a late marriage and again try the Church Records if you are unable to find them on the Indexes. I know of one couple who didn't marry until after their children were all adults, with many of them being married before the parents.

There are other avenues for deaths such as Church and Cemetery Records. Wills and Probates which will give you a date of death and may lead to an Obituary or death notice in the newspapers of the day. The State Library of Victoria holds a very good collection of city and rural newspapers. If all else fails, try the Inquest Index, as often the family thought that they had filled the official requirements and didn't need to register the death.

Keep searching as you will probably turn up the required information with a lot of

East is east and west is west OR is it?

This week we locals have watched the building on the SW corner of Annesley and Pakenham streets being demolished. As the demolition experts peeled off layer after layer of history there it was for all to see **Echuca East Service Station**.

I always thought that Echuca East started east of the Railway line, but this building is west of the aforesaid railway line but was called East Service station. Perhaps it was because the main part of Echuca was further north than what we experience now.

Did anyone think to take a photo of the declaration 'East Service Station'.

Eagle eye, 20.07.2007

Members' Profiles

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The really frightening thing about being middle age is the knowledge that you will grow out of it.

The Power of the Press

As many fellow researchers at the Echuca and Moama Family History Group may well know I have been busy organising a family reunion for my husbands mothers family which was held in Redesdale, Victoria during Easter 2007. We had a successful day with over 100 descendants in attendance. The reunion celebrated 150 years of the arrival of Bridget Moroney and her three children Mathew, Michael and Mary to the state of Victoria from County Clare in Ireland. Mathew married twice and had 10 children, Michael had 11 and Mary had 10. (Refer to past Bridges and Branches stories, see B&B computer index data base)

At the time of the reunion I had managed to trace over 1000 descendants of these three families covering seven generations and from those 31 first Victorian born descendants I had managed to trace descendants for all but three.

Like most family historians I started with what my husband and myself knew and interviewed older members of the family and continued to contact other members and branches of the family that they knew and so on. We had great success recording the family history and collecting photos by using the family grapevine. We went to the reunion with panels of information and photos of what and who we knew at the time hoping that someone may be able to give us a lead on the three families that we had not been able to track down descendants.

We came home from the reunion none the wiser about our three missing families. At that time I decided to print the family history, as we knew it and call the search at quits, but to be so close to tracing all the descendants and yet be so far was most

frustrating. So I regrouped and decided to give the search one last try. I went back over and over my notes from interviews with older family members and basically started following a few wild hunches and vague leads. Armed with my wallet in hand and the help of two professional researchers, I started collecting copies of death certificates, copies of inquests which gave us dates of deaths. Then I went onto searches of the papers of the day for death notices and obituaries in the various states of Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia.

Now to the **Power of the Press**. Armed with this new found information on my missing three families in regard to places of deaths and/or events I turned to the internet using good old Google. I entered the name of the district or town that I had last found the family listed in our newfound documents. Google would then bring up the name of the current daily newspaper. It was simple then to type a letter to the editor. From Easter 2007 to the 1st June 2007 I have found descendants of all the three families. The quickest response was to one letter I typed last Tuesday 29th May 2007 to a paper in Gosford and I had a reply on the Friday morning 1st June. The other two letters were to "Desperately Seeking" in the Sunday Herald Sun and to "Can you Help" in the West Australian.

This is not the first time that I have had good success by using the press. I had managed to locate several members of family prior to the reunion as well and only recently wrote a letter to editor of our local paper the Riverine Herald. I was hoping someone here may have known of a relative that lived at Mathoura over 30

years ago only to find that the daughter still lived here in Echuca and was someone that we already knew but never knew that we were related. Being an only child of a family that was not from this district she was totally unaware of people that she knew of via her work were actually related to her.

The Moral of the Story - I have found that despite how wonderful the internet has been in my research, never discount the power of the press. You may be surprised as to how many people out there do not own a computer especially the older generations and they are often the ones that we need to extract the memories from and guess what all ours still read the

newspaper every day. **Think About It.**

Yes, the history is going to print as soon as I add these last three families and we are holding another reunion at Redesdale on 20th October 2007 at which the history will be launched.

Happy Researching. Kris Campbell.
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My thanks for two wonderful, very professional and valued record agent/researchers our own Iris Pearce of Picola and also Loreley Morling in Perth. Without their knowledge and skill I would not have found the links to enable me to find my missing descendants. In my opinion money well spent.

Some more information about “A bundle of bones”

I can add another little piece to the puzzle for Lorraine Haines’ article in Bridges and Branches newsletter June 2007.

The Henry Rae she is researching is listed in the Bendigo Hospital computer database compiled by the Bendigo Area of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies.

Henry was admitted on 26th June 1897, age 56, born Canada, and spent 7 days in hospital. His residence is listed as Kerang, with a wife at Kerang as his nearest relative.

There are well over 1 000 000 entries on the Hospital database and hundreds of these would be from the northern areas and along the river, over the river as far as Deniliquin, and many from Echuca itself.

How did they get to Bendigo? By train! A look at any old map soon shows how the

railways radiated north from Bendigo since the 1860’s.

Until the system of Bush Nursing Hospitals was established in local communities there was not much choice for treatment, especially for the poor. A destitute person could get free treatment at Bendigo if they could get a recommendation from the local mayor or church minister.

The AIGS database comprises the full entry from the admittance books and is nearly complete from 1856 to 1938. It is only available for searchers at the Bendigo Library when the AIGS is on volunteer duty, Wednesday afternoons or Saturday mornings.

For queries by mail please send \$5 to “Research Officer” PO Box 145, Bendigo 3552

Rita Hull

The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action.

Echuca or Melbourne?

Henry Hopwood was the recognised Founder of Echuca back in 1853. He was born on 21st May 1813 in Bolton, Lancashire England to Henry Hopwood and his second wife, the former Mary Kelly. When tried for receiving stolen silk at Lancaster Assizes was sentenced on 8th March.1834 to transportation and incarceration in the Antipodes.

It is believed he has no living descendants although he had more opportunity than most of us! He has been well eulogised by the great and humble.

He first married Fanny Wagdin or Walkden nee Roberts in England.

They had a son and named him Henry Edwin Hopwood born on 1st June 1834, three months after his father had been sentenced at Lancaster. Henry Jnr was baptised in St.Peter's Liverpool 15 days later. We are unsure if there was a divorce prior to or after his departure from his native land. Henry had a choppy voyage on the *William Metcalfe* and arrived in Hobart Town a convict, but soon became a policeman. However his misdemeanors landed him in the 'cooler' at Port Arthur for two years. He obtained his Ticket of Leave in 1842 and rejoined the Police Force- no police checks in those days.

Whilst in Tasmania. Henry met an immigrant by the name of Martha Bolton. They had one child Alice Hopwood born in 4th January 1844 in Morven District, Tasmania. He later said her name was Alice Bolton Hopwood.

Martha Bolton, born in Liverpool in 1824, was a resident of Hobart Town when she married a convict by the name of Peter Marley on 6th November 1844.

In February 1845, four months after their marriage Peter Marley assaulted Martha and it would appear that Henry renewed his interest in Martha's care.

Henry had served just 12 of his 14 year

sentence. At sometime around mid 1846 Hopwood made his move to Victoria. Henry Hopwood was 41 years when he married Martha Bolton aged 31years. The happy day was the 6th October1854 at St Johns C/E Melbourne however Martha died on 3rd February1857 just 2½ years later, and is buried in the Church of England Section of the Melbourne General Cemetery.

Henry then married Charlotte Walter in 1860 the 5th daughter of Edward Walter of Radford, Warwickshire. Charlotte outlived Henry and on his death returned to England and married George Grove of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire and died in 1901 aged 74 years. Although Alice Hopwood 23 years married James McCulloch 25 years, a well-known name in the Echuca area, on 27th February 1867, no children were born to the marriage. Alice died 3rd April 1895 aged 51years and was interred in Melbourne General Cemetery.

Henry died aged 55 years (a young man by our present day standards) The event occurred on 1st January 1869 not a good start to a year.

Is it a quirk of fate that a Henry Hopwood was interred in Echuca Cemetery on 3rd January 1869 and a Henry Hopwood was interred in the same grave as Martha Bolton Hopwood, in Melbourne General Cemetery on the 1st January 1869? The headstone inscription at the Melbourne General Cemetery, indicates that Alice, daughter of Henry Hopwood and Martha nee Bolton's, is also buried there. One is left to speculate: Were there two men called Henry Hopwood who died at the same time, or just where is 'our' Henry buried? Family Historians are always reminded a memorial is just that. There may not be a body there.

Pearl Collins

An index to Pearl's collection of Funeral Sheets held in the Resource Room.
For more information contact the Research Officer. *To be continued.*

Surname	Name	Death	Surname	Name	Death
ADAMS	Jolhn Maxwell	19.06.2006	BROWN	John Ian Maxwell	26.03.2004
AHERN	Andrew Patrick	02.02.2003	BROWN	Neil Alexander	07.06.2000
ALEXANDER	Keith	14.08.1999	BROWN	Wanda	30.01.1998
ALEXANDER	Norma Bertha	01.07.2006	BROWN	Edwin Silas	20.05.2007
ALLAN	Ann Catherine	17.06.2007	BURTCHELL	Noel	01.05.1992
ALLAN	George Ronald	08.12.2006	BUTCHER	Elva Jean	05.05.2003
ALLEN	Ronald	05.05.2006	BUTLER	Des	04.04.1999
ALLEZ	David Malcolm	16.06.1997	CAIRNS	Jason Robert	02.10.1992
ANDERSON	David Stuart OAM	28.05.2004	CAMPBELL	Angus	20.02.2006
ANDERSON	Elwyn James	18.04.2004	CARNS	Ronette	09.08.1999
ANDERSON	Richard Hugh 'Ric'	06.11.2002	CARTER	Jean	pre 1999
ASH	Rita	12.05.1999	CEMINO	Edward	05.10.2003
ASHMORE	Graham William	22.08.2004	CHANDLER	Alan	07.06.2005
ATKINSON	Francis William	04.01.2006	CHEATLEY	Mavis Daphne	27.05.2006
ATKINSON	Lilian	14.07.1999	CHRISTIE	Walter David	02.02.2007
BAKER	Alice Jane	00.00.2004	CHRISTY	Cyril Percy	18.01.2003
BALDWIN	Ethel Elizabeth	03.09.2003	CLARK	Melanie Anne	11.01.2003
BANKO	John Arthur	12.11.1986	CLOHESY	Elizabeth May	18.11.1998
BANKO	Mary	09.10.1996	CLOHESY	Beth	18.11.1999
BARNDEN	John 'Howard'	26.07.2005	COLLIER	Edgar Alfred	14.03.2003
BARNES	Alma May	23.12.2006	COLSTON	Neil Leslie	05.01.2006
BEESON	Lola Mary	11.09.2004	COLUMBRO	Emilio	05.04.2005
BEESON	Stan	13.01.2005	COLUMBRO	Maria Antonia	14.06.2005
BERRYMAN	Alexander George	18.11.1999	COMYN	Barbara Marjorie	26.12.1992
BERRYMAN	Ian Henry	06.01.2003	COOPER	Dorothy May	18.11.2005
BERRYMAN	Nellie Mavis	05.05.2005	COOPER	Peter Anthony	18.03.1999
BESANT	Arthur Edmond	01.03.2007	COOPER	Robert Stanley	04.04.2007
BLAY	Kathleen Jean	01.04.2006	CORRY	Aileen Patricia	27.01.2002
BOAL	Neville	23.10.1999	CORRY	Allan Francis	22.11.2005
BOND	Ann (Annie)	11.02.2003	COULSON	William Maxwell	27.12.2002
BOND	Ivan Coleman	21.08.2006	COWLEY	Bryan Scott	28.02.2006
BOYLE	Marjorie Helen	12.12.2004	CROWE	Desmond	20.08.1999
BREMNER	Nancy Claydon	18.02.2007	CULLEN	Stanley	30.01.2007
BRENNAN	William James	00.00.2004	CUNNINGTON	Gilbert Leslie	22.10.1998
BREWSTER	Eva Merle	19.07.2005	CUNNINGTON	Robert Cecil	19.10.1997
BRODIE	John Francis	14.01.2006	CUNNINGTON	Lilian Helen	14.02.2007
BROWN	Alistair	07.11.1997	DANAHER	Joseph Vincent	24.03.2002
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After WW1 my father William Collier who was born in Maldon, worked for the Poxon family of Lake Marmal. Names of the Poxon family I recall hearing about frequently were Janie and Will. Imagine my surprise at finding the Poxon family names in a Visitor's Book owned by the Sinclair family of Nardoo, Bamawm Extension. Dates for visits by Fred and Harold were 14th July 1914 and Janie 19.8.1917. The home farm was called Pleasant Vale, Lake Marmal.

The Guest book was found in the roof space of a home at 11 Ashkanasy Ave., Pascoe Vale by Doug Reeves and handed to the Echuca Historical Society on 2nd May 2007.

Where to now?

Pearl Collins 8.8.2007

Are you a McSeveney or a Henry?

There is a reunion for descendants of John and Margaret nee Henry in Cardwell, North Qld on Sep 28-30 (a holiday in the sun!)

John and Margaret came on the *William Roger* in 1830 and had 13 children

Further details from Tracey Norman P.O. Box 3 Tully Qld 4854 or ph 07 4066 7930. See the Research Manager for further details.

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