



NEWSLETTER of the ECHUCA-MOAMA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

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At other times contact Pearl Collins for information. (5482 1139)

Family History Classes in the New Year.

Family History Classes will be conducted by E-MFHG again in April. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights, from 7.30 to 9.30pm on the 13th, 20th, 27th Apr & 3rd May and Wednesday afternoons, from 1.30 to 3.30pm on the 14th, 21st, 28th, Apr. & 4th May The classes cover a wide range of topics which are a great help, whether you are just beginning your journey or if you are just needing some of fresh inspiration further down the track!

Contact Judy for bookings or more information.

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. Items can be emailed to:pcollins1@iinet.net.au or ksdurrant@ozsky.net or rrkelly@bigpond.com

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President's Report

Welcome to 2010. It is a momentous year for our group as it is our thirtieth anniversary. We have already begun the year with a dinner at the Caledonian Hotel in February. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to get together over a meal and not only catch up with other members but listen to Beverley Spinks from GSV talking about convict history and how to research convict ancestry. We have another celebratory event in June when Eleanor Pugsley from GSV will speak to the group. The committee continues to provide interesting speakers and events for members to participate in and the dinner meeting was well supported because of the speaker, but we cannot always provide the high profile speaker. The committee does want to encourage members to attend most meetings, as we do try to have a variety of activities during the year.

While summer generally is a more quiet time for the research rooms, the research on the net is always busy and over the Christmas break some members of the committee have been working hard to reorganize the rooms to make them more user friendly. We have new book cases, new map drawers that actually hold very large maps, more chairs, more filing cabinets, and of course more resources donated to us. We also have two new notice boards; one is in the kitchen and is for member's notices and the other is in the main room and is for research information. I congratulate all the members who have worked hard on this refurbishment and particularly Lorraine Johnson who has spent many hours organising the resources and leading us so capably in the re organization.

Most members will know that the committee has suggested that the Wicking Index is put on our web site, so that we can attract more research. It is intended to put just the basic details so that people using it for research have to contact us for information. We are also asking members who have a number of generations on their pedigree charts to submit them to Pearl Collins for indexing, as this also assists in research and can help you to find more relatives. Another positive step for members is to submit family names to Shirley Durrant so that they can be put in Bridges and Branches as quite a few members have made contact with other people searching the same families. These names could also appear on our website if you contact Robyn Kelly.

Currently we are acquiring more local maps and the names on the shire maps are being indexed by Pearl and these maps will be numbered so that they are more easily found. You will be able to search by name to find out if and where your ancestors owned land. We have to thank Marjorie Grant for increasing our collection after her visits to PROV, and donations made by other locals. Chris Buckley has spent a few months scanning the stray BDM certificates we have in the rooms and these will be indexed too. The Moama Cemetery project is progressing very well at the moment and we hope to have a progress report in the next Bridges and Branches.

We hope to obtain our new digital micro film reader during April after the committee recommended that we purchase it with a down payment now and a six month time period to pay the balance. We have made arrangements with Technological Micro Data (Aust) to do this. The company will deliver and install and train some of us to use it. The committee has suggested that we raise the extra \$3000 by asking the clubs for a donation, selling debentures that will be refunded later and asking members for donations that will be tax

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deductible. We will be running a raffle too so I would ask members to be generous because many contributions will reduce the overall total.

Judy McCleary

A Mystery Solved on a Missing Link Never give up!

Catherine Lissey Steward (my great great grandmother) arrived in Australia in May 1854 on the Bunyan from Liverpool. UK at the age of 40 years with three of her four children. Matilda Jane 17 years, Caroline Amelia 15 years & my great grandmother) and John Needham 13 years. The eldest Child-Eliza Catherine 20 years, remained in Chelsea, Middlesex. Husband and father John Steward had died in 1847 aged 39 years of consumption. John was coachman for Lord and Lady Essex and Catherine Lissey has been needlewoman for lady Essex.

It was always thought that the child left behind was a male and his occupation a chemist in London, research over the years has been non conclusive - until 2010.

An article placed in June 2005 Bridges & Branches was picked up on the web in the UK resulting in an email to our Group from a Great grandson of the child left behind -Eliza Catherine married to Henry sexton a Chemist & Druggist.

Great grandson Mike has letters that were written to Eliza in 1866/67 and 1877/78 from her family in Ballarat Australia. (These can be seen on Ballarat Genealogy website). Unfortunately. All our family letters, photos and addresses were burnt by my Aunt shortly after my grandparents died in Ballarat in 1944.

Catherine Lissey Steward married William George Ormerod, a miner, at Whroo in 1857. She was a nurse. They moved to Ballarat and both died in 1867, just two months apart. There were no children.

Matilda Jane Steward married Leon Maurice Davis in 1859 at Heathcote. There were no children.

Caroline Amelia Steward (my great grandmother) married John Gedling in 1864 at Sebastopol and they had four children They were only married 6 years when John was killed in a mine explosion in Ballarat in 1870.

John Needham Steward married Sarah Farmer in 1863 at Ballarat and they had 10 children. John ran a Newsagency business in Ballarat. In the 1880s the family moved to Melbourne and ran a greengrocery business in Collingwood.

Eliza Catherine first married Edwin Green in 1854 just four months after his other and siblings arrived in Australia. They had one son. Eliza then married Henry Saxtonin 1869. They had three children. the eldest was Mike's Grandmother. Helen Hastie

A new pedestrian bridge over the Campaspe at Echuca is almost completed. It will join the city centre to the west of the town but most importantly the public can cross it to the Echuca's State Secondary education facilities. It replaces a modest bridge that has served through thick and thin, big floods in the Campaspe and when the river is barely a trickle.

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The next, we hope, is over the Murray.

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Oranges and Lemons Day

An Old Parish Custom Revived

In Clement's

Frank

Inn, the attendants annually were wont to call on each residents of the Chambers in the Inn, presenting them with oranges and lemons, and from whom they expected in return some gratuity. This old parish custom is still remembered today by many, who are living within the sound of the Bells of St. Clement's and undoubtedly originated from the association of the famous Bells of St. Clement Danes with the old Nursery Rhyme. It is interesting to record that Sir Lockwood, who in his early days occupied chambers in Clement's Inn, was himself a recipient of oranges and lemons from the Head Porter of the Inn.

The restoration of the famous Bells in 1919, lead to the revival of the old custom, when the tune of the Children's Nursery Rhyme was added to the Carillon, and 31st March, 1920, was fixed for a special Children's Service, when Oranges and Lemons were presented to

ADMIT TWO

"Oranges and Lemons				
Say the Bells of St. Clemen's"				
ORANGES and LEMONS DAY				
FRIDAY APRIL 3 rd 1936				
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL at 4.30PM				
St. Clement Danes Church, Strand.				
Preacher				

THE BISHOP of ROCKHAMPTON, Queensland, Australia (The Right Rev. Fortescue L. Ash, DD) Handbells will be played by children On leaving the Church each Child will be presented with an Orange and Lemon by little Danish Children It is necessary that Ticket Holders come in good time W. Pennington-Bickford, MA, Rector

The Program, the Ticket and a Rosette were brought home by a family member who attended the Service on the 3rd April 1936. The adults attending the Festival were presented with a lemon rosette with an orange ribbon with St.Clement Danes, Oranges and Lemons Day printed on the ribbon. It is not known if the children received actual fruit or a rosettes.

St Clement Danes was one of 51 churches built in London by Christopher Wren. In 1941 the church was gutted by fire during the London blitz, but it has been completely restored.

Oranges and Lemons Day is still celebrated each March with the children from the nearby Church of England Primary School attending the service, and each is presented with an orange and lemon as they leave.

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Charles Yeaman A Survivor

168 years ago on the 14th June 1841, my Great great grandfather, Charles John Yeaman 36 years and his wife Euphemia (nee Craig) 34 and their six children, Archibald 11, Charles 8, Mary Watson 6, George 4, and 11 month old twins William and Elizabeth boarded the barque *India* in Greenock, Scotland bound for Port Philip. Little did they know what an adventure this would turn out to be.

The third-mate and one of the boys were drawing off spirits when a candle fell on some spilt rum and caught fire. The flames spread rapidly and soon the ship was totally ablaze. Fortunately, luck was on their side, a French whaling ship, the *Roland* was only 11 miles away and observed their plight and came to their aid. In the meantime the first boat launched from India capsized with the rush of people trying to escape the flames, resulting in the loss of many lives.

The spread of the flames on the India forced those on board to the bowsprit where they dropped into the water and were rescued by the *India's* lifeboats and then transferred to the lifeboats from the *Ronald* and conveyed to the French ship. There is a dramatic painting of the *India* in the State Library of Victoria showing the survivors dropping into the sea before being rescued.

The survivors were left with only the clothes they wore and in many cases they were conveyed to the *Ronald* naked where the French sailors gave them their flannel shirts to wear.

Today it is hard to imagine the terror of being on a burning ship, hundreds of miles from land, with six children, two of whom were babies. They were indeed were lucky to survive.

Survive they did and the French whaler

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took them to Rio de Janiero where the British Consul took charge of the situation and used the resources of the British Government to care for the passengers, they were kindly treated and comfortably lodged on an island in the harbour of Rio until the continuation of their voyage to Port Philip. They finally reached Port Philip on board the *Grindley* on 22nd October 1841. Local Historian, Helen Coulson also had forebears on the *India* and I am grateful for the information she has shared with me.

The Yeaman family began their new life in Melbourne where Charles established a shoemaking business in Little Bourke Street using a set of shoe making tools sent out by his uncle to replace those lost in the fire.

By 1847 the family had moved to Darebin Creek and later north to Carlsruhe, near Kyneton, to farm. Charles and Euphemia remained at Kyneton and are buried in the Kyneton Cemetery.

Their second eldest son Charles ventured further north and selected 1500 acres of land at Tennyson in the 1870s. He married Sarah Paynter and they had eight sons and four daughters. Charles, Sarah (married William Rigby), Euphemia (married Charles Sims), Robert, John, Alexander, Archibald, Andrew, Edward (my Grandfather), Frances, Barbara (married John Steen), Elizabeth (Annie) (married David Anderson).

The descendants of some of these still live in the district including Yeamans, Sims, Majors and Fimmels.

Although Edward moved to "Bonnie Doone" at Echuca West when he married he continued to farm at Tennyson. He had four sons, Vern, Frank, Ken and Leslie and one daughter, Rita. "Bonnie Doone"

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was divided amongst the four sons after Edward's death.

Part of the original property at Tennyson

was still held by Leslie until his death and is still owned by his wife Dorothy. *Kay Wearne*

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Another Bridge in the Murray Shire

Taylors Bridge (without the apostrophe) at an all up cost of \$451,144 is on the Cornalla Road. It was opened recently by Brian Burge a long time local, assisted by Mayor Brian Sharp to cut the ribbon. The new bridge replaces an old deteriorated timber structure, which had served the district for many years. After it fell into disrepair, a bypass was constructed to enable residents to continue using the road. This proved to be one of the few benefits of the current drought with no floods to restrict access. Completion of the project reduces Council's liability exposure as there are only three timber bridges remaining in Murray Shire. The floods can come whenever they like now because residents have another means of crossing the waterway with the new Taylors Bridge. What you need to know is, there are two Taylors Bridges over Taylors Creek. Could be a bit confusing.

A photo of the structure is in The Enterprise December 2009 the official magazine of the Murray Shire Council. You may want to take a drive and inspect it for yourself.

Pearl Collins

New Members

Maree Power ts Nicola Snell Robert Steele

Welcome to you all.

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Kevin Davis

Nigel Roberts

Bridget Groves (Griffiths): A Convict Ancestor.

My maternal great grandmother, Jane Groves, was born in Woorndoo, Victoria in 1874, to George Groves and Ellen Dixon. I had discovered that Ellen was the daughter of convicts and researched their story but I had never traced much of her father's side. From Jane's marriage certificate I knew that George was a drover. His death certificate recorded that he had been born in Portland in 1844 and he had lived in Victoria all his life. His father was William Groves and his mother's details were unknown. His marriage to Ellen was noted, but no age or date given, and their children; Jane, George, William, Elizabeth and Ellen were recorded. Years ago, I copied down from the Early Church Records fiche of Victoria - Baptisms from 1844-53, Book 1, that a George Groves (1850/43374) was baptised in the Church of England in the Portland district, son of William Groves and mother Bridget Griffith. Unable to find George and Ellen's wedding certificate at the time, I couldn't be sure that this George Groves was ours. Ironically, if I had found it, it would have been confusing with several false pieces of information to conceal family secrets but that is another story...

Recently, I read an article on the Internet about Jane's brother, William Groves, a pioneer of the Merino district who served in WWI and it gave me a link to George's brother, also a William and his marriage certificate. In 1856, William Groves, a stockman, who gave his age as 21, had married a house servant, Emma Pettingill, at Tarrone Station, near Port Fairy. His parents were William Groves and Bridget Griffiths. William had been born in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). This was the link I needed.

I went to the Archives Office of Tasmania site and their Family Links Database. I typed their names and found that they were married in Hobart in 1836 and their children were Mary Ann and Elizabeth both born in 1834 and William, who was born in 1837. Given the early date, I checked the Convict Permission to Marry, site and learned that Bridget Griffiths (America) was a convict. She was granted permission to marry William Groves who was "Free" at the time, on 3 November, 1836. Next, I checked the list of Convicts, found her ship and date and up came her record details- CON 140-1-3, CON 27-1-1 and CON 19-1-12. The Tasmanian Convict records have been digitised so I was able to download the details and read the original records.

Bridget Griffiths is Convict No 28485 on the Archives of Tasmania Database, who arrived in Hobart on the America on 9 May, 1831. She was tried at Middlesex on 16 September, 1830 and transported for 7 years. Bridget's Conduct Record is -CON 140-1-3. At the top corner in a different coloured pen, her name, trial date, crime and sentence are written along with "single- one child". The main section records offences in Tasmania such as March 8, 1832, "Milne/being an absentee found in a house in Liverpool St in company with 4 men- cell 6 days." On July 3, 1832 she was drunk and referred to the Female House of Corrections and on the 9th of that month, for "leaving her service without permission to be placed at the Wash Tub" at the Female Factory for one month. In November, she is sent "to

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the interior". In 1833 she is "returned to the Female Factory being pregnant" The next note is on February 23rd 1835 for "getting a man into her bedroom after the family had retired for the night" She is recorded as "C Class" for 6 months. This is the worst of the three classifications given to female convicts. Again in February 1836 she is to be assigned to the interior.

An Appropriation List (CON 27-1-1) describes her in 1834 as 20 years old, a house servant with "child in arms" recorded in the column. Her Description List (CON19/1/12) describes Bridget as being 5'4" tall, with dark brown hair, thin brown eyebrows, a medium sized head, a fresh complexion, blue eyes, a small nose with a short chin and freckles. In large writing next to her name is written "Dublin", which would appear to have been her birthplace.

"Tried at Middlesex" means the Old Bailey. I was feeling very fortunate at the information which is now readily available to family researchers, free of charge and online. I had the key details of her name and the date of her trial so I went to www.oldbaileyonline.org. where you can browse the transcripts of the trials. I learned that Bridget Griffiths, aged 19, was charged on the 12th of July 1830 with stealing a significant number of house contents which were the goods of Farinton Stephens, including; a bed, bolsters, blankets, curtains, a flat iron, a tea tray, cups, saucers, jug, saucepan, plates and pictures. She pleaded guilty to the offence of simple larceny and was transported for 7 years.

To return to Victoria in the 1840's, Bridget had served her sentence and the family was living in the Portland area in

1844, when George was christened. I viewed Victoria's BDM Historical Indexes looking for a death for Bridget Groves, wondering what became of her. I only found one match which fitted the known details which was in 1851. Given the early date, the records were briefonly one line. Bridget Groves died on the 13th October in Melbourne, aged 37 and was buried on the 16th. There was a note-"relative of George Groves". The dates rang a bell and so I checked my old exercise book and found that when I had recorded details about George's christening years ago, I had written -"Argus BDM Index-15 October 1851 Bridget Groves- Death- Manslaughter: 16 October. Coroner's Inquest and 18 October: Adjourned Inquest." It certainly pays to jot down any details about someone who appears to be a relative because their significance is often not understood until later.

I decided to Google "Bridget Groves Argus Inquest 1851" and amazingly up came the copy of page 2 of the paper for Thursday 16th October, 1851 with a column beside the transcript setting out the information. There was indeed a Coroner's Inquest held in Bourke St into the death of Bridget who "resided in the notorious Vinge's Lane". The jury observed marks to the right side of the body caused by "Jim" with whom she was cohabiting. The article reports that Bridget and her daughter were talking with Ellen Roberts- the witness presentwhen Jim approached and "asked her for a shilling which after some time she gave him and then followed him into the lane and proceeded to her own house: witness and deceased's daughter followed: the man turned back and met deceased, and

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witness shortly afterward saw her fall, and the little girl cried out- "Oh he has killed my mother". Witness ran to the deceased and lifted her up, and the girl picked up a paling which was lying near her, saying "this is what he struck my mother with." The man ran away immediately the deceased fell, and witness assisted her into bed." Bridget complained all night of the pain in her right side, had "great difficulty of breathing" and "the next day she had several convulsive fits". Ellen remained with her until Sunday afternoon when she "seemed better...The following day, the deceased's little boy came to witness and told her of the death of his mother." Ellen testified that she had known Bridget for 6 years and "She was not a healthy woman, and was subject to epileptic fits" The Coroner pointed out to the jury the impossibility of arriving at a correct verdict." The inquiry was postponed till the following Friday. However, by then Bridget had been buried and no further mention is made of the case in the Argus.

The story matches Bridget's details- the dates fit for the time she would have been in Victoria, the age matches the appropriation list of 1834 and it fits with

the kind of lifestyle she had led in Tasmania. It would explain George as the relative on the death certificate- as brief as it was- for he, even though a young child of seven, was the one who told of his mother's death. She is one of only three Bridget Groves mentioned on the Vic BDM index and the other two can be discounted due to their ages and year of entry. George's father William, who was estranged from his mother by the early 1850's, could well be the man of that name who died at Ararat in 1881. He dead apparently was found of inflammation of the lungs "about 1st August" and no details were known of his background at the Magistrate's Inquiry on the 4th of August. The entry is on a page of reports by Constable Dwyer of Ararat. George himself died of haemorrhaging of the lungs, at Minyip in 1910, aged 66 and was buried at Ararat. Jane, much loved and known to all as "Gran", died at Sunshine in 1957 and is buried with her mother and father at Ararat Cemetery. It is surprising what long forgotten stories re-emerge thanks to primary source material on the Internet and some luck in finding that helpful piece of the puzzle.

Kaye McFarlane

Did you know?

That the last surviving passenger of the SS Titanic has passed away aged 97yrs Millvina Dean was a tiny baby on the night the ship hit an iceberg and sank in the Atlantic Ocean in April 1912. Her family was to begin a new life in the US.

An honorary president of the British Titanic Society, Millvina was recently in the news when he stated the film Titanic contributed towards her care home costs after hearing she had been forced to sell personal momentoes to raise funds. PFH July 2009 p7

The Echuca - Moama FHG is prepared conduct cemetery walks at the Echuca and the Moama cemeteries, on request. For more information about Group or individual bookings contact Pearl 5482 1139 or Shirley 5482 4632

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Advertise!

Don't be alarmed, it mightn't cost you a cent! As we proceed with our research on various lines, we inevitably come to a dead end (pun not intended) it's the time to advertise. Don't turn the page- this is for you. Never underestimate the power of the written word. Let me list avenues you can employ which are free.

1 Use you own family history Group. If you need help ask one of the editorial team of Bridges and Branches. Generally it is easier to read if you write starting with the earliest known information and follow the line through but don't make it laborious. Keep it short and to the point. Don't ask too many questions in one letter. Once you make a contact then you can fire away! Provide some interesting snippet of information you can verify, the readers may not have known. They will keep reading

2 Use the newspaper of the area as a letter to the Editor. Same principle, information in a chronological line starting with the earliest. I use an opening sentence such as 'Like many people researching their family details, I wonder if you can help me?' They will keep reading on. Everyone likes to be of use. Be sure to provide your postal address, phone number and email address. I have never had a crank call or letter

3 If you belong to an organisation in the area of your investigation- a family history group, an historical society, or a community newspaper.

4 Do you belong to an interstate or overseas group? You need to remember editors are always looking for interesting items to fill the pages.

Success: I've had plenty.

1 Found the family history written in 1911 by my g'g'father's brother in Canada, Dr Thomas C. Stockon

2 Found the Morrison history (g'g'mother's sisters line) in Geraldine in New Zealand

3 Had a researcher do all the work on my father's half sister's husband's line (still with me?), and found my half cousin.

4 Found my husband's g'g' g'father's 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} marriages and their families and photos. But more importantly I was able to tell them where there ancestors were buried and point out the tombstones. And that's only the start.

Turn your computer on, compose your letter to the Editor, and email it today. Be sure to file a copy.

Pearl Collins

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Marriage a Passport to Respectability

At the Moama Police Court yesterday the presiding magistrate adjourned the application of John W. Day for a publican's license because the applicant was not a married man. Should Mr Day venture within the fatal bonds of matrimony within one month, he will evidently find grace and favor in the eyes of the police magistrate at Moama, who appeared to regard him as cleared from the hostile imputations raised by the police against his character as a worthy member of society if married.

Riverine Herald 5th December 1874

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	The Moama	Cemetery	Records Proj	ject'	
Surname	Name	Born	Born at	Died	Died at
Abbey	Isabella		Rochester	1900	
Abbott	Annie			1886	Timor
Abbott	Elizabeth			1876	Moama
Abbott	William Henry	1884	Timor	1922	Echuca
Aberdeen	James			1887	Moama
Abraham	Henry David	1890	Fitzroy Sth		
Acheson	Annie Eveline	1866	Tongala		
Acheson	Eliza Jane		Armagh		
Acheson	Lily Elizabeth	1889	Tongala		
Ackland	Peter	1869	Winchelsea		
Ackland	Sophia	р	Devonshire		
Adair	Emma		Cork		
Adair	Jessie	1883	Echuca		
Adair	Louisa	1879	Echuca		
Adair	Thomas Isaac	1884	Lint	1894	
Adair	William Mahany	1889	Echuca		
Adair	William Mahany		Cork		
Adams	Albert Ernest	1868	Sandhurst		
Adams	Albert William		Echuca		
Adam	Mary Helen	1873	Echuca		
Abbey	John Knox				
Acheson	Robert		Armagh		
Ackers	Flossie McL				
Ireland	Ann Maunder		Devonshire		

Do you know where they were buried??? If you can help with information about the place of burial any of the above, please call Anita on 043 999 2767. or email details to <u>emfhg9@hotmail.com</u> or write to PO Box 707, Echuca 3564, Any help with this very large project would be appreciated.

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Anthony James O'Dwyer Mayor of Echuca 1897-1899

Anthony James O'Dwyer, b. 24 Oct 1867, Huntly, Victoria, Australia; d. 25 Apr 1957, and is buried at White Hills, Bendigo. He was the son of emigrant John Fitzpatrick O'Dwyer arriving from Co Clare Ireland in 1855, and Margaret MacGrath emigrant abt 1850 (as a child) from Tinnakilly Co Wicklow

They married at St Killian's Bendigo. (Sandhurst) Victoria October1866. Anthony was their first son and named for his grandfather in Ireland

He was a promising solicitor, taken on by Judge Casey who is known to be a relation, and who travelled out to Australia with his father. Anthony was Mayor of Echuca 1897-1898 & 1898 - 1899. He is listed in the Echuca directories as a practising solicitor from 1895 -1915. A newspaper article, possibly the *Riverine Herald*, said he was also a commissioner of the Borough Water Trust, vice president of the Echuca District hospital, vice president of the local Mechanics Institute and a member of the committee of the Echuca Agricultural Society. He was connected with most of the sporting institutions of the town. He had lived in Echuca for 7 years when he became mayor and had been a councillor on the Echuca Borough Council for 3 years before that.

More about Anthony James O'Dwyer:

He was educated at Bendigo High School, and was articled as law clerk to W.J. Casey, Collins St. Melbourne. . He passed the exams. as a solicitor, before he was 21.

Between 1895 - 1915, he was practising in Echuca as solicitor.

It was believed he was instrumental in closing down a few "brothels in town" but this may be an amusing "story" put about by his nieces and nephews.

He died without issue.

There is more detailed history of his parents and ancestors available and held by the Huntly family history society (and myself). Of his nieces and nephews it is known many served Australia well in their chosen professions

Submitted by *Pat Roberts* (wife of an O'Dwyer descendant) patfamhist@aol.com

Here lies a poor woman who always was tired She lived in a house where help was not hired. Her last words on earth were - "Dear friends, I am going, To where there's no cooking, nor washing nor sewing; But everything there is exact to my wishes; For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes. I'll be where loud anthems will always be ringing, But having no voice I'll be quit of the singing. Don't mourn for me now - don't morn for me never I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever."

How's this for a great epitaph?

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