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NEWSLETTER

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Well, we have finally got around to getting the second of our News Letters out. It is hoped that this publication will be of some help and interest to our members, as well as anyone else that may read it.

THE LATTER DAY SAINTS.

The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Inc., is located at 50 E. North Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah. 84150. United States. It is one of the most active Genealogical organizations in the world. Although it was founded to assist Church members in compiling their own trees, it is also opened to the general public. The society had a world-wide range of data, ranging from family genealogies to various histories of countries. In Victoria, the Latter Day Saints have a Genealogical Centre, located at 185 Westgarth St., Northcote. Its hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday, 6.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Exactly what is held there, I don't know. They do have a few micro-fische viewers and records. They also have an index of the General Registrar held at St. Catherine's House, London.

The Latter Day Saints have a micro-fische viewer and records, held at their Traralgon Branch. This is situated in Kosciuszko St., next to Kildare College. Eventually it is hoped to have a Genealogical section, set up to that in Northcote. For an appointment to visit the church, you can ring Mrs Tainton on . Don't be put off if someone answers 'La trobe Valley Refrigeration', as it is the right number. There is no set charge for the use of the micro-fische, but you can give a donation to cover the cost. Please note that the machine has no print out and any information gathered has to be written down by hand. The plates have most counties of England and Wales. There are quite a few foreign countries. I even found some miscellaneous records of Australia, that Mrs. Tainton didn't know about. These Australian ones mainly referred to New South Wales and Victoria, dating from 1800 - 1910 (not to sure). There is also a micro-fische located over at Korumburra. Mrs. Joan Alger, 25 Peterson St., Korumburra, is in charge of this one. In a couple of months, Mrs. Tainton hopes to have the new plates which will have over six million names on it. The present ones have about sixty thousand names. What a difference!

GERMAN BACKGROUNDS.

Did you know that in South Australia, during World War One, quite a large percent of the population with German Backgrounds changed their surnames. An alphabetical index of names changed by Deed Poll from 1916 are held by the General Registrar Office, Torres Building, Victoria Square, Adelaide, South Australia. The cost to search the index is about \$1.20. The index has both the former and new surname.

POLISH RESEARCH.

Anyone with a Polish Background, please note that there is a Polish Genealogical Society in the United States. The address is 984 North Milwaukee Ave, Chicago. Illinois. 60622. It is asked that you put in a self-addressed envelope and three International Reply Coupons.

NON-SHIPING GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES HELD BY THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF VICTORIA. 57 Cherry Lane, Laverton. 3028. Phone: 399 3244.

Indexes Held

Port Phillip - Return of Schools	1842-1849
Port Phillip - Electoral Roll	1848-1849
Port Phillip.- Census	1836, 1838, 1841.
Melbourne Electoral Roll	1847
Naturalizations	1851-1900.
Public Servants.	1836-1975
Denominational Schools - List of Pupils	1842-1962
Common Schools - Teachers Exams	1836-1872
Inquests	1841-1962

Insolvencies	I84I-I87I
Criminal Trial Briefs	I84I-I870
Capital Case Files	I84I-I956
Police Magistrates Correspondence	I836-I839
Superintendents Correspondence	I839-I843
Colonial Secretary's Correspondence	I85I-I856
Chief Secretary's Correspondence	I856-I945
Selection Files - Land Act I869 Section 3I	
Selection Files - Land Act I865 Section 42	
Selection Files - Land Act I869 Section 49	
Will, Probate and Administration Papers	I84I-I889
Railway Employees	I899, I905
Lunatics	I870-I906
Criminal Record Books	I84I-I946
Teachers Roll	I88I

Other Record Groups of Interest not Indexed

Will, Probate and Administration Papers	I890-I970
Criminal Trial Briefs	I87I-I956
Police Muster Rolls	I87I-I973
Admission Papers - Lunatics	I880's-
Convict Indents	I830-I842
Insolvency Papers	I87I-I928
Selection Files - Land Acts - Various	
Commissioner of Crown Lands - Correspondence	I839-I860
Records of Mining Registrars, Wardens, etc,	I850's-

CERTIFICATES IN VICTORIA

Well, well, these prices have taken another creepy rise, as from the 6th. July, I98I. It is ridiculous the way these have gone up. It is nice, how we are informed of such a rise - a notice with your letter of the extra amount you now owe the Government Statist! The new fees are as follows:

	Category "A"	Category "B"
<u>Civil Records(I853to date)</u>		
For each search in any one name extending over a period not exceeding five years and issue of an <u>extract of entry ...</u>	\$7.00	\$3.50
For each additional search of five year, or part thereof...	\$7.00	\$3.50
For each search in any one name extending over a period not exceeding five years and issue of a <u>certified copy</u> of an entry...	\$I4.00	\$7.00
For issue of each additional certified copy of the same entry...	\$7.00	\$3.50
For issue of a certified copy of an entry when the official registration is quoted...	\$7.00	\$3.50

Category "A" relates to searches and certificates of events which occurred less than 75 years before the date of application.

Category "B" Relates to searches and certificates of events which occurred 75 years or more before the date of application.

Early Church Records (I837-I853).

For each search and issue of an Extract of Entry	\$3.50
For each search and issue of a certified copy of an Entry	\$7.00

The requested document will be forwarded as soon as possible but may not be despatched for up to seven days after receipt of appropriate fees and sufficient information to locate the relevant entry.

Priority Issue and Service

Additional fee for urgent issue of extracts and certified copies of entry...	\$I3.50
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When documents are urgently required, their despatch within twenty four hours of receipt of normal fees and adequate information may be secured by payment of an additional priority fee of \$I3.50 each document.

THE RUSSELL'S OF TOONGABBIE.

The Russell family, consisting of three or maybe four brothers, came from Scotland, and settled in Toongabbie in the 1860's. Two brothers, John and William Russell with their party from Tarraville, were credited with the discovery of gold at the Russell's Creek diggings in 1860, although controversy raged at the time whether they were the actual discoverers. John Russell then moved to Toongabbie, where he established a Blacksmith's shop in 1865. In 1867 Russell selected land, possibly in the Tyers area and later sold the Blacksmith's shop to another brother David. John died in Traralgon in 1903 and is buried at Toongabbie in the Russel family plot. David Russell, born in Scotland in 1839, married Elizabeth McKenzie and migrated to South Australia in 1865 and then, crossed to Victoria in 1869. He took over his brother's business and also, selected land for himself in the vicinity. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters. One of the sons, David Smith Russell (my Great-Grandfather), eventually took over the Blacksmith shop and kept it until about 1920. From there, he went to the Nambrok area, near Sale, where the family ran the local Post Office and Telephone Exchange, as well as the blacksmith shop alongside. Another son, William Barrie Russell, went to Drouin and established a Blacksmith and Wheelwright's business there. I don't know much about this man except that he, his wife, and two infant sons are buried at the Drouin cemetery. The third son, John Russell, went to Orbost where he, also, established a Blacksmith's shop, in about 1890. At the same time he rented a farm where he milked cows before and after his long days at the Smithy. John Russell became a major landholder in the area and helped establish the local pig industry. He was a Director of the Orbost Butter factory for 52 years, and Chairman for 9 years, so he played a major part in the development of the dairy industry. John Russell married and had a large family whose descendants, I believe, still live in the Orbost area. I would be very interested in finding descendants of the Russell family, who may possess information, old photographs, or documents which I could borrow and copy.

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QUERIES

Dickson: Alexander Rowan. Came to Australia aged 4 from Linlithgow, Scotland. Arrived at Geelong on the "Bride of the sea" in 1854. Resided with parents at Geelong until approx. 1866. Then Ballarat until 1873, then lived at Inglewood. Married Elizabeth Longston at Sandhurst, 1879 (Bendigo). Took a grant of land at Wychitella (Near Inglewood & Wedderburn), resided there till approx 1900. May have moved back to Ballarat round 1900? Following children so far known: James born Wychitella, 1883.

William John born Wychitella, 1883.

Alexander Rowan Henry born Wychitella, 1885. Died at Inglewood in 1885, buried in the Inglewood cemetery.

Nothing more is known of this family after 1900. Any further information gratefully accepted.

Dickson: Somerville: Magdalena Dickson came to Aust. aged 13 from Linlithgow, Scotland. Arrived at Geelong on the "Bride of the Sea" in 1854. Married at Geelong in 1861 to Alexander Somerville. Moved to Ballarat 1866. Alexander Somerville was employed as a clerk. Family lived at Doveton Street Ballarat. Following children were: Charles, born 1862, dec? Alexandrina b. 1863. Jane Ellen, 1866. Magdalena 1869. Eliza 1870. Francis 1872. Alexander 1874. Agnes 1877. Grace 1879. James 1881.

Alexander Somerville died in December of 1884, and is buried in the New Cemetery, Ballarat. Age 47.

Any further information about his wife & children gratefully accepted.

Little: David Samuel Little. Came to Aust. on the ship "Greyhound" in 1862. Employed as a bootmaker. Married Mary Francis Hartigan at

Geelong in 1882. Aged 26 years. Lived at McKillop St., Geelong. By 1897 David Little, his wife Mary & four of their children were all deceased. (William, Albert, Arthur & Harold.) Leaving two children. David Michael, age 13 Years & Constance Mary age 10 Years. Any further information or leads on these two children much appreciated.

Any one with any information, or any descendants of the above families please contact J. G. Rogers, 68 Hennessey St., Moe. 3825.

SOME NAMES AND AREAS MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

Graham - Hoodrock; Trafalgar / Melbourne.
Rake - Mayall; Barham (N.S.W.) / England.
Bullelt - North Devon.
Harrison - Mt. Jeffcott / Brighton / Lethbridge / Durham.
Toward - Scotland.
Knuckley - Wycheproof.
Cox - Qlds / Cambridge / London.
Edmunds - Somerset.
Thirkell - Surrey.
Pendlebury - Rosedale / Mt. Gambier (S.A.)
Dald - Adelaide.
Hopkins - London.
Macreadie - Willung / Ireland.
Waite - Heyfield / Ireland.
Clarke - Morwell / Ballarat / Ireland.
Hatten - Broken Hill (N.S.W.)
Rawlings - Moe / Tasmania.
Perkins - Mt. Moriac.
Nielsen - Coburg / Warragul / Denmark.
Langdon - Falkland Is.
Paice - Falkland Is. / Hampshire.
Greenlees - Gilberton / Dulwich / Adelaide / Berth.
Harrison - Kading / Adelaide.
Fosdike - Woodbridge (Eng.)
Wickens - Marchand.
Postlewaithe - Melbourne
Johnson - Dorset.
Kellam - Rochester / Lockington / Healesville.
Bush - Trafalgar / Strathbogie / Somerset.
Baensch - Germantown.
Chessels - Somerton.
Prater - Great Shefford (Berkshire)
Buckley - Lancashire (U.S.A.)
Warden - Yorkshire.
Davies - Brunswick / Carlton / Africa.
Wilson - Heyfield / Strathferd / Nth. Ireland.
Robinson - Staffordshire Reef (Vic) / Talbot / England.
Maxwell - Sale / Maffra / Stratford.
Laidlaw - Geelong / Wanlockhead (Scot).
Little - Geelong / Liverpool (Eng);

O'Brien - Rutherglen / Northcote.
Bibby - Ballarat / England.
Carr - Rokewood / Tasmania.
Collins - Hertshire.
Snell - Devon.
Johnston - Morwell / Scottsdale / Black River (Tas).
Parry - Clunes / Tasmania.
Nuthall - Eaglehawk.

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