

No. 3. - December 1981

The Mid Gippsland group has now completed its first full year of operation. Our final meeting of the year was held on November 26th. This was also our Annual General Meeting and the incoming office-bearers for 1982 are:-

Chairman:	Mr. Frank Robinson	
First Vice Chairman:	Mrs. Dawn Cowley) also Program
Second Vice Chairman:	Mr. Don MacReadie) Organizers
Secretary:	Miss. Karen Bush	
Treasurer:	Mrs. Mavis Lynch	
Press Secretary:	Mrs. June Douglas	
Librarian:	Mrs. Gay Rogers	
Editorial Staff:	Mrs. Lyn Gorman	
	Miss. Julie Stevens	
	Mr. Frank Robinson	

Financial Report - A.G.M.

Balance Sheet 1980/81

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Meeting Collections	120.02	Petty cash	75-00
Sales - Ancestor for Aust. family history sheets	93-50	Remitted to Genealogical soc.	76-00
Misc. collections - Badges, Bookloans	39-00	Purchase of Publications	7-00
		Badges and postage	35-92
		Bank charges	20-00
		Balance at Bank	38-60
	<u>252-52</u>		<u>252-52</u>

Thanks go to the outgoing executives for the effort they put into the formation and establishment of our group. The first year of a group such as ours involves a great deal of groundwork, and the task our 1981 executives undertook was not an easy one. With a membership of around 50 our group is now well established. The November meeting wound up with a lovely supper to conclude the year's activities.

SCOTTISH CERTIFICATES

Scottish certificates are available from General Register, House of Scotland, New Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT.

Fees for searches and extracts

1. Particular search : A particular search is a search for a specified entry made by a member of the General Register Office staff. Such a search can be undertaken only if sufficient identifying information is supplied.

Statutory registers of births, deaths, marriages and adoptions. Parish registers (pre 1855) and census records (1841-1891) See note (a).

- First or only extract of entry following particular search £ 4-00
- Second or any subsequent extract of the same entry issued at the time £ 1-50
- Abbreviated certificate of birth. See note (b) £ 2-00
- Particular search in the indexes to the statutory registers where specified entry untraced for each period of 5 years or part thereof. £1-30
- Particular search in the Parish registers where specified entry untraced for each period of 5 years or part thereof £ 2-00
- Particular search in the census records where specified entry untraced for each census searched. £ 2-00

2. General search: A general search is a search, over any period of years for any number of entries, made by any member of the public. Applicant must be age 16 or over. Statutory registers of births, deaths, marriages and adoptions. Parish registers (pre 1855) and census records (1841-1891) See note (a).

- General search in the indexes to the statutory registers £ 4-50 (per day or part thereof)
- General search in the parish registers or census records £ 3-00 (per day or part thereof).

Inclusive Fees

Search in the indexes to the statutory registers, in the parish registers, and in the census records (1841-1891) :-

per day or part thereof	£ 5-75
per week	£ 13-50
per month	£ 40-00
per quarter	£ 78-50

Extract of an entry ordered during the period for which a general search is valid is £2-00.

NOTES

(a) Searches are permitted in and extracts are issued from the 1881 and 1891 census records on condition that no information derived from them is published without the permission of the Registrar General.

(b) Abbreviated certificate shows only the name and surname of the person, date and place of birth, and sex.

Cost of certificates when applied for by post - St. Catherine's House:
For full certificates of Birth, Death or Marriage £ 8-50
For a short certificate of birth £ 6-50

BRITISH BIRTHS AND DEATHS AT SEA

1837-1980 - Birth and death records held at St. Catherine's House.
1854-1891 - P.R.O. London.
1895-1952 - Baptisms and burials held at Guildhall Library, London.

IRISH CENSUS RETURNS

Public Records Office, Four Courts, Dublin 7, Republic of Ireland, has census records for years 1901 and 1911. If you wish to obtain these, the cost is approx. 10 p. per page, plus postage.

N.S.W. POLICE RECORDS

For information on the police records of policemen in N.S.W.:
R.M. Cawthray, Sergeant 1st Class, abs. Inspector,
Public Relations Branch, Box 45, G.P.O. Sydney, 2001.

PRE 1841 RECORDS FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

These are available from the Adelaide Archives. Pre 1842 records for S.A. are still in individual record books for each church.

INGLEWOOD, VICTORIA.

The Weekly Times of 27-8-81 featured an article on Inglewood and has a photo of a couple who are local historians. Also Mrs. A.E. Morrison, P.O. Box 43, Wycheproof for information on that area.

ARMY RECORDS

Available from: Central Army Records Office, 366 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.

GEELONG AREA

Geelong Historical Record Centre: Mr. N. Houghton, Lt. Malop Street, Geelong.

TASMANIA

"Hobart Town First Settlers Association".

This association was formed by people who could trace their ancestry to those who sailed from Spithead, England on either the 'Calcutta' or the 'Ocean' on 24th April 1803. Lieutenant-Colonel David Collins, who was to lead an expedition which led to the foundation of Hobart Town was aboard. Anyone who can claim to be descended from the passengers of these ships is eligible for membership. The cost is approx. \$6-00. Write to The Secretary, Mr. R. Lord, 4 Seaview Avenue, Tarooma, Tasmania. 7006.

SHIPPING RECORDS IN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES1. Passenger Lists: incoming; overseas and interstate.

(a) Lists of people arriving in S.A. from overseas parts, incomplete and mostly from unofficial sources 1836-45. These lists were compiled by many different agencies - the amount of data supplied is very limited but varies according to the compiler. Often the sources do not give forenames or initials, names of wives and children, place of origin, age or indicate family relationships.

Ref: various. see index referred to below.

Index: all sources indexed in one volume arranged by name of passenger.

Reference: 1048

(b) Official lists mainly of immigrants arriving in S.A. under U.K. assisted passage schemes : 1847-86.

Not all lists have survived. All lists give passengers names, most give ages, occupation and marital status, while some give county of origin. Passenger lists held in London relating to these voyages were destroyed in 1900.

Ref: 313.

Indexed by name of passenger.

Reference: 313 index.

(c) Index of passenger lists of ships arriving in S.A. from overseas published in newspapers 1846-87.

The newspapers to which this index refers are held in the Newspaper Section of the State Library *, together with a copy of the index. The passenger lists appearing in newspapers are very incomplete, they include many unassisted passengers and German immigrants. Personal details about individuals are rarely given - the lists often omit forenames and initials.

Ref: quote the title given above.

(d) Official lists of immigrants arriving in S.A. from Hamburg 1851-86.

Not all lists have survived, nor are the holdings complete. Some German arrivals are listed in (b) and (c) above.

Ref: 1531

Index in process of compilation.

(e) Official passenger lists of people arriving in S.A. from overseas (incomplete holdings) 1888-1940.

Ref: 764

(f) Index to people arriving in S.A. from interstate 1837-50. This index refers to manifest books for ships arriving in S.A. and the S.A. Gazette and Colonial Register. The sources above give names of passengers only.

Ref: quote title given above.

(g) Official lists of people arriving in S.A. from interstate (very incomplete holdings) 1901-39.

Ref: quote title given above.

In addition to sources (1a) - (1e) above, the Archives dictionary Catalogue contains references to lists of passengers and diaries of voyages catalogued under the name of the relevant ship.

2. Passenger lists : outgoing : overseas and interstate.

(a) Passenger lists of ships departing from Pt. Adelaide for overseas and interstate (contain passengers names only) July 1841 - May 1844.

Ref: GRG 41/10 Indexed by name of passenger

Ref: GRG 41/10 Index

(b) Passenger lists of ships departing from Pt. Adelaide for overseas ports (incomplete holdings) 1888 - 1940

Ref: 766

(c) Passenger lists of ships departing from Sth. Australian ports for interstate (very incomplete holdings) 1921 - 39.

Ref: quote title given above.

3. Applications, nominations, etc. for assisted passage to S.A.

(a) Register of applications by labourers in the U.K. for free passage to S.A. 1836-41. Gives age, occupation, and U.K. address of applicant; sex and age (but no names) of dependants accompanying applicant. Does not indicate whether applicant actually embarked or arrived in S.A.

Ref: AJCP reels 874 and 875

Index with abstract of information. Believed to be lacking a small number of entries. Ref: 1529.

(b) The records of the Immigration, Publicity and Tourist Bureau Department include applications, nominations, certificates and schedules relating to assisted passage schemes 1865-1978 (with numerous gaps).

Ref: GRG 7 (see GRG 7 series list for details of specific records and their reference numbers).

Indexes available for some records (see GRG 7 series list for details of specific indexes and their reference numbers).

4. Shipping.

(a) Chronological list of ships arriving in S.A. from overseas 1936-49.

Ref: 997

(b) Index to ships arriving in S.A. from overseas 1836-1900.

Ref: 908

(c) Registers of ships arriving in S.A. from overseas and interstate from part of the records of the Customs Department, and the Marine and Harbours Department. Registers give details of ports of departure and destination, tonnage, cargo, name of master. They DO NOT list passengers or crew.

Ref: GRG 41 and GRG 51.

(d) Manifest books of vessels arriving at Pt. Adelaide from overseas and interstate ports, with lists of crew. 1838-42.

Ref: 743.

Records not held in the Archives.

Crew Lists - The Australian Archives Office, South Australian Branch holds a variety of records relating to ship's crews including desertions and discharges from 1852.

Passenger Lists - Passenger lists for overseas and interstate voyages were regularly published in newspapers. The Newspaper section of the State Library * holds an index to interstate arrivals and departures reported in newspapers from 1836-55 (lists for later years are progressively being added); and an index to overseas arrivals (1846-87) published in newspapers, a copy of which is held in the Archives.

* the S.A. State Library.

FAMILY HISTORY MANUSCRIPTS

Member Mrs. Joan Graham has in her possession two family history manuscripts which may be of interest to members.

1. The RIDLER family - Samuel, the g. grandfather of the author was born in the parish of Bisley, Gloucestershire, England, in 1806, and married Virtue TANNER.

Other names branching from these are:

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- (a) The HALL family
- (b) The WEEKS family - James born in Devon about 1820.
- (c) The HUBBARD family
- (d) The FREDERICK family

2. An account of the establishment of the SHARP(E) family at Geeveston, Tasmania from convict origins.

Both of these documents were compiled by members of the Ridler family:

No 1, by A.E. Ridler, 42 Hollyford Avenue, Christchurch. N.Z.

No 2, by Peter Ridler, GPO Box 881 J. Hobart Tasmania.

THE AGE

A member has pointed out that the Letters to the Editor section of the Saturday edition of 'The Age' often contains items of interest to genealogists.

LIBRARY

- Aberfeldy Cemetary - Compiled by P.G. Stevens. Don. by Mr. J. Semmens
- Archives Office of Tasmania (pamphlet) - Tasmania State Archives
- The 'Aussies' of England, Ireland and Scotland - by Audrey E. Bennett
- The Bayleys in Yarragon 1886-1979 - by L. Bayley. Don. by Diane Cumming
- The Changing Years - A History of the Hill End, Willow Grove and Fumina Sth. districts - don. by Karen Bush.
- Dickson/Dixon Families - Index of these held in the Ballarat General Cemeteries - don. by Mrs. J.G. Rogers
- The First 100 years - St. Pauls C. of E. Warragul - compiled by Norman Tolley.
- Family History in W.A. - W.A. State Archives.
- Gipsey Point Cemetary - don. by Mr. F. Robinson.
- Guide to Sources of Genealogical Information held in the S.A. archives - Compiled by S.A. State Archives.
- Index of Registration of Births - district of Moe. Vic 1879-1930 - Compiled by Mrs. J.G. Rogers
- Index of Registration of Deaths - Moe Vic. Part 1 - 1882-1844 - compiled by Mrs. J.G. Rogers
- Index of Registration of Deaths - Moe Vic. Part 2 - 1882-1960 - compiled by Mrs. J.G. Rogers.
- Journal of Maltese Studies - A Comparative Study in Lexical Material Relating to Nicknames and Surnames - don. by Mrs. M. Farrugia.
- Millewa - The First Fifty Years - don. by Mrs. I. Arnott.
- The Mills Brothers of Port Fairy - by Alan Broughton
- History with Genealogies of the Descendants of John and Margaret McRae - by Mr. R. McRae.
- McPherson - don. by Margaret and Robert McPherson.
- Names from the Jubilee History of Victoria and Melbourne Published in 1888. Vol. 2 Parts 1 and 2. - don. by Mrs. J. Douglas
- N.S.W. State Archives. Articles on the Archives Etc - N.S.W. State Archives
- Picture your Ancestors in Biographical Index (pamphlet) - W.A. State Archives.
- Public records office - England. Leaflet 7 - Emigrants: Documents in P.R.O. Leaflet 9 - British Military Records as Sources for Biography and Genealogy.
- Queensland State Archives - Eleven articles on Information available in the Archives - Qld. State Archives.
- Register of Successful Vaccinations for the town of Moe and District 1879-1931 - compiled by Mrs. J.G. Rogers.
- Search for Ancestors - Sources for Genealogy - State Library of S.A.
- Skeletons in the Closet, or, How Best to Help your enquiries - State library of Vic.
- Willung 1844-1980 - by Don MacReadie.

THE TRARALGON SHOW

The Mid Gippsland Group had a successful display on Genealogy during the Annual Traralgon Show which was held on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th Nov, 1981. Our display was held in the Exhibition Hall and was a very simple one outlining different ways of displaying your family tree and the sources available to assist you. Sincere thanks are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Lynch for their main contribution to the success of the display. Also to Mrs. June Douglas for the use of her home

on Friday to set up our display and for her family material used in the display. A thank you to Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Graham for their family material. To the Traralgon Historical Society, a thank you for the use of their display boards.

Overall the effort was worthwhile with many people taking an interest and asking questions. Several copies of 'Ancestors for Australians' were sold.
Karen Bush.

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NEXT MEETING:- . . . Thursday 28th Jan. 1982
SPEAKER:- Alex Wood, President Traralgon Hist. Soc.