

Newsletter No. 6 July 1982

Welcome to all those prospective Genealogists who attended our groups "Beginners Night", and also a word of warning! Once the first branch of your family tree is discovered you will find you have begun a life-long interest. Your research may seriously affect your finances, it can be filled with frustrations, but it is also extremely rewarding and satisfying.

The book published by The Genealogical Society of Victoria "Ancestors for Australians" is worthwhile reading for both beginners and advanced researchers. It can be purchased at our meetings at \$4-50 per copy. (or you may find a copy at your local library.)

#### OVERSEAS NEWS

##### Money In Chancery

Many families have stories passed down through the generations of family fortunes being held in Chancery and waiting to be claimed. This article, which was published in "The Weekly Times" April 21st, may not help you to claim your fortune but it does explain "Money In Chancery."

"The Court of Chancery is the Lord Chancellor's division of the High Court of Justice of England.

Among the responsibilities of this court is the care and supervision of the distribution of the estates of deceased persons and money held in trust generally.

It sometimes happens that it is not clear as to the persons who are entitled to share in the estate of a deceased person or in a trust fund.

The person who has the custody of the money, who may sometimes be the executor or administrator of a deceased estate or the holder of trust funds generally, may apply to the court for directions as to the method for ascertaining the identity of the parties entitled to the money.

Sometimes, especially in respect of old estates or settlements, the money may be or may have been paid into court.

Directions and orders may be made by the court as to the nature and extent of inquiries. This will depend upon the circumstances of the case.

Usually notices are published in newspapers in places where it seems according to the situation of each case relatives of the deceased or other persons who may wish to make a claim upon the funds are likely to receive notice of the inquiries.

I suggest that our reader write to the Secretary, The Law Society, Chancery Lane, London WC2, England.

Set out the name of the deceased person or of the trust fund (if known) and any other relevant particulars including what is known of the family history.

The secretary of the society may be able to refer you to the appropriate officer of the Chancery Division of the High Court of England or to a firm of solicitors in London who may be in a position to assist your inquiry."

##### Charges by English Record Offices

It seems likely that English County Record Offices could begin charging for their services. At present most Record Offices suggest that a small donation would be appreciated, however, Gloucestershire, North Yorkshire and Devon already charge for any research carried out by their office.

##### Writing Letters Overseas

When writing letters overseas requesting assistance it is courteous (and often necessary if we expect a reply) to include a self-addressed envelope and return postage. In each letter include at least two International Reply Paid Coupons which are available at your Post Office at 65 cents each. (Postage from Britain for an airmail letter is currently 29 p.)

## GENERAL NEWS

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Research in Sale

The 'Gippsland Times' Office in Sale has a complete set of 'The Gippsland Times' newspapers from the first edition in 1861 to the present day. Also some copies of the 1872 'Mercury'. The public are welcome to search these newspapers during office hours (not Saturday morning), making a small donation if you wish.

LOCAL NEWSResearch Index

At present an index of names being researched by our local members is being prepared. Many have already given their list of names to our secretary, however if not, you are asked to make a list of all names on your family tree to be included in this index.

Our secretary has also requested everyone interested to submit another list of NAMES and AREAS being researched IN VICTORIA ONLY. Copies of our newsletters are now being sent to other Victorian Genealogical branches and we plan to exchange these lists with the other groups.

Church Of Latter Day Saints, Traralgon

The Traralgon Church in Kosciusko Street, advises that new microfilm records are expected to arrive shortly. 5,000 new cards have been ordered (approx. 64 Million names) to update the 1976 records they have at present. These records are from all areas of the world, however, only a limited amount from Ireland as the microfilm photographers have been unable to get records from Ireland due to the problems in that country. The public is welcome to view the microfilm records - Thursday night, Sunday afternoon or other times by appointment. Telephone Mrs. Tainton (Traralgon Refrigeration Service) on (051) 74 2646.

Interesting to note the microfilm photographers from the Latter Day Saints Church have been working in the Latrobe Valley recently.

New Press Secretaries

Two new Press secretaries, Mrs. Laraine Ramselaar and Mrs. Ruth Hutchison were elected at our last meeting. They take over this position from Mrs. June Douglas and our thanks to June for carrying out her task so capably.

Newsletter Costs

As mentioned in our last newsletter, unfortunately we cannot afford to continue sending newsletters by post. From July our newsletters can be collected at meetings and will be posted only to those people who have donated \$2-00 to cover postage costs for the year.

New Additions to Library (Mid-Gippsland Group)

Boisdale - From Squatter to Settler Florence Pearce  
 Bald Hills to Bundalagwah - First One Hundred Years (Maffra)  
 Maffra Past and Present  
 "I Remember ..." Maffra Historical Society  
 Tyers School Centenary 1879-1979.  
 List of Genealogists in America who have passed on accreditation examination administered by the Genealogical Department of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, and will carry out professional research.

QUERIES

Foley - Jean B. Foley, 14 Kynoch Street, Deer Park seeks information on Thomas Foley who married Elizabeth Stamp in Sale 1860. Their children were Maryann Elizabeth b. 1861/2, Frederick b. Sale 1863, William 1863-1872, Henry 1863-1872, Helen 1868, Selina 1870, George b. Walhalla 1872.

Jean Foley offers information on Sunshine (Braybrook Junction) or Deer Park (Kovorait Creek) areas. She was secretary of the Deer Park School Centenary in 1974 and has addressed of many past pupils.

Moulden

Information is sought on William and Anna MOULDEN or MOLDEN and their descendants. Only two of their children are known.

1. William born approx. 1846 who married Sarah Ann Kennedy at Yarram, South Gippsland in 1873. They had children
  1. Mary Ann born 17th October 1873 married .....Dunne.
  2. James born 13th April 1875 married Agnes Hughes and had Ambrose, Alan, Thomas, Lewis Vincent, Stan & Lorna.
  3. William born 25th March 1877. Killed 1917 at war. Unmarried.
  4. Daniel born 13th March 1879 married Ethel Nash and had George
  5. Alexander born 24th February 1881, married Esther Hodder and had Len, Eileen, Bill and Laurie.
  6. Sarah Ann (Annie) married Donald Mackinnon and had Mona, Linda, Phyllis, Howard and Stewart
  7. Emily born 30th January 1885, married ?
  8. Catherine born 4th October 1887 died aged approx 28. Unmarried.
2. Percival married Queenie ....?

If you have any information, please contact our local research committee -

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Thursday 23rd September, 1982

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