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**ON TRACK**

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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear of the Moe Library, Kirk St, Moe. Our Library will open at 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

**Fees 98/99: Membership Single \$18 ; Family \$25**  
**Library: gold coin donation per visit for non-members**

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There is a research fee of \$10 plus SAE for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquiries should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

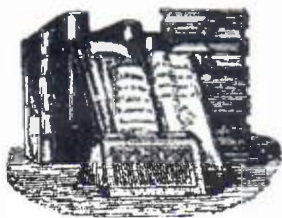
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to recent new members, Sharon Brown, Joan Farago and Sandra Scott.

Next month's meeting (July 22nd) is the annual general meeting. A number of positions will be vacant. Nomination forms were in the last issue of 'On Track' or are available from Irene. Membership fees for 1999/2000 are payable on the night.



The computer is up and running. We have purchased the Victorian Deaths 1921-1985 CD Rom and the 1881 UK Census, also on CD Rom, is on order and will be available soon. Other software is already installed. Check it out!

The 1999 Genealogical Research Directory (bookform) is now on the shelves.

↓ STOP PRESS!  
It has arrived.

It has been suggested that the group needs to embark on a new project. Some ideas for projects include indexing of local newspapers, transcribing local war memorials etc. Let the committee know if you have ideas for projects and/or would like to get involved in something.

Mugs and wine glasses with the society's emblem and name on them are for sale @ \$4.00 each.



The Church of Latter Day Saints has put the IGI and other searchable records on the internet. The site is [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). I have found that because of the large number of users it can be difficult to connect to this site and once you are connected you may have some problems. It is certainly worth having a look at though, just ask Bob Jones who, on his first look, had no problems and found the address of people researching his ancestors. I'm jealous!

**Wanted urgently articles for future editions of 'On Track'.**

Since we now have the 1881 UK Census in our library I thought it might be worth including the following review of the program. The review is by David Eastman who writes an online newsletter at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) Thanks to Eddie who sent me this copy.

## - 1881 British Census and National Index on CD-ROM

This week I had a chance to use a major new genealogy product: the 1881 British Census and National Index on CD-ROM, produced by the Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is an impressive product for many reasons: the amount of data contained, the amount of work required to transcribe all the records, the price, and many other things, too. But what is most impressive when you first pick it up is its sheer size: this set has 25 CD-ROM disks in the package!

The first CD-ROM disk contains the viewer software and an electronic version of a user's manual. The next 8 disks hold the index to all the data. The remaining 16 CD-ROM disks contain the census data itself, consisting of census records from England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and the Royal Navy. While Ireland was a part of the United Kingdom in 1881, there are no records for Ireland on this CD-ROM set. The set does include approximately 30 million names.

The transcription and indexing of the 1881 census was a cooperative effort of the Federation of Family History Societies; British Genealogical Record Users Committee; Her Majesty's Stationery Office; The Public Record Office, London; The General Register Office, Scotland; and the Genealogical Society of Utah. According to the documentation on the CD-ROM disks, "...every effort was made to reproduce the information as it was originally recorded by the census taker. Even obvious errors were left to allow researchers to make their own evaluation of the information. Some of these obvious errors created difficulties in producing the index on compact discs (CDs), and where there was a problem it has been noted in the appropriate Help section."

The software included with the 1881 British Census and National Index disks requires Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows NT 4.0. There is no Macintosh version available, although I suspect the software will run on a Macintosh equipped with a Windows 95 emulator. The hardware required includes a Pentium processor, 8 megabytes of memory (with 16 megabytes strongly recommended), a CD-ROM drive, 25 megabytes of available hard disk space, and a VGA monitor capable of at least 256 colors. I tested the software on a Windows NT 4.0 system.

Software installation was simple: insert the software CD-ROM, double-click on SETUP.EXE and then follow the on-screen instructions. At the end of the software installation the system re-booted. A few minutes later I was looking at the indexes.

With 25 CD-ROM disks in the product, you spend a lot of time switching disks. Anyone who has used other CD-ROM disk products at a local Family History Center will feel very comfortable with this: insert Index Disk #1, type in a name, take that disk out, and put in another disk, and so on. Sometimes I felt like I was shuffling cards. Still, it is a lot easier and faster than looking up information on microfilm!

One thing to keep in mind is that this set of 25 CD-ROM disks actually contains two separate products (besides the software): the 1881 British Census and the 1881 National Index. The 1881 British Census is the transcribed version of the actual census records. The 1881 National Index is an index to all the names contained within the 1881 British Census. The index lists individuals by last name, first name(s), relationship to head of household, calculated year of birth, census place (the parish where the census was enumerated), and the county and parish of birth, or country if the person was born outside the British Isles.

The transcribed census records, however, show the address of the dwelling or building, the location of the house, including the town or parish, county, and country, and the full source citation showing how to find the family in the original census.

Each individual's record includes basically the same information; full name, marital status (single, married, widowed, etc.), age at the time of the census, sex, and full birth place, including town or parish, county, and country. The full detail also includes relationship to the head of the house and occupation. If the person has a disability, this is also listed.

You always start with the 1881 National Index to find a name, then switch to the 1881 British Census disks to find the actual data. Of course, these are transcribed records, not the originals. While it is convenient to read the transcribed records on a computer screen, conscientious genealogists will still check the microfilm copies of the original documents.

I entered the surname Towler, a name that is of interest to me these days. The software quickly informed me that there were 1,344 occurrences of this surname in the 1881 census. That's too many for me to start with, so I backed up a bit to narrow the search. There are many options for searching. I found that I could enter a first name, a birth year (plus or minus up to five years), birth county or country as well as the county in which the person was enumerated in the 1881 census. I decided to look for all the

TOWLER entries listed as living in Nottingham and found exactly five of them. One couple that caught my eye was that of James Towler and his wife Bridgett. They were listed as born in Ireland. Their household also contained James J. Towler, aged 29, listed as born in Nottingham and married. There was no mention of his wife, however. As an example of the data available on the 1881 British Census CD-ROM, here is a cut-and-paste of that record:

TOWLER, James Head <1816> Birth: Irel Dublin  
Census: Nott Nottingham St Mary  
Dwelling: 19 Sheridan St  
Census Place: Nottingham St Mary, Nottingham, England  
Source: FHL Film 1341803

PRO Ref RG11 Piece 3360 Folio 24 Page 11

	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
James TOWLER	M	65	M	Dublin, Ireland
Rel: Head				
Occ: General ...cker				
Bridgett TOWLER	M	63	F	Dublin, Ireland
Rel: Wife				
James J. TOWLER		29	M	Nottingham, England
Rel: Son				
Occ: Cabinet Maker				

I never did figure out the occupation of James Towler, all it said is "General ...cker." The online Help file says that the three periods indicates "Information on the census is not legible." Apparently the person who transcribed the original record could not read the census enumerator's handwriting. I hope to obtain the microfilm of the original record so that I can look for myself. Perhaps I can decode it. However, I didn't have time to do that before writing this article.

You can see from the above reference that the microfilm of the original record is available from any of the more than 3,000 Family History Centers by ordering microfilm number #1341803. The British Public Records Office (PRO) has its own cataloging system. Each census has a specific classification number. In this case, RG11 was used as a classification number for the 1881 British Census.

As I experimented a bit, I found that all the normal Windows tools were available. Unlike the CD-ROM disks from some commercial producers, the Windows COPY command worked well. I was able to cut-and-paste information into this newsletter or into any other Windows application. I could also print a record or a series of records on any Windows-compatible printer. The program also will save files in RTF format.

The 1881 British Census Index allows you to see neighboring families that lived near a given family. The order in which

households were listed in the index depended on how the census taker recorded them in his census books.

Ok, here's the summation: 30 million names indexed and with transcribed records from the 1881 British census, along with all needed supporting software, contained on 25 CD-ROM disks for a price of (are you ready for this?) \$33.00. funds. 25 CD-ROM disks for \$33.00??? That's a bit of a bargain, you have to be kidding, right?

Wrong! \$33.00 from the

U.S. at 3 num.

Available in Australia from LDS Family Resource Centre  
756 Pennant Hills Rd  
Carlingford NSW 2118  
Cost: \$55.00 Aust.  
Order form available at  
Family History Centres and  
www.familysearch.com.  
Distribution Centre  
POH. The telephone  
0121 784 9555 or 0121 784 9556

## EARLY MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DISEASES

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Dropsy of the Brain	encephalitis
Dry Bellyache	lead poisoning
Dyscrasy	an abnormal body condition
Dysorexy	reduced appetite
Dyspepsia	bad digestion
Dysury	difficulty in urination
Eclampsy	symptoms of epilepsy, convulsions during labor
Ecstasy	a form of catalepsy characterised by loss of reason
Edema	nephrosis, swelling of tissues
Edema of lungs	congestive heart failure, a form of dropsy
Eel thing	erysipelas
Elephantiasis	a form of leprosy
Encephalitis	swelling of the brain, aka sleeping sickness
Enteric fever	typhoid fever
Enterocolitis	inflammation of the intestines
Enteritis	inflammation of the bowels
Epitaxis	nose bleed



Norton Firwarren, Somerset-Baptisms 1726-1812, Marriages 1726-1791. Nynhead, Somerset, Baptisms 1769-1812. Pitminster, St Mary and St Andrew, Somerset, Baptisms 1813-1885.

Here is a list of Gloucester Marriages, A-E, F-K, L-R, S-Z. The names come from parishes scattered all over Gloucestershire.

"First Sea Lord" - An Authorised Biography of Admiral Lord Fisher by Richard Hough by John Arbuthnot FISHER 1841-1920. The following names have been transcribed from the above book which was published in 1969.

The following list of names, occupations and addresses has been extracted from the microfiche of Pigot's 1830 directory of Gloucestershire. Frampton-on-Severn is a small parish about two miles from the river Severn and lies eight miles from Stroud. H.C.Clifford Esq was the Lord of the Manor in 1830. In 1830 the village had about 1,000 inhabitants. Transcribed at Auckland New Zealand by Ted WILDY October 22, 1993.

All Saints Great Horkesley Monumental Inscriptions....

New Zealand serviceman who died at Gallipoli 1915: ANZAC Day, April 22, commemorates the landing at Gallipoli. This information was published in the Dominion-Sunday Times from information supplied by the Ministry of Defence and the War Graves Office of the Department of Internal Affairs, 22 April 1990.

A selection of Military Marriages, indexed from Newspapers and Books Mainly covering Suffolk with a few other Counties and Countries SAJ Dec 1994.

The following lists of civilian ward dead, 1939-1945, was compiled by the Imperial War Graves Commission in 1954 and is to be found in the Roll of Honour placed in Westminster Abbey. The files are

Wardead1

Wardead2

Wardead3

Wardead4

Wardead5

Wardead6

The following 2 files are from the Dorset Poll Book of 1807, A-K and L-Z

Lists available at  
<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~hughw/files.html>

# NEWSLETTER NOTES

Thanks again to Kaye for helping out here.

*The Mallee Stump*: Stories of the **Wyalong Public Hospitals and Winnunga**.



*The Golden Age*: March/April. A small newsletter but a great read, especially for anyone with an interest in **Richmond**.

GUM Newsletter: Has a section on **Visual Chartform** from the Master Genealogist, part 3 of using **Family Tree Maker** and **Reunion for Mac users**.

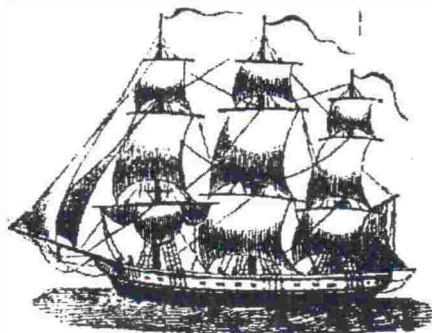
*Australian Family Tree Connections*: **Photo Cropping and Paper Selection**. A must read for those new to adding photos to their trees. Also the surname register.

Australian Federation of Family History Organisations: Our very own Pam Pratt features in this latest edition. Read about her ancestral cloak. The theme for this issue is photos.

*Wonthaggi Genealogy*: Dec1998. New research Centre, Mar 1999. The Diary of **Thomas Henry Severn**.

Heyfield Family History Group: April. Pioneers Register features **Henry and Martha Maxfield** of Glenmaggie.

*The Black Sheep* (East Gippsland); **Marco Polo**- If you had an ancestor who came out on this ship you'll be interested.



We have also recently received the latest editions of the following group's journals but our very efficient librarian has filed them away before I have had the chance to read them.

Hamilton and District  
Albury/Wodonga  
Maryborough  
Echuca/Moama  
Port Phillip Pioneers  
Ballarat  
GUM  
Geelong

Nathalia  
Terang  
Irish Ancestry Group  
Swan Hill(Pioneer Register)  
Kerang  
Cairns  
Aust. Family Tree Connections  
Descendants of Convicts

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Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions	1985-1995	\$15.00
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Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$20.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1881-1997	\$30.00
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Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$15.00
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Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$15.00

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Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$ 8.00
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions	1985-1995	\$ 8.00
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	1879-1995	\$15.00
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$10.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	1881-1997	\$15.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$ 8.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$ 7.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$ 8.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$ 7.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	1872-1994	\$25.00
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