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"Narracan Cemetery Transcriptions now complete"

Details on back page

Meetings:

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each Month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear door of the Moe Library, Kirk Street Moe. Our Library will be open at 7pm with meetings commencing at approximately 7.30pm.

Membership fees 2002/2003: Single \$25; Family \$30 payable in July.

Library Hours:

Our Library is open to the public on *Wednesday Afternoons between 1pm and 4pm*. Volunteers from our group are available to assist with research at this time. The Library is also available to members at all times that the Meeting room has not been booked by other organizations. (Check with the Public Library Staff) The library is available to members on the first Saturday of each month.

Library Fees: Gold Coin donation per visit for non – members.

Research:

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

Please direct all enquires to The Secretary P.O. Box 767 Morwell 3840 and mark the envelope "Research Enquiry".

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New Library Borrowing Policy

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Sandra Dumble, Jeanette Rennie, Dawn Cowley, Kaye O'Reilly.

A List of Walhalla Inquests

Taken from the Victorian Inquest Index 1840-1985.

NAME:	AGE:	YEAR:	OCC:	NAME:	AGE:	YEAR:	OCC:
TIERNEY, Patrick James		1867		THOMAS, Evan		1884	Mine
HALLEM, Edward	21	1867					Manager
UPTON, Ernest		1868		DUNSBY, James		1883	Miner
BASSFORD, Alice		1868		THOMAS, Evan		1884	Mine
MOORE, Samuel		1868					Manager
BOLTON, John William		1868	Child	HUGHES, John		1884	Miner
HEYWOOD, Richard		1869		HARRIS, Violet	7	1884	
GIBBONS, Patrick Williams		1870		CORNISH, Frederick		1886	Miner
RANDECK, Dominick		1870		KELLY, Walter		1886	Miner
JESSUP, John		1870		WHEATLEY, Harry	48	1886	
WILSON, Peter		1870		SMITH, Andrew	60	1886	
TREMBATH, William Henry		1870		LEITCH, Walter		1887	
PARKER, George		1871		RODDY, Frank		1887	
WHITE, David		1871		CONNOLLY, Michael		1887	Sawyer
FENN, James		1871		KENT, William		1888	Miner
BARCLAY, George	34	1871		COUSIN, John		1888	
BROWN, Ellen		1872		BALL, Charles	24	1888	Labourer
PILE, Thomas		1872		MILLER, George		1888	
STONE, Thomas		1873		TRELOAR, John	53	1888	
BOYD, Samuel		1873		BARRASS, Cuthbert		1889	Miner
BASFORD, Henry		1874		CRAIG, George		1889	
HAGAN, John (also EGAN)		1874		(Remains found supposedly G.Craig)			
BASFORD, Edith Emily		1874	Infant	LAWLER, Patrick	60	1889	
BASSANELLI, Bernard	25	1875		WHITE, Benjamin	74	1889	Miner
MARSH, Charles		1877		RONALDS, Catherine		1890	
MARKS, William Henry		1878	Child	NOTTLE, Richard		1890	
CHEONG, Ping	56	1879		NOTTLE, Richard		1890	Miner
PING, Cheong	56	1879		STUDY, William Frederick		1890	Servant
MITCHEL, James		1880			59		
NEILSON, Charles Gustav	56	1881	Miner	HARRINGTON, Ellen		1891	
MULLANY, John		1881	Miner	MARGETELLI, Michael		1891	Wood cutter
FRENCH, John		1883					
LUNTLEY, Edwin Gordon	4	1883		GORDON, William		1891	
TAYLOR, Sarah		1883	Wife	LEMEN, Richard		1891	
SWINSEN, Albert	5	1883		MOHR, Christopher		1891	
ODONNELL, Catherine		1883	Wife	WHITELAW, Oliver Peter		1891	
DUNSBY, James		1883	Miner	Mining Surveyor			
THOMAS, Evan		1884	Mine	MILLIGAN, Samuel		1892	
			Manager				

Eight of the above deaths were attributed to suffocation, eight from drowning, five due to suicide, thirteen to falling logs or earth, two due to explosion and four to falls from horses and down shafts. *Sandra Dumble*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

of MARGARET RENNIE,
4 MOON CRT, CHURCHILL 3842
TROUNSON 1700+ ENG
TROUNSON AUS
RICE 1800+ ENG
RICE 1800+ IRE
BENDING (BINDING) AUS
BENDING (BINDING) SWITZ
McDONALD AUS

RESEARCH INTERESTS

of JEANETTE RENNIE
2 CHARLES CRT, MORWELL 3840
MURRAY 1700+ LANGHOLM SCT
HOWARTH 1910+ QLD AUS
STAPLETON 1890+ QLD AUS
BOWLES 1800+ DEVON ENG
HOWARTH 1800+ MANCHESTER ENG

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Members Profile *Jeanette Rennie*

When and why did you get started on your family history?

When my Grandfather died in 1983 in Queensland, I met Aunt's, Uncles and Cousins that I did not know about and that triggered my interest to find out more about my family. I have since kept at the search and went to a Bowles family reunion in Brisbane 2000 and it was wonderful to put a face to so many names.

What names are you researching?

Bowles, Nalder, Murry, Howarth, Crampton, Stapleton, Rennie, Hewat, Grant, Cantwell, Poole and the list goes on.

How far back have you searched?

Murray's 1717, Scotland, u confirmed. Hewat's 1578, Scotland, unconfirmed.

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

My first ancestors were James and Wilhelmina Murray who arrived in Australia via Sydney in 1843 with their large family. They settled in the Bathurst-Lithgow area, a place called Mt Lambie. The original homestead is still occupied by Murray's and is full of family objects dating back from when they built 'Warrawang', the name of the homestead.

Who is your favourite ancestor?

It is hard to chose a favourite but I would have to say that Phillip Bowles, who was the first Bowles ancestor, because he chose to settle in this lovely country.

What is your most interesting find so far?

The most excited I got was when I came across both the Stapleton family and the Nalder family on the same day while browsing through the Rootsweb Mailing List, which provided to be a great bonus to me as they both sent me what they had on the families.

If the family tree wish fairy would give you the answer to one question. What would that be?

I and the rest of the Bowles family would dearly love to find a record of Phillip Bowles birth in Tourquay Devon, approx 1821 so we could find out about his parents as no one has been able to find it thus far.

Contact Jeanette at 2 Charles Court, Morwell, Victoria 3840 or email: jeanetterennie@aol.com

MELBOURNE'S CEMETERY'S

The Necropolis Springvale: Princes Highway, Springvale

The main entrance on Princes Highway (Dandenong Road) is opposite the Sandown Park Hotel.

Melway Reference 80 F7

PO Box 1159RMDC Clayton VIC 3169. Phone 03 9546 9377.

Email enquiries@necropolis.com.au

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The Melbourne General Cemetery (Carlton): College Crescent, Parkville.

Melway Map 43 Ref H-2

PO Box 7 Parkville VIC 3052. Phone 03 9349 3014.

Email mgc@necropolis.com.au

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ENLISTMENTS

ALLEN, B.
BOND, A.
BOND, A. V.
BROWN, A.
BIRCH, E.
BIRNIE, G.
BAMBROOK, G
BEAUMONT, H.
BRYANT, L.
BARTLETT, W.
BRUITY, A.
BREWSTER, W.
CLARK, C.
CREYER, E.
CHARTER, G.
CURRIE, P.
CURRIE, W.
DETRICH, F.
DEPELER, G.
ELLIS, R.
FIRMIN, A.
FIRMIN, G.
FIRMIN, G.

GREENWOOD, A.
GREENWOOD, C.
GREENWOOD, F.
GARNER, E.
GREENWOOL, R.
GRANT, J.
JEFFRIES, E.
JONES, T.
JOHNSTONE, E.
KOENIG, T.
KOENIG, C.
LOWE, A.
MONTEITH, S.
MOYSEY, W.
PAGE, R.
PECK, G.
PENNYCRUICK, W.
QUIGLEY, A.
ROWLEY, G.
REYONALD, E.
RAWLING, F.
ROSE, F.
ROON, J.

SCOULLER, P.
STONE, A.
SURMAN, E.
SURMAN, T.
TOOGOOD, G.
TOOGOOD, T.
TOOGOOD, J.
TODD, J.
TODD, L.
TEMPLE, R.
THOMAS, L.
THOMAS, R. B.
THOMAS, P.
VAGG, G.
VAGG, J.
VINNING, A.
WILLIAMS, S.
WILLIAMS, D.
WALSH, J.
WATSON, J.

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'WHEN ACORNS GROW'

A HISTORY OF THE YALLOURN MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL SOCIETY

While browsing the shelves in the local library I came across a book, **'When Acorns Grow'** by Lyn Smith 1981, which documents the establishment and growth of the Yallourn Medical & Hospital Society, now known as Federation Health. The society first began in 1920, during the construction of the power station by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and was established to meet the needs of the Electricity Commission workers who came to the Yallourn area. As the medical society was an integral part of the town and its residents, the book also describes the early days of Yallourn and its first inhabitants. Of interest are illustrations of early settlement, the Yallourn Hospital, society officers and staff along with the names of many local families. Some of which are listed below:

Mr. C. SAVIGE, farmer
Mr. John PADFIELD, Mines Department, Quarry operations
Mr Andrew ARNOTT, Engineer
Mr. A. WYATT, Foreman
Mr. H. FORD, in charge of earthworks
Mr. S. M. WATSON, Timekeeper
Mr. William McCARTHY, Storekeeper
Mr. Mel HOATH, Storekeeper
Mr. Charles SELK, Storekeeper
Mr. G. H. KERNOT, Construction Engineer
Catherine BENNETT, Nursing Sister

The names of Board Members 1925-1978, medical practitioners, 1920-1981 and Officers of the Yallourn Medical and Hospital Society 1925-1980 are also listed.

YALLOURN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SOCIETY, MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

H. Mitchell 1920-26	L. Ganz 1953/54-63/64	J. Hastings 1963/64-65/66
Parker 1924-26	W. Watkins 1953/54-55/56	G. Danger 1963/64-65/66
J. M. Andrew 1926-72	K. Fitzpatrick 1954/55-56/57	J. Clarke 1964/65-65/66
D. Peters 1926-28	K. Carr 1954/55-56/57	E. Holt 1964/65-65/66
H. Francis 1929-33	K. Hardy 1955/56-59/60	E. Peel 1965/66-66/67
T. Dudley Haggar 1933-35	J. Murphy 1956/57-59/60	C. Eccles-Smith 1965/66
B. Deans 1935-37	R. Cuttle 1956/57-60/61	L. Arkles 1966/67-67/68
H. Peake 1937-39	M. Mills 1956/57-57/58	G. Brentnall 1966/67-81
A. Richards 1937-39	R. Eagger 1957/58-58/59	A. Cameron 1966/67-71/72
R. Hayes 1939-40	R. Henderson 1957/58	A. Gilani 1966/67-68/69
J. Spencer 1949-49	G. Retallick 1957/58-58/59P.	J. Monkman 1966/67-67/68
S. Lauricella 1940-41	P. Kerr 1958/59-59/60,	H. Player 1966/67-81
J. Cohen 1941-45	69/70-72/73	J. Hurst 1967/68-69/70
H. Van der Brink 1945	D. Reader 1959/60-62/63	J. MacLeod 1968/69-69/70
J. Rawlings 1945	C. Fenwick 1959/60-60/61	F. Mair 1969/70-81
D. Phillips 1946-51/52	W. Morrison 1959/60-61/62	B. Connor 1970/71
J. Payne 1948-61/62	J. O'Callaghan 1959/60-64/65	I. Booth 1971/72-81
N. Cust 1949/50-50/51	I. Pendrigh 1960/61-61/62	A. Chang 1971/72-72/73
J. Joseph 1949/50-50/51	M. Peacey 1960/61-62/63	A. Graham 1971/72-81
D. Morley 1949/50	J. Lindsay 1961/62-62/63	I. Pearson 1973/74-81
L. Hatherley 1950/51-52/53	J. Stewart 1961/62-63/64	R. Good 1974/75-81
S. Phillips 1950-51	G. Henderson 1961/62-62/63	L. Pepper 1974/75-77/78
W. Birks 1951/52	P. Wood 1961/62-62/63	L. Thurman 1974/75-81
K. MacGinty 1951/52-54/55	W. Sweet 1962/63-64/65	S. Watson 1976/77-77/78
V. O'Keefe 1951/52-59/60	R. Wrennall 1962/63-65/66	L. Wheeldon 1977/78-81
R. Evans 1951/52-52/53	P. Pearson 1962/63-63/64	B. Forge 1979/80-81
R. Kelly 1951/52	R. Forward 1962/63-64/65	W. Hayes 1979/80-81
N. Wicks 1951/53-54/55	R. Annison 1962/63	N. Seng 1980/81
D. Gibbs 1952/53-56/57	V. Quinn 1962/63-65/66	
W. Ryall 1952/53-55/56	D. Cousins 1963/64-1981	

Sandra Dumble

INDEX'S TO EXTRA BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

Birth, death and marriage certificates in Victoria, although fairly pricey, are full of information useful to genealogists. Until 1988, a person purchasing a certificate from the Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages received just that ...a certified copy of the certificate they had requested. Then things changed, and enquirers were issued with a copy of the entire page containing the requested entry. This means that enquirers now receive up to 5 death certificated five birth certificates and three marriage certificates as part of there basic enquiry. The actual certificate requested is marked with a red asterisk.

What a bonanza for an avid genealogist!! I approached the then president of the **G.S.V.** (Genealogical Society of Victoria) with the suggestion that these 'extra' certificates should be collected and collated, and the information found on them be made available to other genealogists. Permission was sought from the registrar, and was subsequently granted, with the proviso that the certificates were not to be photocopied for this purpose. And the project was born with yours truely being the one to take it on!

The idea is that genealogists (and any one else with certificates they don't need) forward these 'extras' to me, along with copies of any relation to their own research which they care to submit to the index. I ask that any certificate relevant to the donor's own research be identified with the name and address of the donor, for reasons which will become clear shortly. When I have accumulated about 2000 entries, an index is published. Interested parties and groups then may purchase the index, which becomes a very valuable research resource. The Mid Valley Family History Group has all eighteen index's published to date.

The full information from any certificate in the collection is provided upon receipt of a specific enquiry, listing the name/s required. There is a charge of \$1 per name requested, and a stamped self addressed envelope for the completed order.

Records are kept of enquiries for any certificate, and subsequent enquirers of a specific certificate are provided with the names and addresses of any previous enquirers, so that they are able to contact these persons, and maybe locate a family line connection.

Certificates are not exclusively Victorian, or even Australian! Donors have seen fit to send material from many parts of the world. It is only with the continuing support of genealogists that the index will continue to grow, and obviously any donations of certificates will be gratefully received. The publication of index 18 brings the number of certificates in the collection to more than 40,000.

Your support for this project would be very much appreciated, both by donating material to the collection and by going through the booklets, and seeing what's there that may be of use to you in your research. I'm sure you will agree that this is a very inexpensive way of verifying or eliminating those elusive members of the family tree.

Dawn Cowley

Contact address for certificate submission and information is:

'Takamuna', 27 Shanahan Parade, Newborough 3825

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN LIBRARY BORROWING POLICY

'Reference Only' material to be accessed in the library and not borrowed.

Books, journals, newsletters, can only be borrowed by **members of Mid Gippsland Family History Society**

Books, journals, newsletters, to be borrowed for one month & one week. A late fee of \$5 will be charged if not returned by the due date.

Books, journals, newsletters can only be borrowed at a general meeting or a Wednesday afternoon.

The librarian, B. Jones, his assistant, H. McLennan or the member on library duty must supervise and ensure the item(s) are recorded accurately. If the librarian or assistant are not in attendance at the general meeting, a committee member will record the details.

The card system no longer applies. Details are to be entered in the Library Register.

All books, journals, newsletters are to be returned by the November general meeting each year.

RICHARD DAVIES - MY PHANTOM ANCESTOR

Richard Davies is an enigma. Did he exist? A great deal of effort has been expended in attempting to ascertain whether or not there was a Richard born to my Great Great Grandparents Emmeline (nee Hurrell) and William Davies.

William and Emmeline arrived in Melbourne on May 2nd, 1853 aboard the Earl Grey, accompanied with their first four children, with the youngest born on the voyage. The next year the fifth child - James - was born, but the family was not yet half completed.

Was Richard the next born? Mention is made of a child named Richard of three of the seven official documents to which I have had access, these being the birth certificates of three of the subsequent children born to these parents. There is no record of the birth of such Richard, but that in itself is of no great importance, as there is likewise no record of the birth of James (born 1854) or Charles (born two and a half years after Richard). As these were the first three of the Davies children born in Australia, it may have been ignorance on the part of the parents as to the requirements of official registration which caused this omission.

The birth certificate of the fourth child born in Australia, Walter Henry, does not name previous children of the marriage, but states that there are 4 boys and 2 girls. This does not allow for Richard. However the births of the next two children, Alfred and Albert introduced him to us!! Under the heading, 'issue, living and deceased' is the following:

On Alfred's (b 1862) certificate

Mary Ann	14yrs
John	13yrs
William	11yrs
Emelien	9yrs
James	7yrs
RICHARD	6yrs
Charles	3yrs 6mths
Walter Henry	2yrs

On Albert's (b 1864) certificate

Mary Ann	16yrs
John	15yrs
William	13yrs
Emelien	11yrs
James	9yrs
RICHARD	8yrs
Charles	5yrs 9mths
Walter Henry	4yrs
Alfred	2yrs 3mths

The next born to the family was Francis Arthur and no mention is made of Richard among the previous issue. The father of the children, William Henry Davies was the informant on all of these certificates.

Next born was Edwin, with the informant being Richard Watkins, a friend from Dromana, and again Richard does not appear among the previous issue. We then look at the birth certificate of the last born, Emmelien. The informant on this certificate was the father, William Henry, and again we find Richard taking his place in the family, now listed as age 16 years. Each listing of Richard and his age is consistent with him having been born in 1856. It seems unlikely that such consistency of detail would be apparent on the occasions when Richard is recorded, if he was a figment of someone's imagination. However I can provide no logical reason for his exclusion on the times his father had been the informant.

The death certificates of both William and Emmeline list the names and ages of their children. Here again there is no mention of Richard, although listed is the first Emelien, the daughter who died at the age of fifteen. It can therefore be presumed that had Richard died by this time, he would still have been recorded as deceased.

A search of the index's to deaths in Victoria pre 1896 has been made, and there is no record of a death of any such possible Richard.

After exhaustive enquiries, these are the facts of the matter as far as I have been able to discover. On this stated evidence, I invite you to draw your own conclusions.

Submitted by Dawn Cowley: 'Takamuna' 27 Shanahan Parade, Newborough, Victoria, 3825

NEW SERVICE

Transcriptions from our Cemetery Index's may be requested from 'The Secretary'.
Prices on application.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our newest member, Frank HYETT.

NEW TWIGS

Congratulations and welcome to the "New Twigs" on the trees of,
Dawn COWLEY, Vicki EVANS and Melodee FARRUGIA.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

BOOKS:

Petticoat Pioneers Australia's Colonial Women, Denton Prout - Fred Feely
Diary Of A Welsh Swagman 1869-1894, William Evans
The Golden Age, A History of the Colony of Victoria, Geoffrey Serle

CD-ROM:

1851 Head of Household Census - Dublin
Index to Griffiths Valuation of Ireland
Pigot's Directory to Oxfordshire

Many thanks to Vicki Evans who donated the books and Don Tylee for the CDs'.

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NEWSLETTER NOTES:

Items of interest from newsletters received during the month of August 2003:

Traralgon & District Historical Society Bulletin advises rare society Bulletin's can now be viewed on their website. The first three years of the Bulletin can be viewed for a limited time. Address www.traralgonhistory.asn.au

Reflections, newsletter of the Bass Coast (Phillip Island) Family History Group, lists two pages of Members' Interests.

Mallee Roots, Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society, has an article listing the names of witnesses to inquests 1858-1863 in Swan Hill Police District with Dr. Benjamin William GUMMOW, Coroner. Also, shown below, listing of useful internet sites re BDM indexes online:

CHESHIRE	http://Cheshirebmd.org.uk
YORKSHIRE	www.yorkshirebmd.org.uk
LANCASHIRE	www.lancashirebmd.org.uk
STAFFORDSHIRE	www.staffordshirebmd.org.uk
NORTHUMBERLAND	www.ndfhs.org.uk/Regindex.html
UK MARRIAGE WITNESS INDEX	http://userdb.rootsweb.com/uk
WELSH MARINERS	www.welshmariners.org.uk

Yarram Genealogy Newsletter listing of names beginning with B from the Yarram New Cemetery. *Victorian G.U.M.August*, suggests taking a look at the Australian Medical Pioneers Index at www.medicalpioneers.com Database of Australian Doctors to 1875 which contains useful information with some family history data contribution. The September edition has an article on Family Tree Maker Version 11.

Items of interest from newsletters received during the month of September 2003.

The Mallee Stump, Wyalong District Family History Group, August edition, includes a list of registered members of the Loyal Tallimba Lodge No. 665 NSW. Name, date of birth and occupation listed.

Peninsula Past Times, Mornington Peninsula Family History Society, has a list of unclaimed burial deeds supplied by John Allison/Monkhouse, Funeral Director of Frankston. This is a continuation of the list which has been published in previous editions of the newsletter.

South East Family History Group Newsletter, Millicent, S.A. has a list of Chairmen, District Clerks and Overseers of various Mt. Gambier Councils 1863-1932.

Ararat Genealogical Society Newsletter, September edition, includes articles taken from The Ararat & Pleasant Creek Advertiser 1867-1885.

Heyfield Family History Group Newsletter, August edition features members family histories. Names discussed, SLATER, WHITTON, ECCLESTON, LOVELL, LOVERIDGE, DARGIN, SNELL.

The Crossing Place, Casino & District Family History Group, September edition, list of landowners taken from the first rate book used by the municipality of Casino 1880.

Roses & Thorns, Benalla & District Family History Group, September edition, features 150 years of police presence in Benalla.

Sandra Dumble