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Website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs>

"Narracan Cemetery Transcriptions now complete"

"Yallourn Cemetery Transcriptions now complete"

"Erica Cemetery Transcriptions, coming soon"

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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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Contributors:

Sandra Dumble, David Grant, Brian Knox, Kaye O'Reilly.

Members Profile *Brian Knox*

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

My sister-in-law has been a keen researcher of her families histories for some years and suggested that I might like to start on our side of the family. As I have trouble with my feet and therefore difficulty in getting about, I was happy to start on a project which has become of tremendous interest.

What name's are you researching ?

Barton, Bromley, Knox, Pool. are the starting names.

How far back have you searched ?

Barton's late 1700's in Lincolnshire, England . Bromley's early 1800's in Lancashire, England.
Knox's early 1800's Norfolk England. Pool's early 1800's in Staffordshire England.

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia ?

George Barton was the first of his family to arrive on 27th. August, 1823.

John and Alice Bromley and their three children arrived on 14th April 1841.

William Knox came out here prior to 1856, but as yet I have not been able to find an exact date.

Thomas and Mary Pool arrived here early 1850s.

Who is your favourite ancestor?

John Bromley came to Beechworth from N.S.W. about 1852 as a seventeen year old with cattle and horses for the mining settlement. He and a Chinese man discovered the head of the Ovens. He prospected for gold in the north east and Dargo areas, but never seemed to work the claims, just register and sell them.

What is your most interesting find so far?

A convict in the family! George Barton was convicted along with another man of highway robbery and after his trial at the Lincoln Court he was transported to Australia. They were accused of stealing a watch, money and a greatcoat. George's partner also beat the poor man with a lump of wood. His partner was hung.

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

Family legend has it that the Bromley's fled France ahead of the guillotine and changed their name to de Bromley. To confirm this story and find out more would be of real satisfaction.

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In the Great War 1914-1919. World War II 1939-1945.

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BLAIR, J. A.	JONES, J. A.	STONE, C. E.
BRACHE, M. W.	McCOLL, R.	SUTTON, G.
FRY, T.	McGRATH, P.	WHITE, C. E.
HALDEN, S. M.	ROBERTSON, N.	

KOREAN WAR 1950 - JONAS, D. A.

1939 - 1945

BLAIR, W. C.	MANNION, T. P.	REES, T. C.
CLEGG, D. J.	MILLAR, F.	SKINNER, S. G.
COOK, R.	MOFFITT, W. R.	SPITTALL, L. C.
HARTLEY, R. A.	MUNRO, E. L.	STAGG, J. L.
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MacRAE, H. J.		

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Erected in honour of the brave men of NARRACAN
who fell in the Great War 1914 - 1919

H. BAYLEY	C. HAMILTON	W. SKINNER
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WILLOW GROVE CENOTAPH INSCRIPTIONS

Erected by **WILLOW GROVE** and **FUMINA**
Subscribers in memory of our fallen soldiers who served in the
Great War 1914 -1919
LEST WE FORGET
They loved honor more Than they feared death

H. McLAREN	G. P. NEEDHAM	F. H. LAMONT
C.G. MACPHERSON	H. F. NEEDHAM	R. M. F. HOOPER
M. D. TURNBULL	G. W. NEEDHAM	R. A. McCOLL
J. R. CRONIN		

ARMY EX-SERVICE PERSONAL RECORDS

World War 1:
National Archives of Australia
<http://naa.gov.au>
World War 1 Personal Records Service
PO Box 7425
Canberra Mail Centre
CANBERRA ACT 2600
A fee applies

World War 11:
Central Army Records Office
GPO Box 393D
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Post 1947 Service Records:
Central Army Records Office
GPO Box 393D
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

EDMUND AUGUSTUS SAMSON TEACHER

Edmund Augustus SAMSON was born 1830 in London, England, to Augustus Francis SAMSON (Jeweller) and Maria (nee DORAN). Nothing is known of Edmund's early years, however, according to correspondence received from King's College London, University of London, he was admitted to Evening Classes in Latin on 20 January 1859 for one term and again on 4 April 1859 for another term of Latin. In October of that year he paid £2/11/- to become a Matriculated student of King's College London which made him eligible for various scholarships otherwise not accessible. He paid 5 guineas in tuition fees for a year's course in Latin, French, Italian and Natural Philosophy with Optics. Edmund was entitled to a fifth course but none is recorded other than a note he had written saying: "If a Spanish class should be formed I should like to join it. E.A. Samson".

He was awarded a Certificate of Proficiency in Latin by the Bishop of London on 15th April 1859.

Edmund married Sarah Mary Anne FAIRCHILD in May 1855 at St. Dunstons in the West, London. A son Henry Augustus was born 1855 and a daughter Ellen Augustine Maria born 1859 died 1862. Sometime after Ellen's death Edmund applied for a position at Scotch College, Melbourne, and shipping records show Edmund SAMSON, age 40 years, gentleman, as a cabin passenger aboard the "Yorkshire" which left England 27 June 1865 arriving in Melbourne in September of that year. Sarah and Henry followed aboard the "Yorkshire" leaving in November 1866 and arriving in February 1867.

The Scotch College Report and Honour List of 1865 states "The vacancy which occurred in the English and Elocutionary Department has been filled by the appointment of Mr EDMUND SAMSON, who was selected from among many candidates for the office by the Committee of Gentlemen...." Edmund left his permanent teaching position at Scotch College in 1870 and became a private tutor. He is listed in 1871-1875 Bailliere's Victorian Directory as a Teacher of Elocution and a visiting elocution teacher at Scotch College during 1878-79. Students during this period included Sir John Monash, however, it is unclear as to whether Samson was one of his teachers.

Edmund was living in Omeo where his son, Dr. Henry Augustus SAMSON, was the local medical practitioner, when he died aged 55 years on the 22nd October 1885. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the Omeo Cemetery.

*Edmund is my great, great grandfather.
Sandra Dumble.*

TASTY OMELETTE (French woman's recipe)

Two, three or four eggs, according to the family. Add a tablespoon of water for each egg, salt & pepper. Mince some parsley. Beat the eggs well, add the parsley; those who like chives, mince some and put with the parsley. Cut in small pieces some small rashers of bacon. Put in a frying pan. If not enough fat in the pan add some butter. have a good fire; use a fork and keep it from burning. Double the omelette in the frying pan. When cooked serve at once. Never put an omelette in the oven. All omelettes made with milk and milk and flour are more like pancakes.

The above recipe is taken from a newspaper cutting which is among my Grandmother's collection. My grandmother, Ruby Samson, ran a cake shop in Ascot Vale during the late 1920's early 1930's and her recipe collection, with notes and the source of the recipe, is an important piece of our family history.

Sandra Dumble

BOOKS MISSING

A recent audit of our library has revealed the following books have not been returned. Would members please check their bookshelves to ensure they are not lost among their collection.

A History of Yallourn Open Cut, Vines J.

Australian Battlefields of the Western Front, Laffin. J 1992

Saint Mark's Church of England Rosedale Baptisms

Shipping Arrivals & Departures Tasmania Vol. 1 1803-1833

Shipping Arrivals & Departures Tasmania Vol. 2 1834-1842

Tracing Your Ancestors in Ireland

If located, please contact the librarian or return to the person on Library Duty during a Wednesday afternoon.

ORDERS OVER THE INTERNET

A reminder to members that there is the option of using the special "Visa" account operated by the group to purchase certificates, records etc. over the internet. This service is directed at members who do not wish to supply their personal card details and do not wish to open an account for specific net purchases.

Details of the item to be purchased, the amount required plus a \$2 service fee is to be given to the Treasurer who will organise the purchase on the member's behalf.

Next time you are in a buying mode, consider this alternative.

The sinking of the India off the coast of Brazil, 1841

This article was taken from a document found amongst the effects of the late Helen Mary Grant.

On the 4th June 1841 the India with 198 persons (crew included) sailed from Greenock for Port Phillip and proceeded safely until 20th July when in 16 south Lat and 33 West Long she speedily came to grief from a very simple cause. The third mate and a boy were drawing off spirits from a cask below.

The mate bungled by accidentally spilling some rum and the boy did worse by accidentally dropping a lighted candle into the spilled liquor. The whole place blazed up instantaneously and the mate and the boy rushed shouting on deck closely pursued by the flames with which they had a neck and neck race.

The ship in a short time was on fire from stem to stern and the greatest consternation prevailed. A French whaler was made out some nine miles to windward but it was an hour before she noticed the disaster and then at once steered for the blazing vessel, on nearing which the French boats were lowered and every help rendered.

The India's boats were in the meantime got afloat but the first was rushed and overloaded when it capsized and several persons were drowned. The swamping of this boat deterred the French boats from approaching close to the wreck and it was owing to the activity and bravery of the first mate of the

India that any life was saved. He was in the boat that turned over and getting out of the sea into another boat by extraordinary presence of mind and exertion he succeeded in removing every living soul from the sinking vessel to the French boats. Whence they were transferred to the whaler. Many of the refugees were almost naked as before they were rescued their clothes were burned off off their backs. Nothing whatever was saved of either ship or cargo. The unfortunates snatched from a terrible death were landed at Rio de Janeiro where liberal provision was made for them. Over 1000 pounds was subscribed to present the captain with a gold chronometer (though the mate deserved it better) to refit the shipwrecked officers and crew and assist the emigrants but very little of it the last mentioned got. To this fund the officers and crew of the Potomac an American frigate then in port contributed \$500. Seventeen of the passengers, the boatswain and one of the crew were drowned. The remainder were kept at Rio until means were found of sending them to Port Phillip and they ultimately arrived in Melbourne when prompt measures were taken to provide for their relief.

The article is probably copied out of a magazine printed in the 1920's

David Grant

David's Great Great Grandfather, John Scott Grant, built the New Caledonian Hotel at Sandford in 1856. The building is still in the family however hasn't operated as a hotel for almost 100 years. His sons Robert and George built the original Albion Hotel in Casterton and George rebuilt it in 1904 after the original was destroyed by flood in 1904.

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Surfing The Web

Every few weeks Carolyn Harris from 'Tall Trees Family History' publishes in the Australian & New Zealand List all the URL's mentioned by it's members in the previous few week's. Below are some you might like to visit.

(GENANZ-L@rootsweb.com <GENANZ-L@rootsweb.com>)

Tall Trees Family History

<http://www.westnet.com.au/talltrees>

Allied WW2

<http://tinyurl.com/yu9h9>

Australian Periodical Publications 1840-1845

<http://www.nla.gov.au/ferg/>

Camp Pell Melbourne during WW2

<http://home.st.net.au/~dunn/ozatwar/camppell.htm>

Cemeteries of New South Wales

<http://www.interment.net/aus/nsw/index.htm>

Colonial Tasmanian Family Links

<http://resources.archives.tas.gov.au/Pioneers/Taslink2.asp>

Convict Absconders 1827, New South Wales

<http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/scons27a.htm>

Cornwall Images

<http://www.hattam.co.uk/gallery/>

English, Scottish & Irish Genealogy

<http://www.lineages.co.uk>

Graves in the Royal Victoria Military Hospital, Netley, near Southampton

<http://genealogy.textpress.co.uk/Netley/>

Ireland Griffith's Valuation

<http://scripts.ireland.com/ancestor/browse/records/land/grva.htm>

Ireland Old News

<http://www.IrelandOldNews.com>

Maritime Information Gateway

<http://www.port.nmm.ac.uk/>

Queensland State Archives

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au>

Sullivan Australian Tree

<http://sullivanaustralianfamilytree.com>

Tasmanian Electoral Rolls

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~austas/electoralrolls.htm>

Victorian Towns and Localities

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/victowns/>

Wollar General Cemetery

http://www.interment.net/data/aus/nsw/orana/mudgee/wollar_gen/wollgen.htm

Saint Francis Melbourne

<http://www.stfrancismelbourne.org/>

Kilmore Historical Society

<http://www.kilmorehistory.info>

The Marist Brothers

<http://www.maristoz.edu.au/index.shtml>

Perth Dead Person's Society

<http://www.perthdps.com>

From Bob: The GRO indexes are now on line at <http://www.1837online.com/>

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

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

CD-ROM:

We now have the 1825 Pigot's Directory for Scotland. 5 CD's.

Also the 1842/4 Directory of Oxfordshire.
and the 1847 post office directory of Oxfordshire.

Soon to be completed: **Erica Cemetery Index's**

We have had many new additions to the library over the last year. Why not drop in for a chat and cuppa and see what we have.

MEETING DATES 2004

Mid Gippsland Family History Society will hold its general meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, except December. The following are the meeting dates for 2004.

January 22, 2004	May 27, 2004	September 23, 2004
February 26, 2004	June 24, 2004	October 28, 2004
March 25, 2004	July 22, 2004	November 25, 2004
April 22, 2004	August 26, 2004	December, no meeting.

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