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

"Erica Cemetery Index, on-line now"

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, minimum 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:

Dianne Terry, Sandra Dumble, Kaye O'Reilly.

Members Profile *Dianne Terry*

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

I started researching my family history April 2003 after my cousin had given me a copy of what she had found on the WITHAM family and as it had many blanks on it I started to also research the name. I then decided I would start researching my grandmothers family and from there on it has extended.

What names are your researching?

Witham, Rogers, McCoughtry, Terry, Herrick, Flynn & Kelsall

How far back have you searched?

Witham's 1760's Surrey England	Rogers 1770's Wrexham England
McCoughtry 1847 Sydney Australia	Terry's 1862 Bairnsdale Australia
Herrick 1878 Victoria Australia	Flynn 1879 Victoria Australia
Kelsall c1910 Victoria Australia	

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

My first ancestor to arrive in Australia could be William McCoughtry or Grace Irwin. They married 19 January 1847 Sydney. Grace and her sister Eliza came on the ship 'Emerald Isle' and arrived 23 December 1841 in Sydney.

George Witham and Sarah Bricknell both arrived 1853 Portland Victoria on the ship 'Eliza' and they married 2 weeks after arriving.

Oliver & Sarah Rogers and 4 children arrived 1852 SA on the ship 'Chatham'.

What is your most interesting find?

It would have to be finding my great grandmother Witham nee Connley's birth. Also having an aunt who had a suitcase full of old family documents and letters dating back to the 1870's and these have given me a great understanding of what life was like in those days.

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

I would like to find the birth of my great grandfather Donald Rogers. He was born about 5 years before his parents married. This would solve a family mystery as many family members wonder if he indeed was Albert Rogers son.

Contact: **Dianne Terry, 19 Hayes Rd., Moe, 3825**

Leonie's Photographic Images

Printing service for those precious negatives. Copying of those old photographs.

'Add a special boost to your family history story'.

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Contact: *Leonie Robinson*

17 Gibson Street, MOE 3825

Phone: 03 51274442 Mobile: 0411034681

MOE VACCINATIONS 1879 - 1883

Date:	Christian Name of Child:	Name of Father:	Age:	Res:
27/9/1879	Christopher	Eliza M PEIRSE	2yr	Moe
7/11/1879	Clara Agnes	Charles H COPE	3yr	Moe
14/11/1879	William	William SPEED	1 ³ / ₄ yr	Trafalgar
30/1/1880	Arthur Herbert	John NETHERCOTE	11m	Moe
2/2/1880	James	Charles MITCHELL	17m	Trafalgar
18/2/1880	Ernest Arthur	Jacob GREEN	17m	Moe
26/4/1880	Catherine	Hector MUNRO		Moe
8/5/1880	Jane	Alexander MATHESON	14m	Trafalgar
18/5/1880	William John	George HOUGH	8m	Trafalgar
10/9/1880	Ernest George	James McDONOUGH	9m	Moe
24/12/1880	Agnes	Stephen SMITH	12m	Trafalgar
16/11/1880	Alice	Caroline ASHBY	9m	Trafalgar
	Amy Ethel	James McDONOUGH	4yr	Moe
	James William	Jacob GREEN	3yr	Moe
	Henriette	Charles H COPE	4yr	Moe
10/5/1880	Anne Kate	Edward LYNCH	20m	Trafalgar
3/6/1880	Martha	Thomas JOHNSON	18m	Trafalgar
5/12/1880	Ethel May	Michael DWYER	7m	Moe
10/5/1880	Ellen Maude	Michael DWYER	2 ¹ / ₂ y	Moe
	William	William GOULD	4y	Tyers Riv
9/2/1880	Catherine Chr'tina	John WILSON	2 ¹ / ₂ y	Moe
	Mary Ann	John WILSON	8 ¹ / ₂ y	Moe
	Elizabeth Ellen	John WILSON	3yr	Moe
2/1/1882	Fred	John SUTTON	5m	Moe
27/12/1880	William John	William A GAY	18m	Moe
	Sidney James	William A GAY	4yr	Moe
23/2/1880	Albert	Antonio P MAGNUSSON	2 ¹ / ₂ y	Moe
14/6/1883	Charles Arthur	William A EASLEAM*	3m	Moe
20/11/1883	Herbert Augustus	Jacob GREEN	9m	Moe
19/5/1883	Louise Elizabeth	Antonio P MAGNUSSON	1yr	Moe
11/7/1882	Edith Grace	Charles H COPE	1 ³ / ₄ y	Moe Sth
30/10/1882	Reynold	Jesse HASTHORPE	1 ¹ / ₂ y	Moe
11/2/1884	Bessie Shercliffe	Benjamin B JOHNSON	8m	Moe
20/3/1883	John	James McDONOUGH	1yr	Moe
15/10/1883	Edward	Peter HUNTER	1 ¹ / ₂ y	Moe
4/3/1882	Ellen	Peter HUNTER	3 ¹ / ₂ y	

*Denotes possible incorrect spelling.

Taken from the Register of Certified Cases of Successful Vaccination in the District of Moe compiled by J. G. Rogers.

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A Book Report from Kaye O'Reilly
The Rosedale Story, vol. 1, by Don Macreadie.

Rosedale has a story to tell, from the time it was first known as Blind Joe's Hut, up till today. Don Macreadie's extensive research of this township has made the family history buffs life a lot easier with the publication of his book. A must read for anyone researching in the Rosedale area. Don's book tells of the 1839 trip by Angus McMillan 'into the unknown area between Omeo and Melbourne'. McMillan's setting up of the first cattle station in Gippsland and of the original naming of the area as Caledonia Australis. Don lists all the Squatters who held land in the Rosedale area and tells some of their history. He imparts a fantastic amount of information in the chapter on education and gives all the details on the setting up of schools in the township. The list of subscribers to the earliest school is a virtual who's who of the town.

You will find out how the area received mail, from the earliest deliveries by native police to the successful tender's of the overland mail, contractors are listed by name. Telegraph and telephonic communications are also covered along with a section devoted to the forming of the Mechanics Institute. I found his narrative on the Bridge Inn very interesting reading (*I think the maid did it!*) The histories of the Rosedale Hotel as well as the Royal Exchange also offer the reader plenty of information. The churches, St Marks, 'The history of the Church of England is long, complicated and interesting', the Presbyterian Church, St Andrews and the Catholic Church, St. Rose of Lima also have their stories told.

The history of the cemetery while interesting in itself is remarkable in that it lists all the burials at Rosedale till 1913. Mr. Macreadie then goes on to list the people whose deaths were registered at Rosedale and buried elsewhere. These are not just lists of names and dates but ,sometimes, mini stories about the people mentioned. Here is an example:

10.3.1909. Enoch PORTCH died at 'Fernleigh', Rosedale and was a 79 years old grazier. He was born in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and was sent to Tasmania in 1846, crossing to Gippsland in 1856 where he married that year at Tarraville to Mary Ann Jane BLAKE. He was the son of Enoch Portch, labourer and Hanna nee Austin and was the father of Hanna 51 (Mrs. Waters), Enoch (buried Rosedale 1865), Sarah (Mrs. Timbs) 48, Thomas 46, Albert 44, Rosanna 42 (Mrs. Harrap), Annie 40 (Mrs. McCarthy), Ernest 38, Louisa 37 (Mrs. Bolger), Octavia 34 (Mrs. Pierce) Emma 33 (Mrs. Ayres), Fredrick (buried Rosedale 1890), Ellen 29 (Mrs. Foster), Maude 26 (Mrs. Hillman) and Arthur 24. Enoch died with chronic asthenia combined with senility.

Mr. Macreadie then lists for us Rosedale Births. Amongst others, he has records of more than 1730 births, representing more than 415 different surnames, 172 of them have only one birth recorded, 58 of them have 2 births each, 36 of them 3, 34 of them 4, 17 of them 5, 17 of them have 6, 10 of them have 7, 12 of them have 8, and 11 of them have 9 representatives.

Here is an example

Ayres: John William b. 6.7.1886, the 6th child of William and Elizabeth McKenzie, who married at Footscray 20.8.1876. Jeannie 23.4.1889; Dora Frances Myrtle 6.8.1893 and Mary Clarice b. 'Evergreen' R. 20.11.1897 was the last child registered before the mother died. William (the father) then married Emma Eleanor Portch in 1900, and their first child William Sydney was b. at 'Evergreen' 14.3.1902. There were 7 more children born to this couple, but only May Eleanor was registered at R. She was born 16.5.1917 at 'Fernleigh', the Portch home.

As well as all this Don Macreadie's book is full of photographs. Many early settlers are pictured as well as street scenes of early Rosedale. The post office buildings, new and old, shops and churches, not forgetting the hotels, are all shown. The book concludes with that much loved genealogical resource, an Index . 10 out of 10 Mr. Macreadie.

HENRY AUGUSTUS SAMSON MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Henry Augustus SAMSON was born July 17, 1855, in Leigh, Essex, to Edmund Augustus SAMSON and Sarah Mary (nee FAIRCHILD). He traveled to Australia with his mother, leaving England aboard the "Yorkshire" in November 1866 arriving in Melbourne in February 1867. His father, Edmund, had arrived in September 1865 to take up a teaching position at Scotch College.

The Scotch College Admission Register for 1867 shows Henry as student number 1138 with his date of entry as 26 February. The Attendance and Fee Register record his attendance throughout 1867, 1868 and 1869. He is mentioned in the College prize lists for Classics: Latin & Greek, Mathematics: Arithmetic, English and Writing. Henry went on to qualify as a Medical Practitioner, completing his studies at Melbourne University in 1880.

On October 6, 1879, Henry married Mary Ellen SAVAGE at Fitzroy and between 1880 and 1897, five sons and four daughters were born to the SAMSON'S.

Dr. Samson was the local Doctor and Health Officer at Omeo between 1882 and 1885 with many articles written in the Omeo Telegraph during this time documenting his association with the community. As local doctor, Henry, was called upon to give evidence at inquests, treat all types of illness, attend the accident of a Cobb & Co mail coach and contend with an outbreak of pneumonia, to mention a few. He is also mentioned as the Plaintiff in a case before the Omeo Police Court where the Defendant pleaded the charge of £5 1s 6d for medical attendances was excessive. Outcome, verdict for the Plaintiff, £4 9s and 2s 6d costs.

Dr. Samson decided to pursue Psychiatry and in 1887 was appointed Medical Officer at the Beechworth Lunatic Asylum. My grandfather, Eric James SAMSON, was born at the asylum in 1888. By 1890 the Samson's were living in Ararat, where Henry held a position at the Ararat Asylum. During this time two of their

sons aged 5yrs and 3yrs 6 mths, died of Croup. From there he went to the Kew Asylum and in 1893 was appointed Medical Superintendent at the Ballarat Lunatic Asylum. Finally in 1896 he returned to Beechworth as Medical Superintendent with a salary of £417 p.a. During his appointment at Beechworth the family lived on the top floor of the Administration Block and the children were cared for by an inpatient they called "Scottie". The book 'Early Victorian Psychiatry 1835-1905' by C.R.D. Brothers gives an insight into mental health during this time and the methods used by the medical profession. Dr. Samson had an interest in the "industry of patients" and suggested the planting of Willows for basket making.

Henry died on September 21, 1905, aged 50 years, with his burial taking place Sunday, September 24, on a day of "alternation of rain, sleet and snow, which descended heavily during the night". The Ovens & Murray Advertiser reported, "The extraordinary rigour of the season can be estimated by the information in our telegraphic intelligence that on Monday snow fell in Melbourne and its suburbs." *Sandra Dumble*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to the following members.

Eddie TUNN and his wife who celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary at Easter.

David GRANT and his wife who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary also at Easter.

Helen McLENNAN who welcomes a new granddaughter into the family.



Welcome New Member: Steven Spark

Research names: Goodwin, Wain, Shingles, Stephens, Cox, Reinkowsky, Vesty, Bowen, Spark, Collins, Hough, and Todd to name a few.

MORWELL CENOTAPH INSCRIPTIONS

Erected by the residents of *MORWELL* riding as a tribute to the
men resident in the riding who enlisted & in
memory of those who made the *Supreme Sacrifice* in the Great War. 1914 – 1919

PLAQUE

Australia Remembers / 1945-1995 / In honour of / the men & women who served /
Australia in time of conflict / during World War II / Lest We Forget /

This monument, with names on the East Face, also perpetuates the memory of those who paid the
Supreme Sacrifice in World War II & Korea

+Killed

+ALLISS, C.	DAVEY, E. C.	HADLEY, P.
AMIET, Chas.	DAVEY, W.	HOGAN, E.
+AMIET, F. D.	DAVEY, R.	KLEINE, F.
ANDERSON, C	DAVEY, C.	LAWLESS, J. R.
BILLINGLSEY, A.	DUNCANSON, J.	LAWLESS, J. G.
BRUCE, A. L.	DUSTING, G.	MEDEW, J. R.
BOLDING, H. F.	DUSTING, H.	MACKEY, T. F.
BUTTERS, C.	DERHAM, F.	McFARLANE, G.
BUTTERS, R.	DERHAM, F. S	PAYNE, C.
BROWN, H. H..	FRANCIS, J.	SHAW, N. J.
BRINSMEAD, F.	GRAUER, R. L.	SHAW, C. M.
COLLINS, W.	HALL, S.	SHAW, D.
COLLINS, J.	HALL, J.	WHITELAW, D.
COOPER, H. S.	HARE, Bert	WHITELAW, A.
CAPON, W. V.		

PLAQUE

In affectionate remembrance of **A RICH, R.A.R.** Killed in action *Vietnam* 1962-72

PLAQUE

This plaque is erected in memory of those who paid the *Supreme Sacrifice*
in World War II and in Korea.

ALLEN, H. A	EASON, L. W.	MUNCASTER, J.
ANGUS, C. P.	EVANS, H. T.	MURRAY, A. M.
BOLITHO, H.	FERGUSON, R. W.	PETER, T.
BOLTON, C. R. A.	GAIR, N.	READ, L. H. N.
BOLTON, T. A.	GREEN, D. I. A.	ROY, E. W.
BOWDEN, N. J.	HEWAT, G. A.	SILCOCK, R. R.
BUDGE, W. G.	HORSFALL, L.	STAGG, J. L.
CATTERICK, J. H.	JOHNSON, F.	TEMPLER, R. C.
DEANE, A.	KING, L.S.	TIERNEY, R.
DEERING, C. J.	LAWRENCE, F. E.	TURNER, R. H.
DOOLAN, W. T.	McARTHUR, D.	WILLIAMS, R. K.
DICKSON, L. H.	McDONALD, D.	LEST WE FORGET

PLAQUE

This plaque is to commemorate the centenary of the *BOER WAR* and all those who enlisted and served for
service from the Morwell township area. 12th October 1999 Lest We Forget

This plaque was erected in memory of those
Who paid the *Supreme Sacrifice* in the *BOER WAR*
G. BOLDING / T. ROSE

KEEGAN, F.
LITTLE, R.
LOCK, E.
LYONS, R.
LYONS, C.
MILLER, F.
MAHER, L.
MAHER, A.
+McINTOSH, A.
NEAL, A.
+O'DONNELL, T.

PETTIT, H.
PRYOR, W.
PRYKE, B.
ROWELL, F.
ROWE, C.
RONALD, A.
RINTOULL, W.
SADDLER, J.
SMITH, C.
SYMONS, H.
THOMAS, S. G.

THOMAS, R. W.
+THOMSON, R. H.
+TULLOCH, J.
VINALL, C.
VINALL, H.
WOOD, A.
WILKINS, F.
WARNETT, J.
WARNETT, W.
YOUNG, J. A.

Memorials around the Cenotaph

Peacemaking and Peacekeeping

In honour of those who served and in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice
Serving Australia and the Free World from 29th Jan 1947 to the Present Day.
Lest We Forget

Vietnam

In honour of those who served and in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice
Serving Australia in the Vietnam War from 25.1.1962 to 29.4.1975.
Lest We Forget

Malaya – Borneo – FESR – Thailand

In honour of those who served and in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice
Serving Australia in the Malayan Emergency – 29.6.1950 to 16.8.1964
Far East Strategic Reserve – 29.6.1950 to 31.8.1957
Borneo Confrontation – 8.12.1962 to 14.9.1966
Thailand / UBON – 31.5.1962 to 31.8.1968
Lest We Forget

Korea

In honour of those who served and in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice
Serving Australia in the Korean War 27th June 1950 to 19th April 1956
Lest We Forget



Victorian B.D.M's Online

Some tips from Clive Luckman, G.S.V. *with permission.*

Many Victorians will have read that the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages has been working on an improved Internet online system for the purchase of Victorian BDM certificates. (Background in the Ancestor, March 2004.)

The service is via a new web site in place of the MAXI site (the MAXI site will continue in parallel for some weeks). Its URL is www.dvc.vic.gov.au. Online, 1st March, 2004.

Follow the links as follows: Births Deaths and Marriages | Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages | Search BDM Indexes | Historical Indexes | Historical Index | Search Historical Indexes. That should get you to the screen inviting you to fill in your credit card details. Then follow the screen prompts. (<https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/servlet/IdxSearch?action=gotoPrePaySecure> may get you straight to the screen inviting you to fill in your credit card details.)

The search capability will be unchanged except that Marine B.D.M's and the newly released marriages 1921 to 1942 will be included, which gives access to over 6.5 million records;

On MAXI the 99c page shows up to 10 results - on the new system there will be up to 20 results per page for 99c. The fee for an image (\$17.50 per image) will be the same as for a certificate;

Having found the information via the index the next step will be to push the button to obtain an image. If a certified copy is required, you should take note of the Registration Number and Registration Year and proceed to the "Apply for a Certificate" transaction page where you can complete the online application form. This certificate will be received via snail mail.

The information on the image will be identical to that on a certificate, but will not be a legally certified copy, which may be printed from the browser or saved to a file for later viewing or printing. But they are only available for 30 days after which they will no longer be able to be accessed. It is recommended that you save the images to disk for long term access. If the image is not retrieved in that 30 days, you will need to re-apply and pay the appropriate charge(s) again.

Images will be, of course, viewable on the PC/Mac screen. The image will be in PDF format. No printing problem is foreseen for images of A4 size, or for the few of us that have A3 printers.

The latest Acrobat Reader, version 6, is recommended when faced with an A3 sized original and an A4 printer. Using the "Zoom In" tool expand the image so that the left hand half fills the screen, click on "File", then "Print", amongst the "Print Range" options enable "Current View", then click "OK". Repeat for the right hand page. This will give you a complete horizontal slice of the A3 image at close to the A3 size. You may need to experiment a little to get used to this procedure. Acrobat Reader may take up to 30 seconds before printing begins - be patient.

Clearly the advantage of getting an on-line image is the 'instant' result. In this context it should be noted that as a result of recent stringent security measures for the issue of passports and perhaps other documents there is a new, and very heavy demand for certified copies of certificates. The Registry is now unable to provide its former, very fast service and is advising a delay of up to 7 working days. A typical delay at the counter in Melbourne is probably now around one hour.

We found that the asterisk (*) wild card works. I think that the query mark (?) will also work, but I have not had an opportunity to test it. In other words, it has strong similarities to the Digger software. Several folk have asked if it is mandatory to pay for a 99c page - the answer is 'yes'. On the basis of having used this site for uncertified copies of certificates we are very happy with it. And if you saw the length of queues at the Registry you would be happy also.

Clive Luckman, President, The Genealogical Society of Victoria

TIP: I used this method to purchase a certificate. The full page printed to A4. I can blow it up to A3 at the local library thereby making it easier to read. On site it can be enlarged to make reading easier and you can transcribe from there. Although I couldn't save the page to my computer I could **email the image** to myself. *Kaye O'Reilly*

Looking for some good time wasters?

Springvale & St. Kilda Cemeteries are now online www.necropolis.com.au/search

Unassisted passenger lists and some wonderful NEW indexes available via <http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/access/online.htm>

Researching in the Goldfields? Ballarat Genealogical Society: <http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au>

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

February – April 2004

Roses & Thorns, Benalla & District Family History Group devote their March edition to Fires, Fire Brigades, Fire Men & Women of the district.

Reflections, Newsletter of the Bass Coast (Phillip Island) Family History Group lists Early Landholders on Phillip Island.

Victorian G.U.M., March edition, features New Zealand "Odds & Sods", Internet sites relating to New Zealand, Part 3.

The Crossing Place, Newsletter of the Casino & District Family History Group includes Casino Rates 1881 – List of Owners.

Wattle Bark, Maryborough Family History Group includes a Members Research Directory.

Kith 'N' Kin, West Gippsland Genealogical Society Newsletter, features an article "Scotsmen To Gippsland which includes a listing of those who took up property in the Gippsland area.

The South Gippsland Family History Soc.

Are holding a Family History Seminar on **Saturday 5th June 2004**. Time is 9.30am to 4pm. In the Uniting Church Hall, Peart Street, Leongatha. Speakers:

Leslie Berry: Privacy laws and the Internet.

Ann Burrows: Genealogy at the State Library.

Shauna Hicks: Public Records Office Vic.

Jenny Carter: Something Extra.

Cost \$20 includes Lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

Contact Person: Margaret Pegler Ph: (03) 56 623292

We have been invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of The South Gippsland Family History Soc. to be held 1pm **Saturday July 10, 2004** at the Mechanics' Institute, McCartin St. Leongatha. Guest Speaker, Liz Allen, to speak on Records Available from the Gold Rush Era and Indexing of records generally.

REUNION

Descendants of First Fleeters

*John **NICHOLS** & his wife Ann nee **PUGH***

Are invited to attend a world wide reunion to be held Sunday, 19th September 2004, 10am – 4pm

At the Norm Jordan Pavilion In the Coffs Harbour Showground, Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour NSW For details: Robyn M. Condliff 28 Sandpiper Cres. Boambee East NSW 24 Tel (02) 6653 3615

Email: condliffe@smartchat.net.au

New In The Library

:Genealogical Research Directory 2004

:Characters of Will – Biographies & Family Trees of William & Emmeline Davies & Their Descendants (D. Cowley) Donated by Dawn Cowley

:The Education Department Record of War Service (Victoria) 1914 – 1919

Donated by Eddie Tunn

The people below have posted these

Help Wanted

via. the MGFHS Web page

Name: C. Hendy

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Comments: looking for information on the **Ratcliffe, Duncan, Taylor** families. Have got family reunion book of Sarah Phillips (Ratcliffe) I am the G.G.G. granddaughter of **Sarah Phillips**. the family's lived in the Walhalla, Rosedale areas.

Name: Mag

E-Mail: mag.pie@xtra.co.nz

Looking for information on **Ned STRINGER**.

...mountains from Jamieson; one being a ticket-of-leave convict named **Edward Stringer**; who had found alluvial gold in a creek bed,..?

Name: Peter M Allen

E-Mail: ubique@tpg.com.au

Comments: Henry **Allen** had 13 children. Henry's daughter **Elizabeth Annie Allen** married **William Walter Wilson** in 1914 at Tarrawarra and they lived at Yarragon. They had five (?) children that I can find. Walter died in 1944, buried? and Elizabeth died 1966 and is buried in Yarragon Cemetery. Also researching **Lewis** of Hillston NSW. Please contact me if you have any information on any of these people or their descendants

Name: Brian Ellis

E-Mail: brian@pauline4.freemove.co.uk

From Yorkshire ENGLAND

Comments: Thank you for putting ERICA CEMETERY on. We now know were my wife's Aunty **Florence's May Smith** is buried. If any one knew her please get in touch

Name: Pam Sherlock

E-Mail: pamsh@iprimus.com.au

From Bangholme

Comments: Looking for details of my early ancestors who settled around the Morwell district - **William McGowan** and his wife **Effie McGowan** nee **Cunningham**

Name: bev hayes. From Greensborough, Vic, 3088

E-Mail: hayesbeverley@yahoo.com.au

Comments: Just browsing for "Danson" and found your site. My grandfather **David Penman Danson** lived in Trafalgar.

Name: Diane Tomassen. From Brisbane

E-Mail: dcarr6504@bigpond.net.au

Comments: I am researching my ancestry from Walhalla, being **John Boyd Graham** Mountain Queen Hotel, **Margery Graham** daughter of John Boyd Graham and **Isabella Brown, George Graham** from Happy Go Lucky Mines, or any related information. If anyone can help, pls send me an e-mail. Thank you