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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 2003/2004: 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:

Sandra Dumble, Kaye O'Reilly.

Members Profile: *Kaye O'Reilly*

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

In 1998, at the 'Grand Opening' of the Latrobe Valley Hospital, the MGFHS had an information booth. As researching my Family History was something I was going to "get around to someday", I decided that day, the time had come.

What names are you researching?

I started with my paternal Grandparent's Steve McMILLAN and Sophia BAXTER, which bought me to G. G'ma Bridget GUTHRIE and G .G. G'ma Elizabeth FITZPATRICK. On the Baxter side there are the STANDEN'S and McKENZIE'S. Coming to a dead end on these lines I switched to my mothers family the FITZGERALD'S and MILLIGAN'S who led me to the MANNIX'S and HARBOURD'S. I tend to dwell on the female ancestors as I find them more interesting.

How far back have you searched?

My 8th Great Grandfather Thomas Baxter married Mary Collington in Diseworth, Leicestershire, England in 1710, but I have to admit that most of my BAXTER information came from Mary Lowe, of Frankston. My family line had been missed off Mary's research so it was a happy exchange for both parties. A strange coincidence was that Sophia Baxter now McMillan, lived a street over from Mary in Frankston and they never knew each other!

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

Charles STANDEN arrived into Tasmania on the convict ship the "Red Rover" in 1831. On his release he married Mary McMAHON and together with their 2 daughters they arrived in Melbourne in 1841. They settled in Bulla and eventually had a total of 9 children, 2 boys and 7 girls. The sons, Charles and Patrick made their way to Queensland. Charles died in Cairns and Patrick in Cooktown. The eldest girl, Mary, married John Colin McKENZIE and it was their daughter Mary who married Joseph BAXTER whose mother Zilla arrived into Melbourne with her family in June 1841. Although Joseph was illegitimate, his father, as told to me by my grandmother, Sophia McMillan, (nee Baxter) was Benjamin Baxter, of Baxter Flats. Interestingly, Joseph rode with the Family of Benjamin Baxter in his funeral cortege! Zilla Baxter and Benjamin Baxter were not related.

What is your most interesting find?

The burial place of Great G. Grandfather, James MILLIGAN. Why wasn't he buried with G. G. G'ma in Bunyip Cemetery? I had a photo of the seemingly happy couple taken in there 80's, c1920. I couldn't even find him dead! Eventually, I did find him, in Western Australia, where he was taken after the death of his wife Catherine (nee HOPKINS) in 1926. He lived there with his daughter Mable GUMMOW, and was buried in the Fremantle Cemetery, in 1931.

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

Robert James Mcmillen's, arrival into Australia, which according to his death certificate was about, 1854. Born c1831, Robert was known as, and signed his name, James Mcmillen. After his death the surname became McMillan due to Elizabeth, his wife, being illiterate. Was he really born in Dundee, Scotland and if so why can't I find him there? Of course a marriage certificate might explain a few facts but I can't find one of those either!

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PAULS MILK BOTTLE TOPS:

Thanks to Wes, MGFHS is now collecting these tops as a fund-raiser. Please bring in your tops and put them in the container, in the compactus, that Wes has provided. Get your family to save them too. It's amazing how quickly they accumulate! We are also collecting the ring pulls off cans, hopefully we can save enough to make an artificial limb



B. D. M. Certificate's

Until recently all the certificates I have needed to further my family history have been from Victoria. Lately I have been using the new online ordering service at <http://online.justice.vic.gov.au/> It's easy to use and the 'instant' result, for me, is it's main attraction. The cost is \$17.50. The purchase of G. Grandpa Fitzgerald's, death certificate, has now led me to N.S.W. where their certificates, ordered online, (<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>) cost \$24, and take at least a week, via mail, to receive. I have since found that by using a Transcription Agent, I can save at least \$8. I still get all the information, but at a fraction of the cost while the time frame for delivery, is, at the moment, 6 days. I used JOY MURRIN Family History Services, and can thoroughly recommend them. If you don't want the full transcription it's cheaper again. They also offer an England, Wales and Scotland, Certificate Service. You can order your certificates online or print out a form to post. I used my Credit Card but Joy accepts direct deposit payment. Find all her details at: <http://www.joymurrin.com.au/> or write to **JOY MURRIN FAMILY HISTORY SERVICES** PO Box 278 Oatley NSW 2223 Australia

SPARE TIME?

Have you been looking at the online shipping lists and can't find your ancestor? Try this site:

Mariners and Ships in Australian Waters

<http://mariners.records.nsw.gov.au/index.htm>

"Masters, crew, a stowaway or two; passengers, cabin, saloon and steerage; births at sea, deaths at sea; deserters; vessels with one crew and one passenger and those with 70 crew and hundreds of passengers; simple single sail boats, barques, brigs, large steam ships; whaling voyages, regular coastal passenger trips, voyages from other Australian ports, London, San Francisco, China and other exotic." *Still can't find them?* Why not offer to transcribe some lists and help get this project completed? The lists are being transcribed from the State Records Authority of NSW Reels of the Shipping Master's Office, Inwards Passengers Lists. If you can help email Mary-Ann: ozmariners@ozlists.com



2005 MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY

*ARE YOUR
MEMBERS INTERESTS UP TO DATE?*

MGFHS is set to publish a new, up to date, 2005, members interest directory. No one but you can put them in to be included. Bring the details into the Meeting Rooms as soon as possible. Or email (preferred) them to Kaye in Excel format *if you have it.*

Use the following headings

NAME: Surname then first

YEARS: Researching, or birth year

TOWN: Person known at

STATE or COUNTY: Check the Chapman Codes on the MGFHS Internet site, or leave out.

COUNTRY:

DEADLINE: The March Meeting



OBITUARY: Local Pioneer

GEORGE COATES: During the past week death has claimed one of the oldest residents of Gippsland, in the person of Mr George Coates, father of Mrs Siddle and several brothers and sisters. Mr Coates had been ill for a lengthy period, and the end was not unexpected. He was born at Oxford England, 74 years ago, and came to Australia at the age of seven. He was thus a colonist of 67 years standing. Mrs Coates, who survives him, is also an old colonist. Their three sons, Richard, Tom and Bert, enlisted for active service early in the war. Richard returned home severely wounded (one arm useless); Tom was killed in a charge at Gallipoli, and Bert is in the trenches in France at the present time. If self-sacrifice is the highest quality, here we see a deal of it.

Moondarra news; Narracan shire Advocate 8.11.1916

MR GEORGE COATES, a miner, well known to the past and present generation in Walhalla and the mountains died on the 28th u't, at the age of 74 years - at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Siddle, of Moondarra. He had been in failing health for some years. His wife survives him. Their 3 sons Richard, Thomas and Bert, all volunteered shortly after the out break of war - no exemption in their case and no holding back while Britain and her Allies shouldered the burden and wiped out the Huns! Tom gave his life for the Empire, and Richard was severely wounded in the arm. Bert is still doing his bit in France bravely. The father had hoped to see his son, Bert return after the war, and the later will be deeply grieved that he did not see his father before the end came. There was a strong attachment between father and sons, and the former was proud that his sons so readily responded to their country's call for help in it's hour of trial. There are also 3 grown up daughters. Mr A. H. Cross has the unpleasant duty of acquainting Pte. Coates of his father's death. *Traralgon Journal, 1916*

Harking Back

by Llew Vary.

Remembrances of a local man on the early settlement of Morwell and the surrounding district as printed in the Morwell Advertiser and Gazette
Beginning Thursday July 30, 1942
Transcribed by *Kaye O'Reilly*
Part 3

Now let us go back to the ridge. I wonder how many can remember Gooding's Post Office which was situated on the farm known as Heesom's. A post boy on horse back used to deliver the mail from Smith's at the Morwell Bridge a few days a week after the coach had gone on its way to Sale. Not far from Gooding's the Ridge Picnic was held annually on New Years Day. I think the late Mr Geo. Firmin, who was a councillor in the Traralgon Shire at the time, was one of the main instigators in this famous picnic. In those days there was very little entertainment and consequently this outing was looked forward to. At 10 o'clock on New Year's morning the Ridge would be all hustle and scurry. Buggies coming from every direction, were enveloped in a cloud of dust. Horseman came cantering along the road, their backs covered with flies and dust and their horses covered with sweat. "Happy New Year" was heard with the reply, "Same to you and many of them." The children's races were started and the ladies prepared the dinner. Everything went with a swing until the sun was getting low, then horses were yoked up and the crowd dwindled away, all very happy and all very tired.

The Hazelwood School, now known as the Ridge, is an old landmark, being built before the township of Morwell was thought of. I think the first teacher was a man named Nelson, whose ability with the cane was far in advance of that of a teacher according to the scholars of the day. There were some big boys going to this school when it first opened. Some of them were 15 or 16 who had not been to school before. Later Miss Waldon was the teacher.. This lady will be well and kindly remembered by the old residents and scholars alike for she was a firm but conscientious teacher, whose greatest pleasure was doing things that would give other people happiness, and now with this fine character I will have to leave Hazelwood and start on that run situated on the western side of the Morwell river known in the old days as Merton Rush.

August 27

Merton Rush was situated on the Western side of Morwell River and bounded by four waters, Morwell River on the east, Latrobe River on the North, Wilderness Creek on the South and Narracan Creek on the West. It was more heavily timbered than the runs previously described.

The first man to occupy this run was Charley Farley, who did so about the same time as Hazelwood, perhaps a little later. Farley was John King's man "his batman so to speak" and came with that gentleman from Sydney. He was not a very energetic person and put some breeding cows on and let them run wild. Eventually it fell into the mortgagees hands. William Westrope Weller, who was a fairly well to do man at this time, and

who had similar interests in Hazelwood was the principal mortgagee. A Geelong auctioneer named Alfred Born had something to do with it but whether he had an interest in the run or only had it on his books for sale I am not quite clear, I think both, as Born was the man who my father, Samuel Vary, did the business with when he purchased the "Brand" in the year 1870. The homestead was built on the Prem-Right which had been selected on the Morwell river and is that portion now owned by F. S. Brinsmead. The house consisted of two hardwood W.B. rooms in the front, with two wattle and daub rooms attached; a kitchen and brick oven were detached. It may be of interest to note that the weatherboards were sawn on the property with what was known as a pit saw, which consisted of a deep hole or pit into which one man got, the log being laid across the pit, another man was on top and the saw was dragged up and down till the board was cut off. This was a very slow process and the man in the pit had a very unenviable job with the sawdust falling down on him all the time. One can readily understand why they preferred to build of wattle and daub.

As I have already stated this run had a very large amount of timber country, taking in the Haunted Hills, about which there has been a lot of discussion as to how it came by it's name. It was given this title because in the dry time of the year when horseman are riding on some portions it sounds hollow as if crossing a bridge, and as there were a considerable number of "Shanties" on the old stock route selling "Chain Lightning," which was manufactured on the spot, it is little wonder that drovers and overlanders, who had been indulging overnight, would see ghostly objects, hear strange noises in the bush, and would think the place haunted. Speaking of this "Chain Lightning" as it was called and undoubtedly the name was very appropriate, it was a kind of whiskey made of potatoes. The spot where these potatoes were grown is near the Wilderness Creek, and a man named Herd got the credit of being the person responsible for growing them. He also grew some tobacco plants and it was claimed that these were the first plants of this kind grown in Victoria. Herd was a Yank and a "ne'er do well" who roamed about living at every station until he had worn his welcome out. Then he would return back to his hut on the creek. "His must have been a queer life" but they were queer times.

I mentioned previously Bill Windsor and Sam Newman, and purposely left them until I started on this station, as it was here that the story of the "blue bull" originated, and which I will relate. To begin I must inform my readers that there were a lot of wild bulls roaming all over the place. They were a source of annoyance to the squatter, so my father arranged with Windsor and Newman to shoot them for their hides. They pitched their tent on a spot where a number of these animals came by to water, and shot quite a few but missed the blue bull. However, they took the hides to Moe, where they could sell them to a travelling skin buyer, and what was to be expected they sampled the "chain lightning." The next day they arrived back at the tent stony broke, and after lying on their bunks for some time each complained that he was bad, and each thought he was going to die. Sam said, "If we are going to die, someone had better say a

prayer," Now this was said with all reverence, because, although they could not read or write, they had been taught something of the "Hereafter". "Now Sam you're the better hand at it," said Bill. Both got on their knees and Sam prayed. While the devotions were going on Bill heard something coming thru the scrub, and glancing round saw the blue bull. Pushing Sam on the shoulder he said "Hold your____ tongue and hand me the rifle." Bill fired, and after the smoke had cleared they found the shot had been effective. One can readily understand the smoke screen there would have been from a rifle which was the type used in the Crimean War, and a muzzle loader. They removed the hide, sold it and "got a bit of the dog that bit them" but this time not "Chain Lightning." They forgot their devotions, so I suppose it was a case of:

God and the Doctor we all adore,
On the brink of danger but not before,
Danger past and health is righted,
God is forgotten and Doctor is slighted.
(My apology to the original poet).

When my father bought Merton Rush and all the stock on it, there was a special and interesting clause or covenant in the agreement, which read: "All the stock depasturing on etc. etc. except one bay horse branded TS on near shoulder. The reason was because this horse was owned by a man named Tom Sutton who had died on the run. He had been stock riding on the place for some time but nobody knew if he had any relations or anything about him, and the authorities asked that the horse which was all he possessed, be allowed to stay on the run, in case some relative should turn up. But no one did so the old horse, like his owner found his resting place not far from the old stock yard, where they had so often wheeled the wild bush cattle. Sutton's grave is about halfway between the old stock yard and the homestead. A wattle tree was planted on the grave and a fence put around it, but time has removed these, and I doubt if anyone could find the spot now.

The station brand was five stars under a half moon. The brand used to blotch badly so mother had it altered to a cross under a half circle.

The nearest stock sales in those days were at Maffra and Sale, and the store bullocks were usually driven to these markets. I can remember seeing some old account of one hundred and fifty, four and five year old store bullocks at thirty seven and six per head, sold in October 1877. At the present time 65 years later, they would realise twelve pounds per head. I wonder what those old squatters would say if they could only come back, my opinion is they would collapse with an extreme cardiac attack, and yet, when I come to think of it, my father lived to see the day when he gave £12 for stores and sold fat bullocks at £22/10/-. In those old days he had to go to Melbourne for his provisions, taking three days each way with a pair of horses in a waggonette, he made these trips twice a year in the late Autumn, and in the Spring. These times of the year the roads were the driest. He also lived to see the day when he travelled to Melbourne in three hours, over almost the same route by car. My eldest sister, Mary Eleanor, has told me that she can remember father paying at a toll gate either on St Kilda or Dandenong

roads. She was too young to remember the exact place. Here again I find myself wandering off the subject and bringing the personal pronoun into the picture, something I was hoping to avoid.

September 3

The famous town of Yallourn is built on this leasehold, and perhaps it would not be out of place here to mention how this huge deposit of Brown Coal was found. The late Henry Godridge, while fishing in the Latrobe river, discovered an outcrop of this substance, which he thought was peat, and used it to make his night fire for fishing operations. He mentioned his discovery to others and eventually a company was formed and a small Briquette factory was built on the spot where the old open cut is, but this did not prove a success, and after it remained idle for a few years, a bush fire burnt the building down. It then remained in abeyance for a number of years, until a small band of Morwell men (the writer included) formed themselves into what they called "The Morwell Brown Coal Development Association," with members tickets issued at 2/6 per year, one of which I have in my possession. The main personnel of this group were H. Conlon, President: J. B. Hoyle, Secretary: G Watson, P. P. Kelly, D McKay, and several others including myself.

After two years functioning this association managed to induce the Government through their member, the late Tom Livingston, and the member for Walhalla, the late Mr Sam Barnes who was Minister of Mines at the time, to make an investigation, and consequently was made by a number of members of Parliament. Local ladies supplied afternoon tea and general speeches were made. Thus was started the immense works which supplies nearly all the state with Electricity and Briquettes. Before I start on the selection of Merton Rush, I will mention a little episode which occurred at the homestead, as it may add a little humour to this epistle, even if those concerned could not see anything funny about it at the time. The writers mother arranged with a Doctor to come from Sale for the purpose of vaccinating the family. This happened before I was born. When he arrived he was told there were quite a number of children in the district for him to do. But as he wanted to get back quickly, he decided to show mother how to do the job, and after doing so he said, " I'll leave you the needle and the necessary vaccine, and you can do all the children of the district to save me coming back." Later all the youngsters for miles around, including the Macmillan's, the O'Hara's and others were mustered at The Homestead and the operation commenced, and the fun started. The bush christening had nothing on it. Believe me it was well and truly done. If Mr Charlie O'Hara and his sister, Mrs Wm. Bond, would show the blotch on their arms, it would be sufficient evidence that the operation was a complete success.

Continued in next newsletter: 'the Selectors'

Funeral director, Stephen Baggs in Bairnsdale, is now putting Funeral notices online. The notices, appear to remain on the web pages for some days after the funeral.

<http://www.stephenbaggs.com.au/notices.htm>

GSV's MOVE TO NEW PREMISES

New Address: Level B1/257 Collins Street
Melbourne, Vic. 3000

New Telephone Numbers

Telephone: (03) 9662 4455

Fax: (03) 9663 0841

Opening Date

The plan is to be open for business on Tuesday 8th February 2005.

Access to the Building

The building at 257 Collins Street is open to the public Monday to Friday during similar hours to the previous address. The building is also open on Saturdays between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Access can be gained via automatic doors at either the Collins St. or Flinders Lane entrances.

The GSV will continue to *open on the last Sunday of each month*. A camera is being installed at the Flinders Lane entrance and will have a door release system operated from the Reception Desk similar to the method at Queen Street. GSV members will need to show their cards at the camera to gain entry to the building on a Sunday.

Lifts down to level B1

Once inside the new building, there will be only one set of lifts to the GSV basement level. If you enter from Collins Street the lift lobby is to your left, just past a glazed display wall. When you enter from Flinders Lane, walk through the long corridor, past various shops and the Post Office to come to the front lift lobby. The lifts near the Flinders Lane doors cannot be used to gain access to level B1. Once at level B1, the lifts will open to a large lobby area. Signs will direct people to either Reception & Library (to the left) or the the Meeting Room (ahead, left).

NOTA BENE

If any person or persons in all time coming shall not find their names recorded in this register from the commencement of the same being 2nd January 1818 so long as I am Session Clerk for the town of Inverary and the Parish of Glenary must blame the negligence of their parents who to save the Register Dues neglected to have the same duly recorded. Attested at Inverary this second day of January 1818 by John Brooks Session Clerk and Keeper of Registers of Inverary and Glenary.

The above notice was found by a distant cousin of mine while she was trawling through the Glenary Parish records in Argyll, Scotland some years ago. She was so impressed by the foresight of Mr. John Brooks, Session Clerk and Keeper of Registers in 1818 that she copied his notation to remind us as to why some folk just cannot be found in the records.

Sandra Dumble

Queensland sites for on-line indexes:

Qld State Archives has a selected index of assisted immigration 1848-1884

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/indexes.asp>

Brisbane City Council Graves:

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

Paddington Cemetery Queensland

<http://www.queenslandhistory.com/paddington2.htm>

Bundaberg Cemetery:

<http://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/cemetery/>

Toowoomba & Drayton Cemeteries:

<http://www3.toowoomba.qld.gov.au/eBiz/Apps/Cemetery/index.php>

General Queensland Graves (not complete):

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

Judy Webster's site:

<http://www.judywebster.gil.com.au/>

Queensland State Archive Indexes:

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/indexes.asp>

Queensland State Library Indexes & Information:

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/serv/fh>

General Sources for Queensland:

<http://www.queenslandhistory.com/>

Central Queensland Family History Association:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~auscqfha/>

Queensland Shipping:

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/shipping/mig-qld1.htm>

N.S.W. Birth Deaths & Marriages:

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/search.htm>

The Journals of Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie.

<http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/all/journeys/menu.html>

Hunter Valley Genealogy website at

<http://www.huntervalleygenealogy.com/forum/index.php>

Australian Funerals Online

<http://www.australianfunerals.com>

Central Coast Local History

<http://centralcoast.localhistoryaustralia.info/>

Neville Cemetery, N.S.W.

<http://www.geocities.com/trunkeycreeknsw/cemetery/nev1.html>

MISSING

Your help is needed to find The Moondarra School Honour Roll, which lists students who served in the First World War. *It is not* the Moondarra and District Honour Roll, which is in the Moe RSL. *It is not* in the Erica Community Hall.

Does anyone know where it is?

Please contact a member of the committee if you know it's current whereabouts. Details: front page

Moondarra State School Honor Roll

Darcey, Leonard	Speakman, William
Campbell, George	Nelson, Albert
Nelson, William	Marks, Albert
Aitken, Kenneth	Bonholtzer, Neil
Morrison, Frank	Watson, Charles
Maloney, James	Senini, Louis
Lancaster, Percy	Gloz, Lionel
Brown, Stanley	Healey, Albert

Mr. R B Davies of 'Netherleigh', Moe, presented the Moondarra State School with a beautifully designed and executed roll of honor, on which the names of all the past pupils of the school, who were taking part in the 'Great World War', were inscribed, in Old English script, by Mr. Mathews, the Head Teacher.

'A piece of work in harmony with the splendidly executed roll it's self.'

Information from the Narracan Shire Advocate, 1916, and

Ron Blair: RSL Honour Board Research

Web sites containing War Memorials & Honour Rolls

Michael Southwell-Keely's site
www.skp.com.au/

Ken Goudie's site
<http://members.optusnet.com.au/~goudie/>

The Gippsland, Rootsweb list's, page for the Shire of Wellington
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/AVG/Resources/war-mems-wellington.html>

Mid-Gippsland Family History
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/cenotaphs.htm>



Help wanted: Sent thru the web site.
Contact wanted with researchers or members of the Magnuson family of Trafalgar.
Dave Paterson: huxy14@bigpond.com

WANTED to BUY or SWAP
CORKSCREWS
& CAST IRON BOTTLE OPENERS
Contact Wes:
mowesh@bigpond.net.au
Phone: (03) 5127 8934

Touch the harp gently: -

Full well does Joseph recognise
how dull the place must be.

Far from Morwell's brilliant lights
and signs of revelry.

How awfully monotonous
the company is there.

With just a visit now and then
from some nocturnal hare.

The wild wind whistling through the scrub,
the song birds hushed to rest.

The scent of George Young's garden,
bourn on the storm Kings breast,
And thus Joe thought 'twere better that
council made a clearance.

In order that the place should have
a "pleasanter appearance",
"If possible" he aptly adds,
and in those words appear.

A something which to denser minds
is not exactly clear.

Can he mean to make the place look new
and spic and span.

Is beyond the ingenuity of any mortal man,
Or can he mean – ah yes, dear Joe,
methinks that you will own,
"If possible" implies a doubt
that we will float the loan.

This poem was published in the Morwell Advertiser, 1894 and relates to the Hazelwood Cemetery and it's then secretary J. B. Miller. It was written by 'Pickle'.

Parishes Index's are now online at the
Clare County Library website
<http://www.clarelibrary.ie>

The Tithe Allotment entries from 55 of the 78 Clare parishes, 70%, have now been transcribed, checked and put online. The transcription checking, rate to date has been over 4 parishes per month. The project should be completed in about 5 months. Kilfinaghta, Moyarta, Moynoe, & Kimoon Parishes are the latest completed, as Feb. 2005.

More Irish research sites

County Clare News: <http://www.clarenet.ie>
Ireland GenWeb <http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlcla2/>
Genuki Page:
<http://home.pacbell.net/nymets11/genuki/CLA/index.html>
Co. Clare Heritage Center:
<http://www.irishroots.net/Clare.htm>
Assorted Clare records/directories:
<http://home.att.net/~labaths/clare.htm>
Jane Lyons' From-Ireland Co. Clare site:
<http://www.from-ireland.net/contents/clareconts.htm>
Ireland Old News:
<http://www.IrelandOldNews.com/>