

The third Annual General meeting was held in November and quite a few of the Executive positions changed hands. As the reports from the various office bearers were tabled at the meeting we will not be reprinting them here. The following positions were filled for 1983-84.

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| Chairman: Mr. John Pattison. | 1st Vice Chairman: Mr. Bruce Mc Master. |
| Secretary: Mrs. Dawn Cowley (re-elected). | 2nd Vice Chairman: Mrs. Jean Mc Nally. |
| Treasurer: Mrs. Mavis Lynch (re-elected). | Librarian: Mrs. Lyn Gorman. |
| Newsletter: Ms. Julie Stevens | Publicity: Mr. Frank Robinson |
| Mrs. Gay Rogers | Mrs. Barbara White. |
| Mr. Frank Robinson. | Tea Person: Mrs. Edith Goode. |
| Research Committee: Mr. Don Mc Creadie | Book Buying Committee: Mrs. Lyn Gorman |
| Mrs. Jean Mc Nally | Mrs. Jean Mc Nally |
| Mrs. Gay Rogers | Mrs. Dawn Cowley |
| Mrs. Annette Deppeler. | Mrs. Gay Rogers. |

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST OF VICTORIA - NEW SCALE OF FEES.

New fees apply from the 14th November 1983.

| <u>Civil Records (1853 to date):</u> | Category | "A" | "B" |
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| For each search in any one name extending over a period not exceeding five years and issue of a <u>certified copy</u> of an entry | | \$18 | \$10 |
| For issue of each additional certified copy of same entry | | \$9 | \$5 |
| For each additional search of five years or part thereof | | \$9 | \$5 |
| For issue of a certified copy of an entry when the official registration number is quoted | | \$9 | \$5 |
| <u>Early Church Records (1837 to 1853):</u> | | | |
| For each search and issue of a certified copy of entry | | \$10 | |

Category "A": Relates to searches and certificates of events which occurred less than seventy-five years before the date of application.

Category "B": Relates to searches and certificates of events which occurred more than seventy-five years before the date of application.

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INCREASES IN GOVERNMENT FEES FROM JANUARY 1st 1984.

Office of the Registrar of Probates:-

Searches will be \$11, which is an increase of \$1. A search of the index only, will be made for \$8. Photocopies will cost \$1.60 per page.

Titles Office:-

Certificate of title, which includes photocopying will be \$5 instead of \$4.

Registrar-General's Department:-

\$3.50 per hour plus copying costs, an increase of 50c.

Department of Crown Lands and Survey:-

Research service hourly rate will rise from \$10 to \$11. Parish plans will cost \$3. A microfilm print will cost \$2.50.

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We received a circularised letter from a Patricia E. Murphy of 23 Lloyd St.,
ont. 3216. Regarding other "MURPHY" families.

I have been researching the families of James & Patrick Murphy and have been astonished at the number of MURPHY Families separate and distinct from my own and so have decided to list any MURPHY Family or individual I come across and eventually either have it collated into a genealogy reference or pass it on to someone else who is interested. To date I have over 300 families plus lists of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from various sources and I would be most interested if anyone would like to add to my lists either as an individual or group. I would naturally be happy to reply to any queries from other MURPHY researchers and send them what information I have if applicable.

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ANNOUNCING NEW PUBLICATIONS:

The most recent addition to our library is a facsimile copy of "MIDDLETON & MANNING GIPPSLAND DIRECTORY 1884-85". The directory contains all the usual commercial adds for that era for Gippsland and Melbourne, i.e. Merchants, Monumental Masons, Stock & Station Agents, Grocers, Printers, Brewers and the like. Also a listing of Banks for that era. The Bank of Victoria, for example, includes the names of all managers for their Victorian Branches.

The Directory deals with an alphabetical listing of persons from the shires of Sale, Bairnsdale, Warragul, Avon, Narracan, Buln Buln, Omeo, Traralgon, Alberton, Rosedale, Tambo and Walhalla. It describes the Shires and Boroughs of the Gippsland region. An extensive write-up exists for Sale and Walhalla, all other shires are dealt with in smaller proportion. A map and article is included on the Gippsland Lakes area. Anyone with an interest in the Gippsland Region will find this book a valuable asset to their genealogical needs. An example from the Directory is as follows:-

MOE. An agricultural township and station on the Gippsland Railway Line, with post, telegraph and money order office. 80 miles East of Melbourne; fares 13s, 3d, & 9s. There is a bank, police station & two public halls. Coach for Walhalla, 32 miles, 3 times a week. Coal deposits in locality being rapidly developed. Formation, Volcanic. Population; 153.

The book comprises 134 pages and is currently available for \$8 in soft cover from Morwell, Traralgon and Bairnsdale newsagents and also the N.S.V. in Melbourne.

Reprint of Directory courtesy of Linda Barraclough, East Gippsland Group G.S.V.)

A further addition to our library is "FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY SOURCES OF VICTORIA", Edited by Francis Brown, Don Meadley and Marjorie Morgan. This booklet of 180 pages, indexed, replete with all nature of information and addresses relating to genealogical and historical research. This edition, like the first described, is genuinely a much needed handbook and will not go astray on any bookshelf. Priced at \$3.50 and presently available from the G.S.V.

Other acquisitions are:- 4 copies of "Descent", 1983 editions.
Scottish Parish Maps, available for borrowing by members of our group.

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'S A GIRL!!!!

(From the Registers of Bishop Wearmouth, Co. Durham).

Robert, daughter of William Thompson, baptised 15th February 1730, the midwife staking the sex, - she was crazed with liquor."

ARCHIVES IN GERMANY:

Herr Dr. Andernacht,
Stadtarckiv,
Stadt Frankfurt A.M.

Postfach 3882,
6000 Frankfurt A.M.
West Germany.

Mrs Goode also adds, Send coupons for reply before sending any money.

INFORMATION RECORDED IN TASMANIAN REGISTRATIONS OF
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

Compulsory registration in Tasmania was introduced in December 1838. Prior to the 1838 Registration Act there was no direct registration of births, deaths and marriages and these can only be traced through church records, most of which have been transcribed by the Registrar-General's Department. Notwithstanding that registration was compulsory after 1838, there are many instances of either failure of local returns to be submitted, or neglect by the responsible party to make a registration.

Unlike their interstate counterparts, Tasmanian certificates do not give all the data that many people anticipate. The following information may be reasonably expected to be shown.

BIRTHS

Prior to 1896 particulars recorded were:

- Christian name (if known at time of registration, otherwise only sex is indicated) and surname.
- Date and place of birth.
- Christian names and surnames of parents.
- Maiden surname of mother.
- Father's occupation

In 1896 the date and place of the parents' marriage were added.

In 1902 the ages and birthplaces of the parents were added.

In 1909 previous issue (children) were added.

DEATHS

Prior to 1897 particulars recorded were:

- Christian name and surname of deceased.
- Date and place of death
- Age at death
- Occupation
- Cause of death.

In 1897 the birthplace of deceased was added.

In 1914 age at marriage and number of issue were added.

MARRIAGES

Prior to 1896 particulars recorded were:

- Christian names and surnames of parties being married.
- Date and place of marriage.
- Age at marriage (sometime only whether "under" or "over" age, i.e. 21).
- Occupation and Status (i.e. bachelor and spinster).
- Names of witnesses to the marriage.

Names of parents and places of birth of the parties being married were not added until 1896.

RESEARCH IN TASMANIA:

A list was given to us of members of the Tasmanian Genealogical Society who would be willing to do research on a private basis. We of course cannot guarantee these people and any enquiries would have to be on a personal level. You should of course inquire before sending money, etc.

The Genealogical Society of Tasmania,
Research C-ordinator,
Mrs G.D. Rodway,
57 Balook Street,
Lauderdale, Tas. 7021.

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1. Pat Harris, 2. Mrs. Janice Daley, 3. Mr. James R. Wall,
8 Greenway Ave., 85 Loenard Ave., 40 Derwent Ave.,
LAUNCESTON, 7250. MOONAH, Tas., 7009. Gielston Bay, Tas. 7015.
4. Mrs Lilian D. Watson, 5. Mr. Reg. A. Watson,
44 High Street, 36 Powell Road,
BELLERIVE, Tas., 7018. BLACKMAIRS BAY, Tas., 7152.

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HOLDINGS OF THE BENDIGO LIBRARY:-

This is only a summary of the newspapers and cemetery records listing handed to us. The full list showing dates of papers held can be seen in our own Box of Books.

Bound Newspapers:

Bendigo Advertiser: 1856 to present.
The Courier of the Mines: 1856 Feb - Dec.
The Mail: 1968 to 1970
The Riverine Herald: 1867 Jan - Dec.
The Weekly Advertiser: 1864 - 1878 (some missing).
The Weekly Dispatch: 1863 July to Sept.

Microfilmed Newspapers:

Bendigo Advertiser: 1856 to 1920 (Some missing).
The Bendigo Evening News: 1865 to 1893
Castlemaine Representative:* 1870 to 1883
Castlemaine Daily News:* 1862 to 1869
Kyneton Guardian: 1863 to 1900; 1921 Jan - Dec.
Kyneton Observer: 1857 to 1900.
* these microfilms kept at Castlemaine Library.

Cemetery Registers on Microfilm:

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| Roll 1. | Whitehills, Register, Burials A to Z | 1856 -1973 |
| | Bendigo " " A to Cl | 1858 - 1966 |
| Roll 2 | " " " Cl - Me | " " |
| Roll 3 | " " " Me - Wi | " " |
| Roll 4 | " " " Wi - Z | " " |
| | Huntly & Whitehills, "Chron. List, | 1856 - 1875 |

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As the newly elected Editors of the Group Newsletter, we would sincerely thank our outgoing editor, Lyn Gorman, for producing an interesting and informative newsheet over the past years. You have set us a standard to aim for. Thank you Lyn, a job well done.

May we take this opportunity to wish all members and readers, an enjoyable Christmas and a successful 1984, Genealogical Year.

Gay Rogers, Julie Stevens, Frank Robinson.