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Meetings:

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

Membership Details:

2009 - 2010, Single member: \$25.00.

Family membership, \$30.00.

Membership is due and 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) MGFHS research facilities are also available to members on the first Saturday of each month.

Library Visitors Fee: Gold Coin donation per visit for non-members.

Research:

There is a minimum research fee of \$20, plus a stamped, self addressed business size envelope, for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be clear and concise.

Cemetery Lookups

MGFHS charge a fee for lookups in their cemetery's.

For \$2 per name we will provide you with the register details plus a transcription of the head stone if there is one.

Please send a business size SAE with your enquiry to:

The Research Officers, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840

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HOW, WHY, WHEN & WHERE

DAWN COWLEY'S

INDEXES 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 registered entry. This means that enquirers now received up to five death certificates, 5 birth certificates and 3 marriage certificates as part of their basic enquiry. The actual certificate requested is marked with a red asterisk.

What a bonanza for the avid genealogist!! I approached the then president of the GSV (Genealogical Society of Victoria) with the suggestion that these "extra" certificates should be collected and collated, and the information on them be made available to other genealogists. Permission was sought from the Registrar's Office, and was subsequently granted, that the certificates were not to be photocopied for this purpose. And so the project was born, with yours truly being the one to take it on.

The idea is the genealogists (and anyone else with certificates they don't need) forward these "extras" to me, along with copies of any related 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 as you read on. When I have accumulated a minimum of 2000 entries, an index is published. Interested parties and groups may access the index on the web or purchase the index in either book or CD form, which becomes a very valuable research source.

The full information from any certificate in the collection is provided to an enquirer upon receipt of their 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 continued support of genealogists and other interested parties that the index will continue to grow, and obviously any donations of certificates will be gratefully received. There are currently approximately 43,000 certificates in the collection.

Your support for this project would be very much appreciated, both by donating material to the collection and by going through the indexes, and seeing what's there that may be useful 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 your family tree.

For certificate submission, information or for purchase of the indexes (currently there are 22 available in booklet form @ \$5 each incl. postage, or the entire index is on CD @ \$20 including postage) the contact address:

Dawn Cowley, 27 Shanahan Pde, Newborough, Vic 3825

MGFHS is set to produce a new **Members Interest Directory** due for release in **2010**

Members are asked to check the MGFHS web site <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/welcome.htm> and supply the Editor with any new interests by March 2010. There is no limit to the number of interests you can list. The only stipulation is that you are a 'Paid Up' Member of Mid Gippsland Family History Soc. Inc. *Relapsed members interests will be deleted at this time.*

This is the format members are to use when sending their interests in to the Editor. Email: macore@tadaust.org.au or Post to The Editor C/O MGFHS. P.O. Box 767 Morwell, 3842.

Current member's interests will remain the same if the editor is not advised differently.

Below are some of our members Interests.

SURNAME	GIVEN	DATE	PLACE	STATE /COUNTRY	COUNTRY
REED	Ernest H.	1919-1996	Waratah	VIC	AUS
REED	George B.	1884-1961	Sheffield	TAS	AUS
MOORBAY	Frederick	1811-1859	London	LND	ENG
MOORBAY	Lily Eliz.	1918-2004	Greenwich		ENG
PHILLIP	Lily Magde.	1892-1973	Waratah	TAS	AUS

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SURNAME	GIVEN	DATE	PLACE	STATE /COUNTRY	COUNTRY
BARTON		1755		LIN	ENG
BARTON		1823	Maitland	N.S.W.	AUS
BARTON		1828	North East	VIC	AUS
BROMLEY		1773	Bolton	LAN	ENG
BROMLEY				NSW	AUS
BROMLEY		1841		VIC	AUS
BROMLEY		1852		QLD	AUS
KNOX		1798		NFK	ENG
KNOX		1856	North East	VIC	AUS
POOL		1820		STF	ENG
POOL		1852	North East	VIC	AUS
THOMPSON		1770	Westmoreland		
THOMPSON		1854	Wangaratta	VIC	AUS
THOMPSON		1854	North East	VIC	AUS
WILLS		1780	Westmoreland		
WILLS		1854	North East	VIC	AUS

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Tasmanian Headstone Transcriptions and Photos

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~austasct/Tasmania_headstones.html

This is an ongoing project, by Ria Kotynia and it is done solely by her. She has a number of photographs of headstones (with transcriptions) posted, and will be adding more as time permits.

CRESWICK CEMETERY TRUST

The **Creswick Cemetery Trust** is looking for relatives of the following miners who perished on Dec 12 1882 when the New Australasian Mine No 2 flooded. The trust has funding to revamp and clean up the gravesites, but consent must be obtained from the families. There are 19 altogether. A new interactive exhibition telling the story of the mine collapse opened at Sovereign Hill.

If you have any information, contact Wendy Ohlsen on 0412 382 267 or write to PO Box 281 Creswick.

James MINIHAN

Anton ANDERSSON

William TREGLOAN

James WALSH/O'SHEA

John HODGE

John CROUGEY

Edward DARGON

William CURTIS

George BAULCOMB

FINDING THAT ELUSIVE PLACE NAME

PLACE NAME HELP

Ever had trouble finding out the meaning of the four letters used by the indexers who wrote up the BDM indexes? *Susie Zada* has come up with an easy way for you to find out, she says...

1. Give up guessing what the abbreviation is for - it will still only be a guess and potentially far from accurate.
2. Use the other registrations near the number as they will be from the same main registration district and potentially have different abbreviations.

If the birth record you're looking at is IRIS, Reg 2473 in 1854, look at all the birth registrations in 1854 from Reg numbers 2460 to 2490 and you'll find the following ...

NEWT, SCOT, CHIL, ASHB, GEEL, CHIL, KILD, GEEL, SCOT, IRIS, CHIL, GEEL, CHIL, POIN, GEEL, SEA, NEWT, GEEL, KENS, GEEL

The above entries are for the Geelong region. They were most likely added to the State registers as a bundle - hence the consecutive numbers... for the above list read Newtown, Little Scotland, Chilwell, Ashby, Geelong, Chilwell, Kildare, Geelong, Little Scotland, Irish Town, Chilwell, Geelong, Point Henry, Geelong, At Sea (obviously landed at Geelong / Point Henry), Newtown, Geelong, Kensington (present day Leopold), Geelong and so it goes on.

So stop guessing – it's now a fact that IRIS = Irish Town which was in Chilwell, a present day suburb of Geelong.

Having problems using Macbeth's Digger Software with Windows 7?

Go to <http://www.macbeth.com.au/digger/> and have a read, starting with the Vista remarks. Also get a copy of Digger 4.1.4, which is a free update.

And yes, it all works on Win 7 (32 bit)!

If you have Windows 7 64 bit, go to

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/virtual-pc/download.aspx> and read how to create a virtual version of Windows XP, on which Digger will run just fine.

Paul

Posted on aus-vic-goldfields@rootsweb.com

Public Record Office Victoria has the divorce index online to 1924.

The divorce case files are now available up to 1933 in VPRS 283.

Bridge to Yesterday www.bridgetoyesterday.com This firm hires local experts to do your genealogy research for you.

Download a Convict Records Worksheet from the nsw.gov.au site

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/resources-for/documents/worksheets/Convicts%20Worksheet.pdf> (or email Kaye for the link)

Members can also copy the form from the **Form Folder** in the compactus.

You will find the File Folder in Bay 2. *The printer Bay being Bay 1*

Copy any of the forms yourself and leave 20cents (per copy) in the photo copy jar.

(If you have any forms you find handy in your own research, why not bring them in and add to the folder?)

The CONVICT WORKSHEET lists

Convict's Name: Variants or aliases:

Date of birth: Place of birth:

Trial

Location of trial: County:

Convicted of: Sentence:

Ship

Name of ship Date of arrival:

Sailed from: Ship's Master:

Surgeon's journal - PRO reel: Convict Indents:

Musters and Papers:

Convict Indexes (available online)

(Note: records now available online)

Index No./Type Date Item Reel/Page Checked?

Certificates of Freedom, 1823-1869

Convict Bank Accounts, 1837-1870

Convict Exiles, 1846-1850

Pardons, 1791-1825, 1837-1841

Tickets of Exemption from Government Labor, 1827-1832

Tickets of Leave, Certificates of Emancipation and Pardons, 1810-1819

Tickets of Leave, 1810-1875

Ticket of Leave Passports, 1835-1869

Other resources available in State Records reading rooms

Convict Indents, 1788-1842

Assignment Registers, 1821-1825

Convict Death Register, 1828-1879

Col Sec Index Convicts & Others, 1826-1877

Convict Marriage Banns, 1826-1841 Fiche

Convict Applications to Marry, 1826-Feb 1857

Convict Wives & Families on Bounty Ships, 1849-1855

Index to Female Factory Inmates, 1826-1848

Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788-1825

Col Sec Index to letters sent re convicts, 1826-1855

Col Sec Index to letters sent to the Sheriff, 1828-50

Musters and Census records

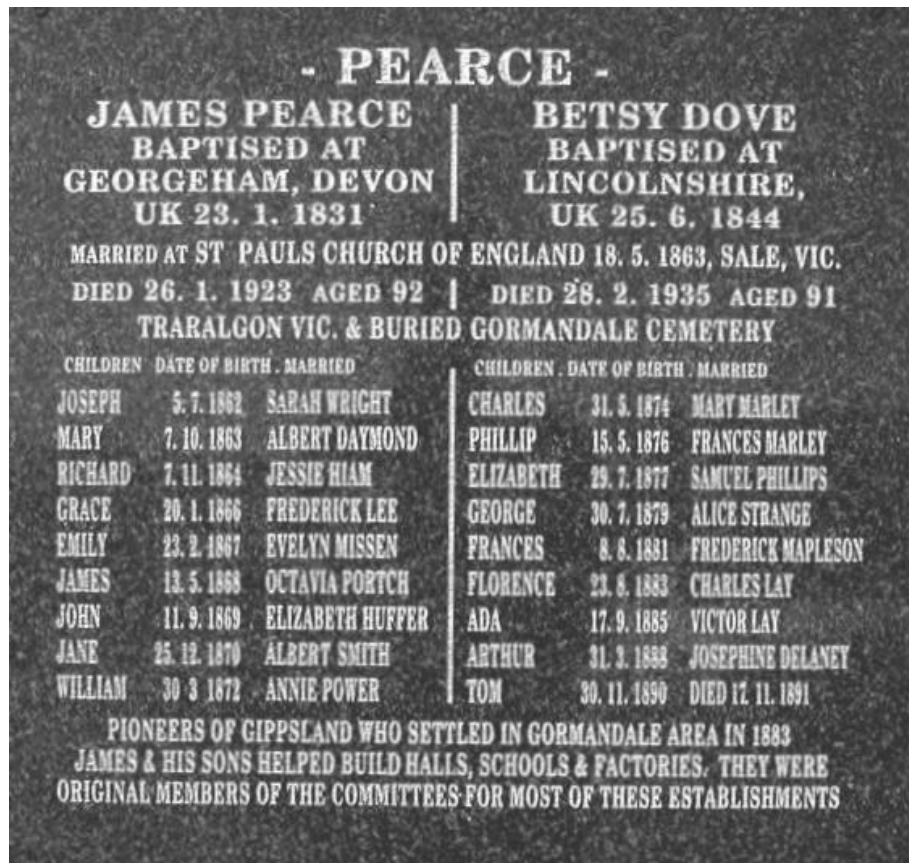
<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/resources-for/family-historians/convicts>

NSW Convicts

NSW convict records were inscribed on the Australian UNESCO Memory of the World Project Register on 20 February 2006. Their convict records archive is one of the most important and extensive penology archives in the world and covers the period 1787-1842.

What you will find

Finding Aids | Historical background to convict transportation | British & Irish trial records | Journey to NSW | Convict Indents | Assignment | Tickets of Leave | Certificates of Freedom & Pardons | Colonial Convictions | Petitions & Correspondence | Bank accounts | Marriages & families | Other links | External links | Index to the Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788-1825. |Index to 1841 Census |State Library of Queensland - Convict transportation registers database; and more!



Wouldn't you just love to be walking down the street of an old pioneer town and find this regarding your family?



GORMANDALE CEMETERY

MGFHS has a list of burials and monumental transcriptions for the above cemetery
Photographs have recently been updated and are also available from our researchers at \$2



'Wills Family' Convention

7th March, 2010 - 10am – 4pm, Collingwood Town Hall, 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne

Family Trees of William John Wills, explorer and Thomas Wentworth Wills, cricketer and AFL footballer plus over 14 other Wills Family Trees for you to study.

This is an opportunity to contact other branches of your Family Tree.

Family relatives of **Burke, King, Gray and other members of the 1860 Burke & Wills expedition** are welcome to attend and make contact with other researchers.

Speakers

Assoc. Prof. Frank Leahy - University of Melbourne

Subject - How good Wills was with his navigation.

David Dodd, The Royal Society of Victoria Inc.

Subject - Burke and Wills Expedition 150th Anniversary Commemorations plans.

Aims There are two aims for this get-together:

- To celebrate the anniversary of the Burke and Wills Expedition and
 - To bring together and assist people who are researching family history that contains a "Wills"
- The first aim will be assisted with a Guest Speaker from the Burke and Wills Historical Society.

The second by a display of family trees of the many Wills families in Australia, along with any photos or memorabilia that descendants may wish to display. There will be guest speakers on aspects of researching, and advice on not-so-well-known web sites that can prove helpful. It is also a chance to get together and exchange information.

Contact -

Pam Sullivan, 3 Strickland Close, Pakenham, Vic 3810

Email - sullivan.john@bigpond.com

Web page - tww.id.au/get

WHY CAN'T I FIND IT?

In Jan 1819 the Rev John **YOUL** made a flying visit to VDL. He stayed 3 weeks during which time he performed some 65 baptisms & 41 marriages. He then went back to Sydney before returning to VDL in November 1819.

Post November 1819 his BDM data is in the AVRI and the TPI, however his Jan 1819 baptisms are not. If you are searching for data around this time then the answer could be in Z2360

St. John's (NG748)

Baptism register 11 Jan 1819 - 25 Jan 1819 NS748/1/2 Z2360

Church registers are on closed access for 50 years

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

Cyndi's List www.cyndislist.com

A massive directory of genealogy sites

Family Search www.familysearch.org

Family research site run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Carol & George Judkins, Cemetery Indexes <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ausvsac/Index.htm>

Free genealogy software program www.legacyfamilytree.com .

Publications for sale by Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc. (MGFHS)

Address ALL enquiries regarding publications to 'The Secretary', Mid Gippsland Family History Soc. Inc.
PO Box 767 Morwell Victoria 3840
ALL checks to be made payable to Mid Gippsland F.H.S. Inc.

Books (postage cost on application)

Boolarra Cemetery Register 1887 – 1998	plus Transcriptions	- 2005	\$16.50
Childers - Thorpdale Cemetery Register	plus Transcriptions	1879- 2008	\$ 6.00
Gippsland Crematorium Register		1985- 1995	\$16.50
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions		1985- 1995	\$16.50
Gormandale Cemetery Transcriptions		-2007	\$10.00
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1879- 1995	\$40.00
Moe Cemetery Register		1891- 1996	\$22.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1881- 1997	\$40.00
Narracan Cemetery Transcriptions		-2002	\$ 7.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Register		1872- 1995	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions		1873- 1994	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Register		1887- 1995	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions		1886- 1994	\$22.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1872- 1994	\$60.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	Updated 2005	1869- 2004	\$16.50
Willow Grove Cemetery Register	plus Transcriptions	1898- 1993	\$16.50
Yallourn Cemetery Transcriptions		1930- 2000	\$50.00

Microfiche and CD'S are also Available

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

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