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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 open at approximately 7 p.m. With meetings to start at 7.30p.m.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS: 2014-2015, Single member –\$25.00 Family membership –\$30.00

LIBRARY HOURS:

Our library is open to the public on Wednesday afternoons between 1p.m. and 4p.m. Volunteers from our group are available to assist with research at this time. The library is also available to members at any time that the Meeting Room has not been booked by any other organizations. (Check with library staff.)

\$2 donation per visit for non-members.

RESEARCH:

A minimum research fee of \$20 applies, plus a stamped, self addressed business size envelope if response is to be sent by mail. Enquiries accepted by email. There may be additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquiries need to be clear and concise.

CEMETERY LOOKUPS:

For registers which we hold, we will provide you with the register details plus a transcription of the headstone if there is one. \$2 per transcription. Please supply a SSAE with your request. Contact: The Research Officer, PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840

THIS EDITION:

Annual Report Research Inquirers An excerpt from Diary of an ANZAC Henry Johnson Bromley - Klondike Goldseeker Scotlands People Irish Census

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ACTIVITIES

Despite the fact that we are a small group, the number and variety of the activities we put on in the last 12 months was quite impressive:

Dawn must be congratulated for providing

- her quizzes ("Australiana" and "Australia Day"), and
- forums ("Which ancestor would you most like to meet", "Oldest Photograph", "Problem solving") and
- arranging a variety of speakers including some of our own (Steve Mayes on "Joseph Mayes & the 19th Century Victoria Police", Julie Blake on "Women of the Jordan Goldfields", Florence on "Tips, Tricks, Short cuts and Hints", Peter on "Using Trove" and Linda Barraclough "Louis Riggall, Artist and WW1 volunteer"

We had one away meeting at the Centre for Gippsland studies where we met Julie Fenley and learnt how to access their genealogical resources. Members attended a number of other activities like the genealogy related talks and seminars provided by Latrobe City (thanks Claire Wood). We also get feedback from members attending other societies such as GUM, West Gippsland, and the Combined History Group.

Also, let's not forget the Christmas Social at Dawn's. While on the subject of food and drink, thanks Vicki for ensuring we have sustenance during our meetings

Brian and Vaughan must be congratulated for their efforts in maintaining, cataloguing and improving our library as well as getting to the bottom of a number of involved research queries.

We receive about 45 different magazine titles from other Family History Groups from South Australia to New South Wales. We need input from members to make be able to be proud of our newsletter when we send it to other societies.

Despite being very busy, Florence has kept our website in great order. Last year we adopted a new constitution as required by the laws governing incorporated associations. This aims to make the society more accountable to its members. David has been unable to attend Thursday meetings for the entire year and we have to thank Wes for standing in under trying circumstances. Other behind-the-scenes activities include keeping up our membership register.

We have had a number of members leave and a similar number of new members. I encourage new members to make the most of our library and human resources - it always helps to talk about a problem with someone else. I know this is one of the bonuses of our Wednesday Family History Library. All the volunteers on the library roster are due for a special thank you. (That is Dawn, David, Wes, Bob, and backups Brian & Vaughan)

As more information is available on Ancestry and the web in general, we have found it more and more necessary to connect our computes to the Library network. Free access to the Internet is a great asset for our society.

Like most societies, the members get back what they put in. I would encourage anyone to take an active part and bring new life to this society.

♦ Peter McNab, Secretary

RESEARCH

There have been sixteen research queries completed during the period of August 2013 to July 2014, nine of which were cemetery look-ups.

AUGUST: SEPTEMBER:	COOPER - WATSON, Annis Mary and Robert WATSON, Robert	Family History More on the previous information
OCTOBER: JANUARY:	BASTIN, Stillborn Baby. O'NEILL, Thomas and Lillian.	Yallourn Cemetery
JANOANT.	McFARLANE, Alexander Francis and Family	railoum Cemetery
FEBRUARY:	MOORE, James Henry and Nora Elizabeth.	Associated with the COOPER
	WATSON family.	
MARCH:	LEITCH - NOBLE	Families of Walhalla
JUNE:	McDONALD, Grace	Trafalgar Cemetery
	MOORE, William.	Trafalgar Cemetery
	WATSON, Angela.	Hazelwood Cemetery
	McKENZIE, Dianne.	Traralgon Crematorium, Plaque at Erica
	GOODE/GOODING	Family of Mountain Glen Pastoral Run, Moe
JULY:	BARRETT, John Edwin and Dora.	Yallourn Cemetery
	COX, Alwyn Harold and Lilian Keziah	Yallourn Cemetery
	MILLS, William Henry and Martha Ann	Trafalgar Cemetery
	KNIGHT, Rosa Sarah	Moe Cemetery

♦ Vaughan and Brian Knox, Researchers

AN EXCERPT FROM THE DIARY OF AN ANZAC Submitted by his grandson Peter McNab

Les McNab joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. In April 1915 he was a medical orderly in Egypt. He was sent as a stretcher bearer to the Dardanelles, Gallipoli. This is an extract from his diary, starting in Lemnos on Thursday 22 July 1915.

Lemnos, Camp -

Thursday 22nd

All preparations seem to point to the Dards for us as we have packs dished out to us now. It looks as tho' a climax is approaching, almost 20,000 troops I believe were sent thro' yesterday. The Aquatania and Mauritania were both in harbour here. The dust is damnable especially at meal times. I've never eaten under such disgusting conditions before.

Gallipoli Peninsular -

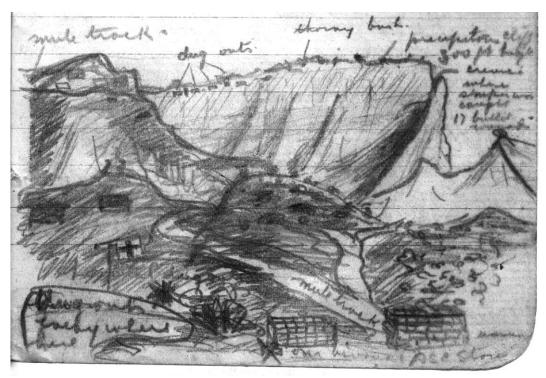
Saturday 24^{th -} Walkers Ridge Anzac

Everything changed again, at present I'm sitting on the edge of the now "famous" dug-out built by Bob Flintoff and myself with much sweat. It's necessary as at any time a shell may land close to and a sudden bolt for the dugout is made.

Bye the way we are on the Peninsular. We landed last night at 1 a.m. at the same place as before, and after a most mysterious and romantic march (it would have been only for the poets) thro' deep saps for a mile and ½ at last reach our infantry amb. depot.

We slept in the casualty dugout for the rest of the night. Every moment there is the crack of a rifle or machine gun from the trenches over the precipitous cliffs facing up. Needless to say our boys are at the top of these cliffs.

Snipers occasionally have a bang at us, but the worst is the shrapnel especially if the men go bathing during the day time.



Sketch of the area with the following features pointed out: In the foreground - "dug outs everywhere here" (near red cross flag), "mule track", "our bivouac", "ASC Store" On the ridges- "mule track", "dug outs", "thorny bush", "precipitous cliff 300 ft high"," crevice where sniper was caught 17 bullet wounds".

I have just completed a fancy stove made out of ½ a biscuit tin with a remarkable chimney, draught holes etc etc, as we have to cook our own meals. I made the tea tonight without burning it! We are down to 3 pints of water a day at present and short rations. I'm feeling pretty thirsty tonight but I suppose we will soon get over it. The sun is decidedly warm.

HENRY JOHNSON BROMLEY

During the goldrush Henry went to the Klondike goldfields in Alaska in 1898 with three other men, Alfred Abraham born 1872 and Ralph Sharp born 1867 from Bright, and Albert Morgan born 1870 from Buckland. Three years later he and Abraham died in Dawson City. Cause of death for Henry was typhoid. Records from Alaska tell us that in 1898 the population of Dawson City had swelled to 10,000 as a result of the goldrush. 6,000 Australians travelled to Dawson for the rush.

Henry's father paid for a man named Gorman to go across and collect Henry's body which was broughtback in a lead lined coffin. The body arrived at Harrietville on the same train as a returning contingent of Boer War veterans. A doctor's certificate was fixed to the lid of the coffin which was very large and a window in the house had to be removed to get it inside. The man who accompanied the coffin never left the house all the time he was there, and some of the family always doubted that Harry was ever in the coffin. He was 31 years of age and had never married.

Excerpt from the diary of Henry Morgan - page 202

17-04-1898 - Albert came up in the evening and says he will sail from Sydney on next Friday for the Klondike if Ralph Sharp makes arrangements to go also.

24-04-1898 - Henry informed me that Albert Morgan, Ralph Sharp and Alf Abrahams took the train for Sydney en route for the Klondike.

Bright Alpine Observer 29-04-1898 - Messrs R.B.Sharp, A.Morgan, A.Abraham and H.Bromley left Bright last Friday by train for Sydney which was reached at noon on Saturday, just giving the travellers time to join the boat which sailed for Victoria, Canada at 1pm.

Records from Alaska: Lowes Mortuary Funeral Records Vol 1-1V Alphabetical September 1878-December 21, 1937. Vol 1, Page 30: Bromley, Henry 29 years, Australia - Pneumonia, St Mary's Hospital, Jan. 15, 1901; Dr McFarlane. Episcopal Church Vernon and Yukon Government. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Dawson. Shipping records show Gorman returning to Austrlaia in 1901: age 40, July aboard the ship Runic. This would be Alfred Gorman who returned with Henry's body to Australia.

News item taken from Dawson Weekly News dated September 20, 1901:

BODY ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA

George Vernon Receives News of the Arrival of the Body Shipped This Spring. The following clipping from the Melbourne Age has just been received: *The body of Mr H.Bromley whose parents live at Harrietville, Victoria, passed through Albury by railway this afternoon. Deceased died at dawson City, Klondike, on 15th January last from typhoid fever. His body was interred at that place, but at the wish of his parents was exhumed. Bromley was a miner, and his partner Mr A.Gorman, when acquainted with the desire of the deceased's parents, decided to carry out their request. He left Dawson City on 2 June last with the corpse which was enclosed in a metal coffin encased in wood. Mr Gorman states that he had great difficulty during his long journey owing to objections by the board of health officials. The doctor's certificate of death was nailed to the top of the coffin.*

DAWSON CITY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY 14 June 1898

The North West Mounted Police were dispatched by the Canadian federal government to maintain law and order in the midst of Klondike chaos. The Mounties set up a post along the Canadian-American border at the summit of the Chilkoot Pass. Here they confiscated guns and maintained written records of every individual who arrived at the summit. This database contains some of these records (Dec. 1898 to May 1899). These records list the names and boat numbers of stampeders embarking on the Yukon River trip from Lake Bennett to Dawson City. Led by legendary Mountie Sam Steele, the North West Mounted Police contingent at Lake Bennett worked painstakingly to keep track of the flotilla of 7,000 boats, shows, barges and rafts.

People who entered the Yukon via boats:

Check Point Chilkoot Pass, 14.06.1898, and Lake Bennett - Boat 13359 - A.Abrahams, A.Morgan, H.Bromley.

PLACE MINING APPLICATIONS:

Alfred Gorman. Listed on the Canadian census of 1901 - Upper half Hunter Creek of hillside, adjoining Claim 6 (Left limit) Fidteen Pup, tributary of Last Chance. Claim Nos 23226, 1907-1911. 93663, 1906-1907. 25195, 1900. A.Morgan: Claim Nos 19485, 1898-1899. 19353, 1898-1901.

TIMELINE: 1869 - Birth, Harrietville, Victoria, Australia

1898 - 22 April aged 29, Departure from Bright, Victoria for Klondike, Yukon, Canada. In company with Alfred Abraham, Ralph Sharp and Albert Morgan. Alpine Observer 22 & 29, 1898.

1898 - June, aged 29. On Klondike trail. According to NWMP boat registers have reached headwaters of Yukon River. Bright party are in boats 13358 & 13359.

1898-1899 - aged 29. On Klondike. Working claim with Bright mates. Letter 14 March 1899 in updated (mid 1899) Alpine Observer.

1889-1901 - age 30, on Klondike. Remains on Klondike after departure of Bright mates. In mime partnership with Gorman. Becomes ill December 1900.

1901 - 15 January aged 32. Death - typhoid death in Dawson, burial. Exhumation and return of his body by Alfred Geoman to Victoria. Dawson Daily News 20 September 1901.

1901 July - Body returned from Dawson City, YT, Canada; burial July 1901. Many newspaper references e.g.portland Guardian 24 July 1901, Adelaide Advertiser 24 July 1901.

2011 NOTE: This record is from the 'Diggers on the Klondike', a project researching Australians and New Zealanders who took part in the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-1899 in yukon, Canada. Contact <u>rmclachlan@csu.edu.au</u> for further information.

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Timeline was adapted from information on the website "Diggers on the Klondike".

It would be interesting to know just how successful were these Australians in their search for gold in Alaska. Henry Johnson Bromley was my great uncle.

Brian Knox



The Rail truck which carried the coffin

Profession or Occupations in the 1881 Census.

52 Years an Imbecile Artificial Scone Maker Assisting at Mangle **Beef Twister** Bottie Washer Bounder Boy for General Purposes Can Make Nothing of the Paper Carrot and Mangle Salesman **Cleans Onions** Clod Hopper (Ft) Colourist of Artificial Fish Count as Female Cow Banger (Ag Lab) Curer of Smokey Chimneys Custard Maker (Carpet) Dead Decayed Publisher (No Occ) Describes Himself as Leaving No Trace Disinfector of Railway (Oths) **Dog Performer** Driving Channel Tunnel

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Drowner Egg Breaker Egg Cracker Electric Bath Attendant Emasculator Employed with Head Off Examiner of Underclothing Fatuous Pauper Feeder in Bump Factory Feeding Boy to Printing Machine Ferret Weaver Fish Bender Floater Follows Wifely Occupations Formerly Fat Gold Fish Catcher Grape Dryer Gymnast to House Painter Hand in Hartleys Jam Head of Female He Play All Day Long Invalid Kings Evil Invisible Net Maker Keeps Own House at Home Knight of the Thimble Knocker Up of Workpeople Maker of Sand Views Negro Comedian White Eyed Musical Kaffir

Pensioner in Charge of the Magnet Prime Minister (No Occ) Proprietor of Midgets Proprietor of Solution For Protection of Turnip From Fly Random Waller Ripper Coalmine (Blows Roof Down) **Rotters Boy Running About** Runs Abt Selling Fish (Hawker) Rust Attendant at a Lavatory Sampler of Drugs Scarecrow Seperated from Head Sick Maker Slob Brickmaker Supposed to be a Lady Teacher of Wax Flowers Tender of Charge of Cubes Tool Maker (Screws) Wife Travels With an Entire Horse **Turnip Shepherd** Unsettled Through Recent Death Very Feeble Watchmaker Master (No Hands)



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A quote from Mark Twain:

Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you!

Scotlands People - a Review

At a recent visit to the GSV, I was asked "Do you have many Scottish ancestors? If you do then you should visit ScotlandsPeople to download images because the cost is very reasonable". I was also told that Ancestry.com can't display some records at the GSV because of copyright by the Scottish government.

I did a quick survey of my 4th great-ancestors

- 8/32 Scottish
- 6/32 Irish
- 2/32 Anglo Indian
- 16/32 English

Now I was ready to revisit www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk, last used in 2008. Some of their records are free to search, and if you are lucky you may find a will of an ancestor or two, but not me. I could not find any relevant records in the Valuation Rolls either.

Records

The records of interest to me were the Census, Births & Baptisms, the Banns & Marriages and the Deaths & Burials. The Statutory Registers started in 1854 but before that the records are based on the Old Parish registers (Protestant) or Catholic Parish Registers. Apparently deaths are not always recorded pre 1854, but the records after that date are very comprehensive, similar to the format of death records in Victoria.

Searching

The site is very simple to use. You are initially given the opportunity to do a "free surname search", but that only provides a list of matching record sets. Registration is free and once registered, you can buy

credits, needed to view most indexes and images. If you are searching for a person, most likely you will have to search Protestant, Catholic and Statutory registers separately. The coverage goes back to 1538 for Old Parish Registers, but "Do not expect too much

for Old Parish Registers, but "Do not ex from OPR ... records."

It costs 1 credit to see one page of search results, so it is worth considering how you will minimise the number of pages you need to see. Fortunately, any search you do will be saved and the results can be viewed at any time in the future without further payment. If you type in the same query you can also see the results for free, but if there is any difference (like the date range) a new fee will be charged.

If you are searching with an unusual name you may be lucky and get less than 20 hits - this means one page of results. If you have too many, you can restrict the search by date, to a County/City or an individual Parish or try a different set of names. Personally, I think that restricting search to a parish is too restrictive: I have also found that in some large parishes, many families

Pre 1855 Births & Baptisms

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live nearer and attend the church in the adjacent parish. Also marriages are listed in the parish of both parties.

The Surname & Forename Options are worth using - especially since names can be misheard and spelling changes with the generations. "Exact", "Wildcards", "Fuzzy", "Name variants" are just a few of the options.

I have found it handy to use advanced searching, if only to change the order of results to put closest matches on the first page. Click "Show Advanced".

Costs

This is a pay site: £7 for 30 credits. One image (most records) is 5 credits or less than \$2.50 per image. I don't bother with the viewer, just download the image. If necessary I view the image on my computer. The image is a PDF. You can also purchase a hard copy, but that costs much more.

Buying credits starts a 365 day 'session'. After this time, all remaining credits become inactive. Fortunately you don't lose these, and when you next buy credits, the old ones are reactivated. In my case, when I purchased 30 new credits, I found that they had reactivated 20 more.

Accessing an image

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your details". If you have a fast connection, you might want to choose "Highest" quality.								

When you save an image the site suggests a long numerical name. I precede that text with the date of the record and the name of the individual of interest. (like "*1880-07-03 John Brown Death ScotlandsPeople.5E15D516-9B23-4BE3-B6DA-68809DD9AC04-D1880_201_00_0006Z.pdf*). Sometimes you get two images for the same event. The numerical bit will make the file names unique.

Once you view or download an image, you can access it again for free. The site keeps a record of previously Viewed Images which you can list by date. You can also add them to your Timeline. A timeline is really another way of keeping a list of images, ordered by the date of the event.

Timelines and Viewed Images can be searched and exported - a very versatile system. A Map option is rather interesting but the tags on the pins tend to overlap. In concept you could maintain a record of all your Scottish ancestor's records within ScotlandsPeople.

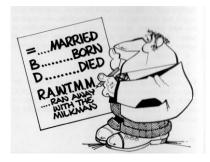
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Help

There is quite a good set of Help pages. Under "Search the records", you have a description of the content, how they came to be and how reliable they are. Go to "Help and Resources" for guidance on searching and using the site.

Overall

I rate the site as easy to use and good value.



IRISH CENSUS

What has happened to the Irish Census's taken over the years. They were not all destroyed in the fire at the public record office in 1922.

The first Irish census was conducted in 1821 and then every ten years until 1911. There was no census taken in 1921 due to the troubles in Ireland at that time.

After the formation of the Irish Republic there was a census conducted in 1926. Twenty years later the census recommenced and was taken every five years until 1946 except for the year 1976 which was not conducted due to a lack of finance to conduct the census.

The returns from 1821 to 1851 were destroyed in the great fire.

The records of 1861 and 1871 were destroyed soon after taking them.

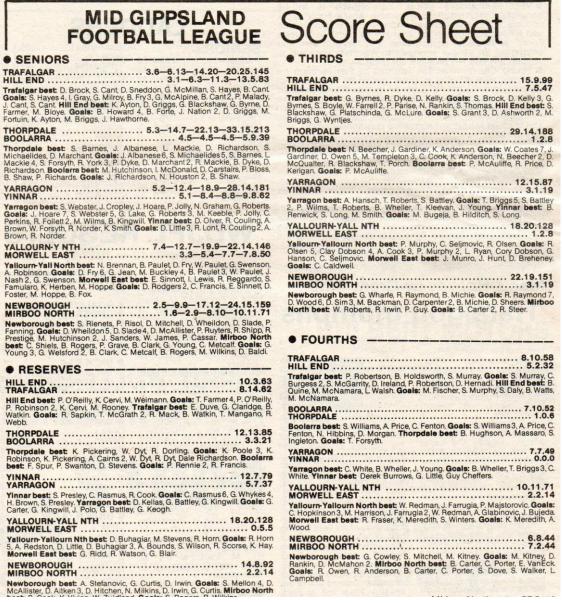
The records from 1881 and 1891 were pulped in during World War 1.

Some fragments of the 1821 to 1851 still survive.

The 1901 and 1911 Census of Ireland are held by the National Archives of Ireland and can be searched on their website.

Anther useful resource for Irish Research is Griffith's Valuation 1847-1864 which contains information about households that lived through that time and the Landed Estate Court Rentals Records.

Information can be found at the National Archives of Ireland and at Find my Past.



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Peters Trove Tips

If you are looking for articles about an individual, say Edwin James, and can't find that elusive article because there are too many hits, try the search "Edwin James"~1. This will force Trove to limit results to articles with the two names close together. So in this case, you would see articles with "Edwin James", "Edwin X James", or "James, Edwin".

There are two important rules: Make sure you put the person's name in Quotes and Don't leave a space before the \sim 1.