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# The Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc.

## ON TRACK

#### WE ARE MOVING SOON

It seems only yesterday (!) that there was talk of a new library in Moe.

The political dust has well and truly settled and the new building is steadily rising on its site at the head of Moore Street.

The fine details of when and how we move has yet to be worked out, but we are planning to have Deb Skinner, Coordinator Libraries at Latrobe City Council give us a talk about it early next year.

#### LATROBE CITY LIBRARY SERVICE

Our society has a longstanding association with the Moe branch of the Latrobe City Library Service. As well as providing a venue for our Family History Library and secure storage space for our computers and other equipment, the Library Service has an extensive collection of records on CD and microfiche. They also hold copies of our publications and books on local history and family histories.

Check out their catalogue at any branch or their web page http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library/Home.

The Latrobe City Library Service is also hosting some interesting events in the next couple of months. Contact them to make a booking.

Anne Burrows will be talking on Researching WW1 Victorian Ancestors at 2:30 PM on 24th September at Morwell Library. Anne is the Family History Librarian at the State Library of Victoria.

Moe, Morwell and Traralgon Libraries will conduct beginner sessions on Using Trove and AncestryLibrary. Between 19th and 23rd October. Check their calendar for more details.

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## FOR YOUR LEGAL KNOWLEDGE!

#### From Vicki

Sounds hilarious but it is a Fact !!!!

In old Roman Courts, instead of taking oath on the sacred books, men used to swear holding their testicles.

Hence the word 'testify' originated from 'testicles'.

If proved false, the testes of liars were cut & fed to dogs tied nearby.

The Committee at work

## FROM OUR WEB PAGE SOFTWARE TUTORIALS

There is great value in visiting your software home pages to see if there are tutorial and webinars to help you get the most from your program.

Go to "Links/Genealogy Sites" at //home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs

Ancestral Quest - Explore the menu bar on the right as well as the tabs at the top if this is your software of choice.

Family Historian - A static tour of another popular program.

Family Tree Maker - There are some good value tutorials and webinars There are now some great demos on YouTube. Go looking for Ancestry Anne. Just type in Family tree Maker in YouTube Search and have a look. Ancestry Anne has a blog page with all sorts of interesting stuff.

Legacy 7 - This is my choice of program and the recent webinars are excellent. Click on the Training tab and go to Webinars. There are expiry dates for some of these webinars so watch these ones first if they interest you. "New FamilySearch Made Easy" is a look at what is coming up later in the year. Don't worry that it is "Legacy" orientated, it will more than likely be incorporated into all software when it comes available. (See Roots Magic). The Help Center tab also has some excellent tips and tricks as well.

Roots Magic - Click on "Getting Started" and don't miss the link to "tutorials on using RootsMagic with New FamilySearch".

The Master Genealogist - Their claim ... "is the gold standard in family history software. Used by novices and professional researchers alike."

PAF - Personal Ancestral File has been discontinued from July 15 2013

More software can be found at Cora Num's site if your program is not listed here.

#### PAST MEETING ACTIVITIES

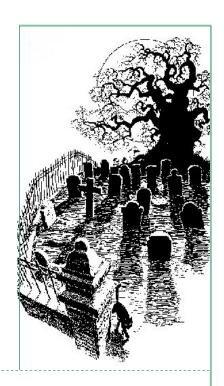
Workshop — "How to Do Stuff Properly" September 2014 October 2014 Round Table — "Pesky Toolbars" November 2014 General knowledge Quiz December 2014 Christmas BBQ January 2015 Questions and Answers, sharing knowledge February 2015 Eddie Tunn "Yesteryear". Visits to Edinburgh & Salt Lake City March 2015 Dawn Cowley "Preparing a Family Reunion" Mike Wetherall "Military Medals in Australia" April 2015 May 2015 Bruce McMaster "How did Morwell start?" Denis Seymour "Research in the Gippsland Memorial Park, June 2015 John Hewson "A Trip along the Walhalla Railway line" July 2015 Claire Wood "Accessing Magazines from Latrobe City Library" August 2015

#### **MOE CEMETERY**

The first burials in the Moe Cemetery recorded by the newly formed Cemetery Trust were registered on 28th. July 1891. The Trust members at that time were Peter Hunter, James M. Attwood, Henry Bunston and Edwin James Cooper.

The first burial registered in the new Moe Cemetery Register was that of John Forrest, a coalminer from Coalville. His death was occurred when he was struck by the evening train while sleeping on the railway line. He was buried on 1.4.1891. No headstone exists for him.

Information suggests that there are 52 people buried in Moe Cemetery whose names are not recorded. It is because their names appear in the Register of Deaths for Moe, recorded by the then registrar Shirley W. Brooke, that there is any knowledge of their names. This register shows the first deaths recorded in Moe to be those of John Ryan, George Falconer, Donald Frederick Campbell, John Smith, and Sarah Barlow.



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No dates are listed but they were certainly entered before May 1882. Names which may have not been recorded are for those people who may have resided in the area as early as the days of Henry Scott's Inn on the Old Coach Road from 1849 on. Any deaths occurring from then until 1880 may well have been "lone graves"

Information taken from transcriptions of early headstones:

COPE, Charles Henry Houghton, died 6.2.1892. Aged 48 years. (A selector from Moe)

Louisa Sophia Spencer, died 1.1.1895 Aged 49 years.

Also sisters Edith Grace, died 19.1.1905; Henrietta, died 3.1.1910. And infants Charles, Eliza, George, Ruth (1883)

DARCY, Ellen Darcy, wife of Michael, died 14.10.1884, aged 34 years. Also son Patrick, died 15.7.1881 (aged 1 year 11 months)

MAHER, Annie Maher, wife of James, died 10.11.1891 aged 35 years. Also son Patrick, died 6.5.1883, aged 2 years.

GREEN, Jacob, accidently killed, 28.4.1888, aged 48 years. (A line repairer in Moe)

WALL, Kate, died 2.6.1889, aged 36 years. Also sons John Henry, died 4.11.1885, aged 15 months; Michael Joseph, died 2.11.1891, in his 21st. year. (Possibly the family of Andrew Wall, a farmer and formerly a contractor of Moe)

ATTWOOD E. Maude, died 22.?.1888, aged 10 years and 6 months.

This information has been taken from an article written by J.G. Rogers and published in an early edition of the Coach News by the Moe Historical Society whose permission we have to include it in our newsletter.



Vaughan Knox.

NEW BUILDING PERMITS. Listed in the Advocate (Moe) Tuesday August 27, 1957

### PERMITS

following building permits were issued by the Moe Borough Council, subject to the payment of fees; from July 23 to August 9.

R. G. Shaw, George Street, Moe, Demolition of Cool Store, Club Hotel Lane, Moe. W. Purvis Stores,

Moore Street, Moe, Alterations to shop, Moore Street, Moe.

Beilharz, 53 Wattle Road, Yallourn, Outbuild-Murray Road, Newings, borough.

Foster Self-Service Pty. Princes H'way, Moe Additions to Service Station, 'rinces Highway, Moe.

Mumford, Chamberlain Road, Newborough, W. B. Villa and Outbuildings, shanahan Pde., Newborough. C. Yfanitis, Brendan St., Moe, Removal & re-erection louse, Cnr. Robert Streets. Brendan

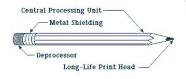
P. Matwiejaw, Chamberlain Road, Newborough, B. V. House, Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

J. J. Deviesseaux, 2 Service Road, Moe, Garage, 2 Service Road, Moe.

A. E. Stead, 76 Fowler louse, 76 Fowler Street, Moe.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, Moe, Tent, Service Moad, Moe.

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### TEN YEARS SERVICE SEC NEWS, 24 February 1966

## VISH THEM LUCK

The following S.E.C. people with 10 years' service or more are due to retire on the dates shown. The location and date of their first appointments are also given.

TREVORAH, T. C., Engineering Assistant, Coal Division, Latrobe Valley, March 19. Valley, March 20; Morwell, 1951.

MONAHAN, J. A., Assistant, Gelong ESD, Vallourn, 1945.

MONAHAN, J. A., Assistant, Gelong ESD, March 20; Morwell, 1951.

GRAY, C. J., trades assistant, Gelong ESD, March 24; Gelong, 1942.

BENDAS, A., Trades Assistant, Services Division, Latrobe Valley, February 25. Latrobe Valley, 1952.

EVANS, R. G., Ditch Bunker Loader, Coal Divi-sion, Latrobe Valley, March 2. Yallourn, 1925.

GEBBIE, J., Laboratory Assistant, Geelong Branch, March 2. Geelong, 1915.

ELLIOTT, A., Machinist, Electrical Workshops, Yarraville Terminal Station, March 3. Yarraville, 1954.

DAVIDSON, G. M., Distribution Engineer, Ballarat, March 13. Metro. 1935.

LAMBOURN, J. W. E., Foreman, Power Division,

MONAHAN, J. A., Assistant Officer-in-Charge, Queenscliff, March 30. Western District, 1923.

COX, O. J., Store Assist ant. Disposals, March 31. Kiewa, 1940.

HENDERSON, J., skilled builders' labourer, Services Division, Latrobe Valley, March 8; Yallourn, 1955

SPOWART, G., machinist, Services Division Latrobe Valley, March 11;

sistant, Geelong ESI March 24; Geelong, 1942.

FLEMING, N G, Services Divi-Valley, machinist, Servision, Latrobe March 28; Morwell, 1949.

WILSON, A. R., trades assistant, Geelong Power Station, March 28; Gee-Station, No. 1940.

OSWALD. OSWALD, R. A., elec-trical mechanic, Power

trical mechanic, Power Division, Latrobe Valley, March 29; Yallourn, 1929. EVANS, T. W. J., mech-anic, Briquetting Division, Latrobe Valley, March 30; Yallourn, 1929. GIBSON, W. C., leading hand linesman, District 1, Metro. Branch, March 26; MES. Co., 1921.

Metro. Branch, M.E.S. Co., 1921.

#### 'JESSUP – A GOLDMINER'S LEGACY'

#### JESSUP FAMILY BOOK LAUNCH AND REUNION

ongstanding member of our group, Dawn Cowley, is very pleased ✓ to announce that the book she has been researching and working. on for the best part of the last thirty five years is now in the process of being printed.

Jessup – a Goldminer's Legacy comprises biographies and family trees of her maternal Jessup family who arrived from Norfolk, England in 1853 and within a few years had made their home in Murmungee near Beechworth. It includes their background in Great Hockham and East Harling in Norfolk, the arrival of Edward Jacob Jessup and his wife Maria nee Crack in Melbourne and the growth of their family.

While Maria bore fifteen children, only seven reached adulthood, and it's the stories of Edward and Maria along with these seven, and their children and grandchildren that make up the bulk of the content, with the remainder being family trees of the more recent generations. Illustrated with hundreds of photos of family members, the book totals 484 pages and will be launched at a Jessup family reunion on 18 October at Murmungee.

Jessup – a Goldminer's Legacy will be available for purchase from October 18th at a cost of \$35 plus postage. For further details email gdcowley@iprimus.com.au.

#### VOLUNTEER AIR OBSERVER CORPS

The Volunteer Air Observers Corps (VAOC) was an Australian air defence organisation of World War II. The VAOC was formed on 31 December 1941 to support the Royal Australian Air Force by sighting and observing aircraft over Australia. The VAOC swiftly established observation posts across Australia and provided information to the RAAF's regional air control posts. It covered an area up to 150 miles inland from the coast line of Australia. As the threat to Australia declined the VAOC's role was expanded to include coast watching, assisting air traffic control and weather reporting. The VAOC was staffed by civilian volunteers and reached a peak strength of 24,000 personnel and 2,656 observation posts in 1944. Initially the VAOC was attached to the Directorate of Intelligence, but by May 1942 it was controlled by the Directorate of Pursuit, Fighter Section Headquarters, Allied Command. Together with radar posts, all such information would be gathered and collated by the Area Combined headquarters.

The VAOC rapidly developed into a network of observation posts around Australia that provided vital support to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Manned principally by civilian volunteers who were assigned code-names for identification purposes, they would report potential enemy aircraft and shipping sightings to their VAOC Regional HQs. Some WAAAF (Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force) also worked for the VAOC as general clerks and recorders within the Regional Headquarters.

There was no pay, no travel allowance and no uniform. No records were kept, so there has been no acknowledgement of those who participated.

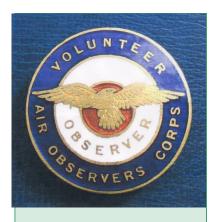
After the end of the war the VAOC was reduced to a cadre in December 1945 and was disbanded on 10 April 1946. The VAOC was similar to the British Royal Observer Corps.

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The VAOC and the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) of Britain were organised and run in similar ways. The VAOC was formally disbanded shortly after the war on the 10th April 1946 whereas the ROC's existence continued to the end of the Cold War period (1991). At their peak, the VAOC had around 24,000 personnel.

I know of two relatives of mine who were members of the Volunteer Air Observers Corps during WW2. A second cousin was in the Lancefield area, and the other was my aunt who operated as a plane spotter from the tower of St. Pauls Anglican Church in Yaldwin Street, Kyneton. Her badge displays the number 15392 on the reverse side.

Vaughan Knox.



#### VOLUNTEER AIR OBSERVER CORPS BADGE

Australian WW2 badge (1941-1946)

Here's a civilian Observer's badge issued by the Volunteer Air Observer Corps (VAOC) of Australia during WW2. No uniforms were issued to civilian volunteers and instead, were identified by the use of a registered enamel badge, as illustrated above.

This badge in absolute mint condition was made from die-stamped brass with three enamels (red, white & blue) and a gilt finish. There is a pin clasp on the reverse together with a maker's name (Stokes\*), the volunteer's registration number (13816) with the text 'THIS BADGE IS THE PROPERTY OF THE DEPT. OF AIR'. It measures 1 3/16" in diameter (about 30mm).

\* Stokes Badges were founded in 1856 and are still in business. They are based in Victoria, Australia.



Certificate of Discharge, Sapper Harold Nicholson

#### NAA RECORD CATEGORIES:

- 1. Immigration
- 2. Defence
- 3. Aboriginal & Torres St Islanders
- 4. Security & Intelligence
- 5. Transport
- 6. Works & Property
- 7. Communications
- 8. Parliamentary, Census & Ceremonial
- 9. Education & Training
- 10. Arts & Science
- 11. Government Employment
- 12. Territories
- 13. Legal & Customs
- 14. Repatriation, Health & Welfare



Dick Eastman

#### "FINDING FAMILIES"

Peter McNab

I recently unearthed a well worn card handed down from my Great Uncle Harold proving his discharge from the Royal Australian Engineers in 1915. This piqued my curiosity about his war service.

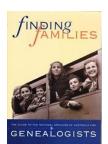
First, I went to the National Archives but his only records were for WW2. I was directed to the Melbourne Office to conduct a search for Permanent Military Forces (WW1) records. The short answer was "No". Having given up on the electronic records, the researcher turned to the NAA publication "Finding Families".

"Finding Families" is an excellent guide to understanding and finding records from Commonwealth government departments.

When published in 1998, Ken

Knight of the Society of Australian Genealogists said it was "a must, not only for genealogists, but for social scientists generally"

The book is extremely clearly laid out and comprehensive. It opened my eyes to the breadth of the NAA's holdings. It is worth a look, for that alone. If it



were not for the online service, I would recommend it instantly.

You can borrow the book from the Latrobe City Library.

As for Uncle Harold I still do not know anything about more his WW1 service.

#### SCOTTISH PATERNITY RECORDS

ick Eastman at www.eogn.com recently wrote about some New Records being released by Scottish Indexes.

The following announcement was written by the folks at Scottish Indexes:

Annan, Scotland – To celebrate the "Lanarkshire Family History Society Local and Family History Show" (the largest family history show in Scotland) www.scottishindexes.com is releasing thousands of historical Scottish paternity records. The total number of paternity records now indexed is 11,723!

These records give a unique insight into the lives of our ancestors and allows people with illegitimate ancestors to trace their male line more easily; often helping you overcome a 'brick wall' in your family tree!

As these are a new source to many researchers Scottish Indexes provides a free 'Learning Zone section to guide you: http://www.scottishindexes.com/learningcourt.aspx.

Graham Maxwell, genealogist at Scottish Indexes will be giving a talk at the Lanarkshire show entitled 'Tracing your Illegitimate Ancestors in the Sheriff Court Records'. Graham says, "For years people have struggled to trace the father of their illegitimate ancestors, our hope is that this index will lead people to the key sources they need to trace their family tree. Without the aid of our volunteer this index would not be possible."

#### **OBITUARY**

From the S.E.C. Magazine of March 31st, 1943

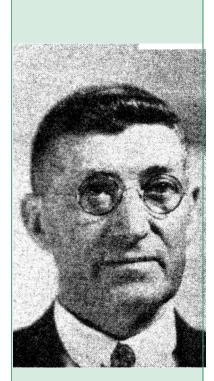
#### Mr. H. MARTIN

Nothing has more shocked and saddened the Yallourn community than the death, on 3rd February, of Mr. Herbert Martin, Surveyor in Charge, Yallourn. While on survey work on the steep haulage tracks he was struck by a coal train, and sustained injuries from which he died less than an hour afterwards. A host of his friends throughout the Commission's service share in the sorrow felt at his passing, for he was one whose personality, public spirit, kindly disposition and ability and readiness to help where-ever his assistance could be given made him a popular, but most unassuming figure in all of the circles in which he moved.

He joined the Commission's service in April, 1921, as Survey Draughtsman at Yallourn, and was one of the pioneers directly and constantly associated with the Yallourn undertaking from its inception. Mr. Martin succeeded Mr. G. D. Jones as Surveyor in Charge at Yallourn, following the death of the latter in October last. After ten years' residence in Yallourn, Mr. Martin took up residence at Moe. A list of Mr. Martin's activities at Yallourn would be a long one, for there was hardly a club or a movement which did not have the benefit of his help. At Moe he was chairman of the Waterworks Trust, Acting Scoutmaster, assistant secretary of the R.S.S.I.L.A., a member of the Petrol Advisory Committee, Recreation Reserve Board, Welfare League, and the School Committee; treasurer of the Moe Rifle Club, and Central and West Gippsland Rifle Clubs' Union, Secretary of the Moe Golf Club, honorary member of the Fire Brigade, auditor of the Moe Swimming Club, and active in the design and construction of the swimming pool, and a corporal in the V.D.C. He had been secretary of the Yallourn Tennis Club, and was responsible for the lay out of the courts and for the organisation of many large tournaments. He was the first secretary of the Central Gippsland Tennis Association, a position he had held until recent years.

The funeral moved from the Yallourn Hospital, and members of the Yallourn and Moe branches of the R.S.S.I.L.A. lined the drive and escorted the hearse outside the gates, after strewing the vehicle with poppies. At Moe, Fire Brigade members stood with bared heads as the hearse passed by, while the fire bell softly tolled. Representatives of all the local organisations with which the deceased had been associated lined the route. At the Springvale Crematorium, Head Office was represented by Messrs. C. H. Kernot, W. R. Hudson, W. Neil, and W. R. Wilson. The casket was covered with the Union Jack, upon which was placed deceased's V.D.C. hat.

The principal mourners were the widow and three sons (Bruce, Leigh, and Roy), and for them the deepest sympathy is felt.



Mr Herbert Martin

Herbert's death was reported in The Argus on 4 Feb 1943. See (http://nla.gov.au/ nla.news-article11342752):

#### SURVEYOR'S DEATH

YALLOURN, Wed: Fatal injuries were suffered this morning by Mr Herbert Martin, who is believed to have been caught between 2 electric trains. He was a surveyor, and had been employed by the Electricity Commission for 22 years.

Mr Martin is survived by a widow and 3. children.

To read his death notices and a long article in Morwell Advertiser of 14 Dec 1950, about the marriage of his son William Leigh to Joan O'Bern, go to Trove (trove.nla.vic.gov.au) with the following Search:

"Herbert Martin"~1 Yallourn

#### **REMINDER**

Annual Subscriptions are now due.

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#### MEMBERS' INTERESTS UPDATE

The following are recently updated Member's Research Interests. All financial members' research interests can be checked online at our web page online at http://vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/meminterest.htm.

Contact the Secretary to add to or change your entries.

	Surname	Town, County or State		Country	Period		Surname	Town, County or State		Country	Period
241	ATKINSON	Cumberland		UK	1750-1850	281	LEE	State		UK	
282	BELTS	Suffolk, Norfolk		UK	1750-1880		MARTIN	Clare		Eire	1750-1850
281	BURNS	·		UK		288	MARTIN	Isle of Skye		SCT	
283	CAMERON	Gippsland, Vic	VIC	AUS		288	MARTIN	Geelong area	Vic	AUS	
282	DAVEY	South Australia		AUS	1750-1900	241	MCCART-	Fife		SCT	1800-1850
282	DAVEY	Cornwall		UK	1750-1900	282	MORRISON	South Australia		AUS	1750-1900
288	DEAN	Bulla, Eastern Creek	Vic	AUS		282	MORRISON	Cornwall		UK	1750-1900
288	DEAN	Moe, Willow Grove	Vic	AUS		288	OWENS	Traralgon & Dis-	Vic	AUS	
241	DERBY	Westmeath		Eire	1800-1850	288	POL-	East Lothian		SCT	
241	GAYNOR	Hindustan		India	1750-1850	288	POL- WARTH	Budgeree, Gee- long	Vic	AUS	
283	GOOD	Gippsland, Vic	VIC	AUS		282	REYNOLDS	Suffolk		UK	1800-1900
283	GOODE	Gippsland, Vic	VIC	AUS		282	REYNOLDS	Gippsland, Vic		AUS	1800-1900
282	GREENLEES	Scotland		UK	1750-1880	288	SELLENS	Clarence Plains	Tas	AUS	
284	GRIFFITHS	England				288	SELLENS	Mt Egerton	Vic	AUS	
282	HARDY	Suffolk		UK	1800-1900	288	SELLENS	Traralgon, Maffra	Vic	AUS	
282	HARDY	Gippsland, Vic		AUS	1800-1900	241	SINCLAIR	Perthshire		UK	1750-1850
	HOLDEN			UK			SMITH	Middlesex		UK	1830's
	HORSNELL					285	TUCK			AUS	
	HOWARD			UK			TUCK			Britain	
284	HULBERT	England				288	TURNER	Newfoundland		Canada	
288	JONES	Fitzroy, Preston, Willow Grove	Vic	AUS		288	TURNER	Morwell, Alexandra	Vic	AUS	
						241	WALLACE	London		UK	1800-1850

#### DID YOU KNOW?

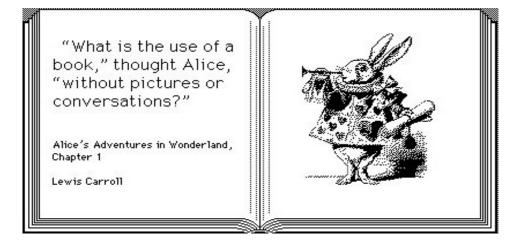
The <u>Library Roster</u> and <u>Meeting Activities</u> are both on our web site.

Go to http://
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Calendar" logo.

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#### CATHOLIC PARISH REGISTERS

http://registers.nli.ie/

The National Library of Ireland has recently released images of over 300,000 pages of old parish registers. Digitised from their collection of microfilms, the registers contain records of baptisms and marriages from the majority of Catholic parishes in Ireland and Northern Ireland up to 1880.

The site is very easy to use. Either enter a parish name directly or use the clickable map. I did not know the name of the parish, so I entered *Cork*, the a county name. This presented no problem, but a very long list OF dioceses and parishes opened. Next, I tried the map. From the map, I was able to pick the parish corresponding to the general locality I was interested in.

Each parish is presented on a new page with links to every microfilm for that parish. A small map shows the parish selected and icons for nearby parishes. This makes it very easy to move between adjacent parishes.

Clicking on the title of any microfilm takes you to the image. By default you get a single page view, but if you want an overview (handy when you have a slow connection) click the Thumbnail icon from the editing toolbar above the image.

There is plenty of opportunity to work with the image—Zoom, Download, Brightness, Contrast, Negative, Thumbnail and Fullscreen. These tools did make some of the fainter images clearer, since the original microfilms were often in poor condition. The full screen mode continues to display the toolbar—10 of 10 for design.

Some of the text is in Latin and apparently also Gaelic. The Help page points to FamilySearch for a list of common Latin words, and there is also a link to Judith Eccles Wight's "A rose by any other name: a guide to Irish Christian names" at the LDS.

One of the most powerful features is the Filter. Its icon is at the left of the toolbar above the image. You can select the type of record (i.e. baptism, marriage, death), the year and the month. There is also a slider to pick pages from those matching the search criteria. Each matching page is indicated by a pin, so you can see if you need to refine the search, and how many pages you need to view.

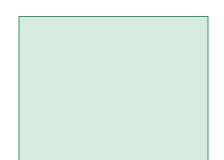
On the negative side, the site does not support older browsers like Internet Explorer 8. The NLI recommend you update to Internet Explorer 11, or change to Chrome, Firefox or Safari.

There is only one Help page, but as well as providing answers about the site, it points to many other helpful genealogical and other contacts.

This is a site that keeps on giving. The folks at the NLI are focussed on the user at every turn. It is well worth visiting.

Peter McNab





#### CAN WE HELP?

#### 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 if hard copy required. Contact: The Research Officer, PO Box 767, Morwell, Victoria 3840.

#### PAYMENT:

All payments in Australian currency. We accept cheques and electronic

#### JOIN US

MEETINGS are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, in the Meeting Room of the Moe Library, Kirk Street. Enter via the rear door of the library. Open from about 7 p.m. Meetings start at 7.30p.m.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

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