

NEWSLETTER.

Genealogical Society of Victoria, Mid-Gippsland Group.
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Chairman : John Pattison, Traralgon, Vic.
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The Office Bearers for the coming year are as follows :

CHAIR :	John Pattison	SECRETARY :	Dawn Cowley
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The Fees for 1984-85 have been set at :

Single Membership: \$8.00 per yr. Family Membership: \$10.00 per yr.
(Entitlement : Borrowing from Library, Meeting Costs,
Newsletters, Voting at Meetings and Supper)

Casual Attendance 60c per attendance.

Newsletter Subscriptions \$3.50 per year to non-members.

Members joining after June, 1985 : \$5.00

Fees for Membership and Newsletters are now due.

The Annual Meeting was held in the regular venue on Thursday,
22nd November, 1984.

Chairman, John Pattison, made his report thanking and congratulating the various members and committees for their efforts collectively and individually with special thanks to Dawn Cowley, our Secretary, for her stirring contribution to the success of the Group. A special plea to members about contributions to the Newsletter was also mentioned.

Apparently John Pattison's efforts were appreciated as his nomination for another year in the Chair was unopposed.

Secretary, Dawn Cowley made her report also thanking members for their work during the year. Dawn also touched on activities which took place during the year such as the Seminar, Guest Speakers, a Bus Trip and visit to G.S.V. Library. Special mention of the Tea Lady, Edith Goode, for the very essential "cuppa" always being there.

Once again, there was no opposition to re-election of an active, hardworking and dedicated Secretary.

Treasurer, Mavis Lynch, gave a very satisfactory and detailed report on the financial activities of the Group throughout the year complete with a healthy bank balance.

Also, there was no opposition to Mavis' re-election.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY :

"The Scandinavians in Australia, N.Z. and the Western Pacific"
by J. Lyng

In this book the history of the Scandinavians who came to Australia is told in detail. Includes Shipping, Churches, Place Names, Well known Scandinavians, Areas of Settlement (large section on Queensland).

"Australia : The Quiet Continent" by Douglas Pike
A history of Australia

"The Voyage of the Africaine" by Penelope Hope
The Africaine was the first ship to bring paying immigrants to South Australia in 1836. The story is told by means of the journals and letters of her passengers.

"The History of Nunawading" by Niall Brennan
Contains many maps and photographs

(all these books donated by Bruce McMaster.)

"The complete holdings of the Public Record Office of Victoria"
Recently published by the P.R.O. and a very important book for every Victorian Researcher.

"Electoral Roll for Subdivision of Moe, 1916"
Alphabetical list of names, addresses and occupations.

"Debrett's Guide to Tracing your Ancestry" by Noel Currer Briggs &
Royston Gambier

"The Genealogist - September, 1984"
Tracing your Celto-Saxon roots.

Newsletters : G.U.M. (Genealogists Using Micros)
Geelong
Mornington Peninsula
Ballarat

"Irish Research" A wealth of information for those researching in Ireland. : County maps of Ireland
County records and addresses
Griffith valuations
Various notes, references and suggestions.

"Convict Colleens"
Irish women convicts - names and details of those transported to Australia.

"Melbourne General Cemetery" - Newspaper article

ANOTHER USEFUL BOOK :

This publication has been advertised on 'Family Favourites' recently :

"Phillimore Atlas and Index of England and Wales"
by Cecil Humphries Smith

Contains 50 County Maps and Where records can be found.

Write to : Genealogists Society,
120 Kent Street, Observatory Hill, N.S.W.

\$56.00 posted

Ph. 02 - 27.3953

LETTER TO THE EDITOR :

The Mercury, Fitzroy 1875.

"Sir,

One of the last performances of the Smith Stret gang of these cowardly scoundrels was to smash the windows of Mr. John Lloyd Jones, corner of Smith and Moor Streets on the morning of the 1st inst. The damage done amounts to several pounds sterling. This is the return Mr. Jones has got for his endeavours to prevent these foul-mouthed ugly, and altogether ill-conditioned ruffians from gathering about his premises at nights and expending their beastly talk and saliva on the passers by. Too cowardly to seek any other mode of revenge, these unregistered curs take advantage of the darkness to wreak their pitiful malice by the destruction of property. The local police it is evident are not competent to deal with these vagabonds or are unwilling to do so. Which is it? The nuisance already intolerable is daily increasing. Perhaps when some outraged householder puts a charge of shot into the dirty carcase of one of these unclean scoundrels the attention of the police will be fairly interested in the matter - apparently not until then. Or perhaps when a magistrate gets his windows broken some stir might be made with a view to detect the offenders. At present the larrikins are masters of the street, more shame be it to our local authorities.

A. TRADESMAN."

POEM FROM WILTSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY JOURNAL:

We are family historians but some call us cranks,
For tracing our roots - just like the Yanks.
Crawling around churchyards for hours and hours.
Whatever the weather, sunshine or showers.
Recording inscriptions, writing descriptions
For like minded searchers who can't visit churches.

We look in the Archives for other folks lives,
Digging and delving in miles of shelving.
Looking for that vital lead
In records, difficult to read,
But if we find it then you see,
We can add a twig to our family tree.

Mrs. V. Challis.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS :

The only way a Newsletter can operate is to have some news to broadcast. A definition of news is "Something somebody else does not know - even scandal is news."

Phone numbers of the news spreaders are by their names so there is no excuse for not passing on snippets. Also there is always time with that cuppa after meetings.

CONVICT RECORDS :

The following interesting items are from the County Records relating to offenders in 1787 in England.

652 : SAMUEL FREE : Was indicted for stealing on the 18th October one cotton handkerchief value 1s (10 cents) the property of Samuel Rushart. The prisoner was taken immediately with the handkerchief.

GUILTY

Transported for seven years. Tried by the London Jury before Mr. Recorder.

194 : PETER SEBB (a black) was indicted for feloniously stealing on the 12th January a live cock fowl, value 1s 6d and a live hen fowl value 1s 6d the property of Charles Lewis. There was not any evidence to bring the charge home to the prisoner.

NOT GUILTY

Tried by the London Jury before Mr. Recorder.

649 : GEORGE DEARY was indicted for stealing, on 27th September last one cloth jacket, value 5s (50c) property of Thomas Major.

Thomas Major : Sworn Evidence :

I am a coal porter and live in Middle Shadwell. About a month or five weeks ago, I lost a cloth jacket. I went to work to heave some coals out of the craft and left my jacket on the wharf on a tar barrel. The jacket was given me by Mr. Grove afterwards. I have had it ever since.

---- Grove : (sworn)

I am housekeeper to one Mr. Morgan of Lower Shadwell. I was in the loft doing my business and saw the prisoner with another man. I suspected them. I saw the prisoner point his finger towards the jacket. Accordingly the prisoner went and took the jacket out of the tar barrel. I came out of the loft and stopped the prisoner with the jacket on his arm, I could not catch the other as I was lame. The prisoner told me the other man gave it to him. I gave the jacket to Mr. Major. When I took him he was walking. I believe he had got about twenty yards.

(The jacket desposed to by the prosecutor)

PRISONER'S DEFENCE :

I went down in the yard to ease myself and the man asked me to take it up for him which I did.

GUILTY

Whipped.

Tried by the second Middlesex Jury before Mr. Rose.

IRISH ANCESTRY :

To those tracing Irish Ancestry, of interest may be that only 4% are able to trace ancestors back beyond 1805 as so many records have been destroyed - maybe you are among the lucky ones.

There are many people in Ireland enquiring about their ancestors who came to Australia last century.

The following is a list of names of these ancestors and their County of Origin :

CASSIDY (Co. Armagh)	FERRY (Co. Donegal)	O'CONNOR (Co. Meath)
ARNOLD (Co. Cork)	BARRY (Co. Clare)	BEECHINOR (Co. Cork)
CAIN (Co. Cork)	CARR (Co. Wicklow)	DUFFY (Co. Monaghan)
IRWIN (Co. Sligo)	JOHNSTON (Co. Donegal)	FITZGERALD (Co. Tipperary)
KENNEDY (Co. Louth)	LEHANE (Co. Dublin)	LOUGHRAN (Co. Tyrone)
SHEERIN (Co. Tyrone)	MacCARTNEY (Co. Kilkenny)	McGRATH (Co. Kilkenny)
O'REILLY (Co. Cavan)	MONTGOMERY (Co. Donegal)	- settled in Gippsland
SCULLY (King's County, now Co. Offaly)		

Meredith McIntosh has details.

ALTERNATE SOURCE :

Victorian births, deaths and marriages prior to 1851 are in the Registry at the A.M.P. Centre, 50 Bridge Street, Sydney, 2000 and they can be obtained there more cheaply than from Melbourne.

ANYONE FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA?

The South Australia Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 13, Marden, S.A. 5070. is compiling an index of all adults who lived in that State 1836-85. If your ancestors lived there, they would be interested to hear from you.

OTHER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES :

Those with family background in Northumberland and Durham, England may be interested in joining the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society. An interesting Journal is issued quarterly.

Membership fees are as follows :

Overseas membership (airmail postings of Journal) £8. sterling

Overseas membership (surface mail postings) £5. "

Remittance to : Mrs. G. Varty,

4 Kirkstone,

Birtley, CHESTER-LE-STREET

County Durham DH3 2LE, ENGLAND.

The Isle of Man Family History Society membership is £6. sterling per year which entitles a member to four editions of the journal posted airmail.

Membership applications to : Miss Pamela Killip,
9 Sandringham Drive,
ONCHAN, I.O.M.

A Manx Society has recently been formed in Victoria. Interested people may write to the following for further details of membership:

Mr. Tom Corlett,
6 Burgundy Drive,
DONCASTER, Vic. 3108.

BOOK RESTORATION :

Restoration, antique leather binding, embossing etc. can be done on books, photo albums, family Bibles, etc.

Example : \$18.00 to completely rebuild spine and rebind in antique leather and emboss spine.

See Yolanda Reynolds.

DO YOU HAVE A CHEMIST IN THE FAMILY?

If you have a Chemist in your family, maybe some further details may be available from :

The Registrar,
Pharmacy Board, Vic.
381 Royal Parade,
PARKVILLE, 3852.

FASCINATING DATES :

If you want to know the exact day of the week on which an ancestor was born, and you know the date, you can find it out :

Example : 29th April, 1770.

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Take the last two digits of year born | 70 |
| 2. Add a quarter of this number and neglect any remainder | 17 |
| 3. Add the date of the month | 29 |
| 4. Add according to the month | |
| Jan. 1 (or in leap year 0) | |
| Feb. 4 (" " " " 3) | |
| March 4 | August 3 |
| April 0 | September 6 |
| May 2 | October 1 |
| June 5 | November 4 |
| July 0 | December 6 |
| | 0 |
| 5. Add for : | |
| 18th Century 4 | |
| 19th Century 2 | |
| 20th Century 0 | 4 |
| | <hr/> |
| 6. Divide the total by 7 | 7)120 |

17 + 1

The remainder gives the day of the week as follows :

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1 = Sunday | 4 = Wednesday |
| 2 = Monday | 5 = Thursday |
| 3 = Tuesday | 6 = Friday |
| | 0 = Saturday |

Thus, the 29th April, 1770 was a SUNDAY, the date Captain Cook arrived at Botany Bay.

OLD TOWNS: NEW TOWNS:

A copy of the "Stamp Review" published a number of towns which had been renamed - many after a major exercise in 1954. Some local towns and other interesting names are listed :

<u>OLD NAME</u>	<u>DATE CHANGED</u>	<u>NEW NAME</u>
Flooding Creek	1st January 1854	Sale
Stringer's Creek	15th March 1868	Walhalla
Waterloo	20th December 1883	Yarragon
Latrobe Bridge	January 1871	Longford
Sandhurst	July 1881	Bendigo
Pentridge	22nd January 1870	Coburg
Schnapper Point	16th August 1864	Mornington
Emerald Hill	1st October 1857	South Melbourne
The Gap	21st April 1875	Buttlejork

Duck Ponds changed to Hovell's Creek in 1872 and in 1874 became Lara.

Crooked River became Bull Town in 1865

Glenthompson changed to Yuppeekiar in 1871 and in which would be seen to be a return of rational thinking in 1872 became (again) Glenthompson.

Hit or Miss changed in December 1974 to Kooroocheang.

Boomahnoomoonah did not change its name (it must fill an envelope front) and gained immortality in a song from Rohlf Harris.

IT'S ALL RELATIVE :

When Bill Baker of Worcestershire married his grand-daughter's husband's mother Edna Harvey, the whole family had to sit down and try to figure out who was who.

Seventy-six year old Baker's granddaughter Lynn, put it this way.

"My mother-in-law is now my step-grandmother. My grandfather is my step father-in-law. My mum is my sister-in-law and my brother is my nephew.

"But even more disconcerting is that I'm married to my uncle and my own children are my cousins."

A QUICK QUIZ :

How many of the following do you have in your family, and do you know their occupations:

1. Picket
2. Stone dyker
3. Snow raker
4. Plater

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