

NEWSLETTER

Genealogical Society of Victoria, Mid-Gippsland Group.
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The last few weeks have been very active for our Group.

At our August meeting, Mr. John Irving gave us all an insight into the holdings of the Port Albert Maritime Museum including reading Diary entries of experiences while travelling from Port Albert to Melbourne at the turn of the Century.

Several members participated with our Display at Mid Valley Shopping Centre to help publicise our Seminar.

Our Seminar was held on Saturday 14th September. Approx. 60 people listened intently to our four Speakers :

Terry Grigg - "Devon and Cornwall Research"

Marjory Morgan - "Order from Chaos"

Brian McInerney - "Holdings of the Public Records Office"

Rosemary Martin - "Research in Europe and Germany"

Also present was Elizabeth Larking from the "Melbourne Genealogical & Australiana Bookshop" who did brisk business.

Both the Mid Valley Display and Seminar are the result of the efforts of several dedicated members of our group. Special thanks to them and all who gave support.

INTERESTED IN SCOTLAND? THEN READ ON

Those with background in Scotland can look forward to SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER 1985. Well known expert on Scottish research, JOHN CAIRNS-SMITH-BARTH has offered to conduct a full day session on the topic of researching Scottish ancestry. It will be a very long day, but one which you cannot afford to miss!! John will speak for up to 8 hours - with time out for the necessary cuppa's and lunch - covering the subject in great detail. Times are 9.30 a.m. commencement to ?? and the venue the Regional Education Centre, Moe. Cost \$5.00 for the day. B.Y.O. lunch, tea and coffee provided. Further details available from Dawn Cowley 051-271780.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR YINNAR SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL :

Centenary celebrations are being planned for the Yinnar South Primary School on April 26 and 27, 1986.

Although the present school building was built in 1924, the history of the school goes back to 1886. The first head teacher was William Francis.

The centenary committee is seeking photographs, newspaper clippings, memoirs, etc, and would like past pupils and teachers from the school to contact Mrs. Annette Deppeler, RNB 1298, Middle Creek Road, Yinnar South, 3869. Phone 051 - 691553. The committee would like to hear from the descendants of the following families :

Healy	Burnie	Hall	Blogg
Holloway	Collins	Weir	Fysh
Wood	Smith	Langmaid	Walters
Turnbull	Miller	Reid	Sharman
Fitzgerald	Paynter	Johns	Thomson

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY :

"THE MECHANICAL EYE IN AUSTRALIA" A history of photography in Australia from 1841-1900 with a guide to dating old photographs. A large section of the book is taken up with a listing of over 3,000 profession and amateur photographers during the nineteenth century which provides a valuable research tool. The list covers all Australia, both country and city and includes addresses and dates for individual photographers and studios. An excellent book for photographic research.

"THE FAMILY TREE DETECTIVE" - Colin D. Rogers.

The book concentrates on alternative steps to take when the all too familiar dead end appears. A manual for anyone who has English or Welsh ancestors to help them analyse and solve genealogical problems.

"PLACE NAMES OF AUSTRALIA" - A.W. Reed.
Meanings and origins of place names.

"HOW TO FIND MY GERMAN ANCESTORS AND RELATIVES" -
Dr. Heinz F. Friederichs.

"LOCAL HISTORY" A Handbook for Enthusiasts - Hibbins, Fahey & Askew.

Where to find the information you need on local history, people places and buildings with tips on interviewing and writing up the results of your research.

"TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA" - Nick Vine Hall
A guide to sources and a where to go.

"WRITING A FAMILY HISTORY" - Dom Meadley.

"NEWSPAPERS IN AUSTRALIAN LIBRARIES" - Part 2 Australian Newspapers.

"VICTORIAN HISTORY AND POLITICS" - Volumes 1 & 2 Joanna Monie.
Donated by Dawn Cowley.

A survey and listing of all published works relating to a topic or subject of interest in Victoria to 1939. Some of the hundreds of topics include shipping, shipwrecks, bushfires, religions, museums, newspapers, etc.

"NEWSLETTERS"

"The Past Finders" - Cairns Branch no. 4
South Gippsland - (2) March, June, 1985.
Mildura
Yarram

"Mallee Roots" - Swan Hill Group
Mornington Peninsula
G.U.M.

New Portland Group Newsletter No. 1

"EAST GIPPSLAND CEMETERIES" Linda Barraclough & Debra Squires

"THEY PROVED TO ALL THE EARTH" - John E. Price
Donated by Barry & Margaret Kilmartin. A source book of Victoria's dead in the South African War 1899-1902.

"A CONVICT'S LIFE" - Janet Reakes. A guide to tracing your convicts life.

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ALSO IN OUR LIBRARY:

A fully indexed catalogue of all books, newsletters leaflets etc. in our library is now available at each meeting. This is arranged in two sections:

1. Books arranged in topics e.g. Cemeteries, Convicts, Newsletters, Victoria, Queensland etc.
2. General index A-Z. All interesting items from newsletters, pamphlets etc. are indexed in alphabetical order, with references.

Interesting to note that the editors of other newsletters are urging members to read the newsletters received regularly from the various groups of the G.S.V. If you are not reading them you may be missing some important and interesting information -

Naming of children 1700 - 1875 : Interesting article in "Mallee Roots" No. 2

Local County Histories in England - holdings in the State Library. "Mallee Roots" No. 2

From the Portland Newsletter No. 1

In Tasmania, Civil Registration began in 1836. However most Roman Catholic marriages and births were not registered and most records of marriage and baptism are still retained by the individual churches although some effort is being made to microfilm the registers.

Queensland Genealogical Society - list of resources in library see "The Past Finders" Cairns branch newsletter June 1985.

Queensland Marriage Index 1886 (microfiche). Brides A-Z This microfiche has been replaced due to certain errors. If you have used this index it is recommended you check your information to ensure your records are accurate.

The "Australasian Post" contains a column "You asked for it" which frequently publishes queries from readers tracing their ancestors. Also an interesting section "Australasian Past".

The G.S.V. Library has received some of the microfiche material it has on order relating to N.S.W. Below is a list of some of the new material now available on fiche :

N.S.W. Shipping 1854-1880 - Unassisted

N.S.W. Shipping 1828-1842 - Assisted

(Also the indexes to the lists - prepared and filmed by the Mormons)

N.S.W. Agents immigration lists 1838-1896

Port Phillip Shipping 1839-1851

N.S.W. Convict indents 1788-1842

N.S.W. Naturalization index 1834-1903 (includes Victoria pre 1851)

N.S.W. Blue books containing returns of the colony.

N.S.W. Convict deaths

N.S.W. Ticket of Leave applications

Qld. : 1876 Gazeteer and Aldene History of Queensland.

Gazeteer of Australian Place Names.

BEWARE:

Those who visit the Latrobe Library and State Library. Prominent notices on display throughout BOTH sections of the library proclaim :

"State Library closed for stocktaking from Monday 25th November - Friday 20th December 1985, inclusive."

WILL YOU HELP?

G.S.V. on Radio : Elizabeth Larking, G.S.V. Promotions Officer, was a guest commentator on Radio 3LO, Thursday July 4th at 8.00 p.m. To encourage 3LO to provide a regular session on genealogy as part of their Thursday talk back program, why don't you write to the ABC now! Write to :

John Cook
Australian Broadcasting Corporation,
121 William Street,
MELBOURNE, 3000.

Also heard on Radio 3LO, Michael Schildberger "Open Mike" program.

"Death Certificates now available 6-8 days - next year 24 hours.

Birth Certificates available next year across the counter for no extra fee."

RESEARCH QUERY :

DOUGLAS descendants :

Mary Ann DAVIES married Robert DOUGLAS at Tyabb on 22nd December 1870. Mary Ann was the daughter of William and Emmaline Davies of Bittern/Balnarring. She and Robert had three children:

- (a) Elizabeth Mary DOUGLAS, b. 1871 m Andrew ALLAN.
They had issue : Andrew Robert ALLAN b. Dec. 1894
d. 10.1.1917 W.W.1)
Bessie ALLAN m A.D. Brown
Sadie ALLAN (Resided Sth Yarra)
- (b) Sarah Ann DOUGLAS b. 1873 m. Benjamin J. JACK
Issue : Benjamin Douglas JACK b. 5.12.1893 d. 9.4.1918
W.W.1.
Sadie JACK (Resided Black Rock, Vic)
- (c) Eliza Jane (Dolly) DOUGLAS (b ? d. 28.12.1899) m.
William Charles COLE. No issue.

I am seeking information on these people. Anyone who can help or is descended from these families, please contact Dawn Cowley, 27 Shanahan Pde, Newborough, 3825. Ph. 051 271780

TRARALGON MORMON LIBRARY :

The Genealogical Library at the Mormon Church in Traralgon has the new International Genealogical Index consisting of over 80,000,000 names.

YOU COULD BE HEIR TO A SMALL FORTUNE:

Assets left by people with no will and who have no known next-of-kin come to the Public Trustee. They currently hold \$5 million in unclaimed estates!

Could you be one of the lucky ones?

For further details, see article from the "Weekend Herald" May 25th - 26th 1985, Page 7. It is currently in our library.

CEMETERY INFORMATION :

Baringhup, Welshman's Reef, Carisbrook

For information taken from Registers and Memorial Headstones including (if available) name, age, date of burial or death, religion, relations, place of living or death.

Contact : Ray Allen (054) 752618

Maldon

For information taken from Maldon Cemetery Trust Records contact : The Trust Secretary,
Mrs. B. McGregor,
(054) 752248

Lakes Entrance

Records for Cunninghame Cemetery :

Contact : Mr. R. Fish,
35 Whitters Street,
Lakes Entrance.

Correction to Linda Barraclough's Book which mentions No. 31.

FOR WILLS AND ADMINISTRATION PAPERS FROM TASMANIA :

Write to : The Probate Registry,
Supreme Court of Tasmania,
G.P.O. Box 167B
HOBART, Tasmania 7001.

ENGLISH FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES :

Our Library holds the appropriate details on how to join the Family History Societies in England :

Devon
Berkshire
Glamorgan, Wales
East of London
Scotland
East Surrey
Liverpool & District, Lancashire

Also, Northumberland & Durham Family History Society,
Mrs. G. Varty,
4 Kirkstone, Birtley,
Chester-Le-Street, County Durham, DH3 2LE, England.

To put our research into perspective, it must be remembered the boundary changes from 1786 - 1926.

