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Seminar Committee - EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

To the outgoing Committee, thanks for a job well done!

To the incoming Committee, good luck for the tasks ahead!

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MEETING DATES FOR 1988 :

The following Thursdays are our meeting dates for next year in Room No. 2N213 at Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education

28th January

25th February

24th March

28th April

26th May

23rd June

28th July

25th August

22nd September

27th October

24th November

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MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY:

Thanks to the hard work from several of our members, our Members Interest Directory will be available soon at the cost of \$1.00 per copy.

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NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY :

"GROWING UP IN RICHMOND" edited by Morag Loh
(donated by Irene Arnott)

NEWSLETTERS : The Family Link - Sale F.H. Gp.
Ballarat Link
Benalla
Origins - Cairns F.H. Soc.
G.U.M.
The Pivot Tree - Geelong Group

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE : Contents Computers & Family History
Worldwide Connection
Family Heirlooms
Guide on Adoptions

YOUR FAMILY TREE : Contents Stories from the First Fleet
Deaths: How to research them
Scottish naming patterns
Trouble with Irish registers.

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BOOK REVIEW :

SETTLERS AND SELECTORS - "TANGIL HILLS TO TANJIL SOUTH"
by J.G. Rogers and Joan Hasthorpe.

"Settlers and Selectors" contains the history of the district of Tangil South, formerly the area covered by the "Tanjil Hills" pastoral run. The district namechange taking place following the placing of the school in the area in 1887.

Tanjil Hills/Tanjil South is a rural area north of Moe in Gippsland and was used firstly as a cattle run until such time as it was broken up for selection commencing about 1877/78.

The book "Settlers and Selectors" was written to coincide with the centenary of the Tanjil South School and to commemorate the work of the early pioneers in the region. The book was recently released in March 1987 and at this time a school and district centenary was held.

Part one of the book contains genealogical and biographical histories of the early pioneering families of Tanjil South while part two deals with the social features of the districts development - the school and church, sporting clubs, military records of individuals, floods, fire and other miscellaneous events.

In addition to their pioneering and agricultural abilities, the original selectors number among their descendants a remarkable group of people who have achieved a high degree of recognition in entomology, the armed forces, politics, the church, education, sport, music and the arts.

Settlers and Selectors - "Tangil Hills to Tanjil South" is a very readable book of 345 pages. Fully indexed and has included a district selection map. Numerous photos are also included and the book is available in both case and limp bound editions.

Available from J.G. Rogers - 68 Hennessey St. Moe, 3825.
Phone 051 27-4259 for \$25 (\$29 posted) for hardcover and \$20 (\$24 posted) for the limpbound copy.

For those living locally, the book is available at the Moe City Library or the Narracan Shire Office Trafalgar.

LATTER DAY SAINTS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE, TRARALGON :

Anne Tainton, Technical Services Librarian reports:

The library now holds:

- * Microfische for Victoria D & M's to 1913 (Births to 1895)
- * " N.S.W. B.D.M's to 1905
- * " N.S.W. Probate to 1982
- * " Queensland and W.A. B.D.M.'s
- * " W.A. Cemetery Records
- * 1841 - 1891 Census (Street Directory of England and Wales)
- * Bishops' Transcripts can be ordered (Worcester in library)
- * American Confederate Soldiers index.
- * Gazateer - England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland
(of assistance with Parish Registers)
- * Microfische of 1841-1881 Census of England and Wales
Scotland and Ireland giving numbers of films
to order.
- * Film Name catalogue giving sources of surnames and
dervatives.
- * Several items of interest to those researching Korumburra.

Other interesting information:

- * 98% of Scotland has been recorded and records have to
be processed by 1990 or the church forfeits the right
to hold the original film. 2% of records have been
lost to water, damaged or eaten by mice.
- * About 30,000 rolls of film are photographed per month
and only one released per month from Salt Lake City -
explains the need for patience.
- * Family Register where people throughout the world can
notify names being researched. It is more up to date
than the I.G.I. Commenced with 6 microfische now up
to 91. Genealogical Department, 50 East North Temple St.,
Salt Lake City.

Volunteers urgently required :

The Family History Centre is in desperate need of volunteers
to assist researchers using the library. If you can help
please contact Anne Tainton Phone 74 0322 between 8. a.m.
and 5 p.m.

Please note - The Centre will be closed from 21st December
to 1st February inclusive

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GROUP LOGO:

At our Annual Meeting voting took place to select our
Group Logo from the ideas submitted. Preparation of the
master is underway and it should be ready for letterhead
etc early in 1988.

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CORNWALL FAMILY RECORDS OFFICE :

The office will be closed to the public for approximately
six months from 1st September 1987 due to extensions.

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CENTRE FOR GIPPSLAND STUDIES - G.I.A.E. will be closed
from 10th December 1987 until 4th January 1988.

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UNCONNECTED CERTIFICATES.

I have in my possession certificates relating to the following events. I will be happy to provide the information to any interested researcher upon receipt of a specific enquiry and a stamped self-addressed envelope. With Victoria's new method of providing certificates, many of us are obtaining extra certificates which do not relate to our research. I urge others to share information they acquire either through their group newsletter, or if preferred, send the information to me and I will list it in each edition of our newsletter. Perhaps the "help one another" aspect of genealogy will encourage this exchange of information.

For information contact: DAWN COWLEY, 27 SHANAHAN PARADE, NEWBOROUGH, 3825.

DEATHS - BEECHWORTH DISTRICT.

McGUIRE - George, 1891 aged 56, son of James and Kate (nee Duffey)
 FISHER - David, 1891 aged 57, no further information.
 SOMMER - Hermann, 1891 aged 24, son of Hermann.
 AMSLER - Ludwig, 1891 aged 70, no further information.

BIRTHS - WANGARATTA DISTRICT.

MURPHY - Bridget, 1893, to Patrick and Catherine (nee Delaney)
 BATTIN - Frederick Oberst, 1893, to George and Harriet (nee Myer).
 STERLING - Myrtle Mary, 1894, to William and Sarah (nee Lodge).
 WHITE - Leslie George, 1894, to Thomas and Mary Ann (nee Brien).

BIRTHS - BEECHWORTH DISTRICT.

BOSENCE - Lizzie May, 1876, to Albert and Alice (nee Comerford).
 JARDINE - William, 1876, to Thomas and Margaret (nee Thomson).
 NOLAN - Emily Maria, 1877, to John and Hannah (nee Hodgens).
 HARRIS - Catherine, 1877, to Richard and Elizabeth (nee Haggerty).
 DIXON - William George, 1887, to Robert and Nellie (nee Parkin).
 PAGE - Amelia Blackall, 1888, to Robert and Amelia (nee Langley).
 MAHLSTEDT - May Evelyn, 1887, to Franz and Mary (nee Watkins).
 WILSON - Margaret Jane, 1888, to Robert and Anne (nee Carrick).

BIRTHS - MYRTLEFORD DISTRICT.

CONNELLY - Catherine Veronica, 1891, to Dennis and Mary (nee White).
 MILNE - John Wood, 1891, to William and Martha (nee Wood).
 McGUFFIE - Sydney Harold, 1891, to William and Agnes (nee McLees).
 McVILLAN - Robert John, 1891, to William and Martha (nee McKibbin).
 McFADYEN - Duncan Clemens, 1894, to John and Margaret (nee Clemens).
 McDONALD - Margaret Maria, 1894, to Simon and Susan (nee Arter).
 BROWN - Charles William, 1894, to John and Annie (nee Dowde).
 WOOD - Myra, 1894, to Isaac and Caroline (nee Norton).

MARRIAGES - BEECHWORTH DISTRICT.

McWILLIAM - John James to DEWAR - Elizabeth Aitken, 1892.

BIRTHS - CASTERTON DISTRICT.

VICKERY - John, 1886, to John and Mary (nee Anderson).
CUSSEN - Bessie Muriel, 1886, to John and Elizabeth (nee Shoobridge).
LEY - Ernest James, 1886, to Charles and Annie (nee Cotter).
McCALMAN - Sydney Andrew, 1886, to Andrew and Jane (nee Beaton).
SOMMERVILLE - Robert Matthew, 1895, to Robert and Mary Ann (nee Day).
SPRING - Adam Campbell, 1895, to Angus and Johannah (nee Morrison).
McCABE - Ruben, 1895, to Ellen McCabe.
GLOVER - Mary Kate, 1895, to Elizabeth Glover.
LYALL - Manson Duncan, 1888, to William and Catherine (nee King).
LAWRENCE - Flora, 1888, to Colin and Alice (nee Richardson).
McCALMAN - Martha Jane, 1888, to Andrew and Jane (nee Beaton).
DUNTON - Abert James, 1888, to James and Mary (nee McDonald).

DEATHS - CASTERTON DISTRICT.

BOURKE - Margaret, 1885 aged 27, dau of John and Sarah (nee Thyne).
LEEDS - William, 1885 aged 27, son of Thomas and Eliza (nee Willock).
QUINN - Thomas, 1885 aged 34, son of Michael and Margaret (nee Waters).
BRASSER - Maud Mary, 1885 aged 9 mths, dau of William and Susan (nee Copeland).

MARRIAGES - CRESWICK AND NORMANBY DISTRICTS.

BULLAS - Thomas to COOTES - Mary Ann, 1878.
BYRNE - George to FISHER - Mary Ann, 1878.

FAIR COMMENT ????

From an address given by the Premier of Victoria, Hon. John Cain, on 27th May 1987 to National Council of Women of Victoria Inc.

"If one was able to believe the historians, there were virtually no women around when all the major events of the world took place.

"Our own history records the names of the men who came to Victoria in 1835 and later.

"It even records the fact that those men brought sheep and cattle with them.

"One can only assume that they were also accompanied by wives and daughters.

"Victoria's history has failed to recognise that women have been working steadily along side men to make this State great....."



BEGINNER'S CORNER

by Dawn Cowley.

- * Allocate a specific area (preferably large!!) for storing your family history findings and material. It may be a drawer, a cupboard, a box or the like.
- * Buy a large notebook or exercise book to carry with you on research jaunts. Scraps of paper are easily lost.
- * Decide on a system of recording and filing your findings something which can readily expand such as filing cards, loose leaf binders, purchased family history sheets, etc. and transfer information from your notebook to the appropriate sheet as soon as practicable.
- * A small tape recorder is excellent for recording oral information. Take it with you when you talk to great aunt, grandpa's brother or the old local identity who knows everybody's background. Ask their permission to record your conversation.

A MATTER OF RECORD FOR IRISH :

The following has been edited from an article in "The Sun" Tuesday 17th November 1987.

Irish Australians should be able to trace the leg-irons in their family tree when the Prime Minister, Mr. Hawke hands over a gift he received in Dublin. The gift is a computer holding the records of 40,000 convicts transported to Australia.

Within seconds of a name being punched into the computer, it displays the relevant offences, sentences and court records.

The computer was given to Mr. Hawke for the Bicentennial by Irish Prime Minister, Mr. Charles Haughey.

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SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL!