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PRESIDENT'S PATER :

Welcome to our first Newsletter for Australia's Bicentennial Year.

Our first meeting for 1988 was reasonably well attended and I hope this trend will continue. Quite a variety of suggestions were mentioned for our year's activities and I hope our program organisers task is made a little easier with the information that was received. Remember, it is your group and the executive committee require your input to assist us to do the jobs you have given us.

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HISTORY COMES ALIVE :

The tall ships (and some not so tall ships) have arrived and us Genealogists have had a field day getting the feeling of what some of our Ancestors experienced travelling half way around the world to Australia.

Recent television documentaries showing young adventurers coping with the rigors of shipboard life, confined spaces, heights setting sails, dark stormy nights on watch enlightens us to our families, many with very young children, who had absolutely no idea of the sea and its many moods.

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SEARCHING WAR RECORDS?

Thanks to Ian McGown for the following clues when searching for that soldier ancestor when your information is very limited.

Ian was searching War Records related to the Crimean War with only a name to go on (no service details at all)

1. Search Medal Rolls. (P.R.O., Kew England)
 2. Pension Records for war wounded. (Pensions, wounded personne
 3. Although you know the nationality of your ancestor it does not necessarily mean he enlisted in that army.
e.g. a Scot does not automatically mean he was a Scottish Soldier.
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Early records of the Anfield Cemetery : Feb 21 - 1864

"Henry Bridge age 51 from the workhouse. This man died in a sitting position and the body was never straightened so the coffin had to be made at least 2'6" deep"

from "Liverpool Family Historian" December 1986.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY :

Victorian Indexes to Deaths and Marriages 1896 - 1913 (microfiche)

Mirboo North Primary School Centenary 1881 - 1981

Donation : Frank Robinson

Genealogical Research Directory 1981

Newsletters and Journals:

Mt. Isa F.H.S.

"Origins", Cairns F.H.S.

G.U.M. (three newsletters)

South East F.H.S. (South Australia)

"Ibis Heritage" - Kerang Group

Mornington Peninsula Group

Mildura Group

Research Services Pamphlet - Irish Records available for research from "Wild Geese" research services A.C.T. - including prices.

I.G.I. microfiche order list - including prices

Research Directory of the Swan Hill Genealogical and Historical Society 1986

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RESEARCH QUERY : JOY FAMILY

GEORGE JOY b. 1852, his wife SARAH ANN b. 1849 and children George William Stonehewer Joy b. 1872 and Annabella b. 1873 left London aboard "Northumberland" on 16.11.1874 and arrived in Melbourne.

Three more children were born in Australia:

Frank Randolph Stonehewer Joy, Eleanor Alberta and Edith Muriel.

Also on passenger list is William S. Stonehewer.

George was the son of LOT CLIFTON and ELIZA JOY from either County of Sussex or Hampshire. Following Eliza's death in 1874, Lot emigrated to Tasmania and Married Amanda (Oakley) who were my Great Grandparents.

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STRUCK SENSELESS : (Sydney Gazette 22nd Jan., 1809)

A poor man, we do not pretend to say of what country, who was last Sunday prostrated by the lightning without any serious bodily hurt, was asked by a person who went to his assistance, whether he was dead or alive? To which friendly interrogatory he replied "I am alive to be sure but I've lost both my speech and hearing."

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CORNWALL AT COWWARR

Mrs Dorothy Sweet was in Victoria for a few days during November. After a visit to Cobram G.S.V. Group and a day with the Cornish Association of Victoria she travelled to Gippsland to meet our group members interested in anything Cornish. We assembled on a balmy day at Cowwarr Weir. Conversation ranged from well-known families, Cornish marches on London, songs, engineers, miners, Lords, towns and tors (a carn to a Cornishman, I think)... Dorothy was never stumped. She even found time for some Warragul G.S.V. members the next day, after working with me until midnight on our common LINNETT ancestors.
DOROTHY A. SWEET OF CORNWALL



Mrs Dorothy A. Sweet who is visiting Australia and New Zealand for six months has come from Truro, Cornwall, United Kingdom, via Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, in order to further her two major interests, family history and the history of Cornish miners overseas.

As Founder Chairman and ambassador at large of the Cornwall Family History Society, Dorothy has addressed groups of family historians and Cornish cousins in Canada, U.S.A. and already in several cities in Australia. Knowing that "wherever there is a hole in the ground there you will find a Cornishman",

Dorothy can always combine genealogy with her six years of research into the presence of Cornish miners at the gold rushes of the 1860s in British Columbia.

In Australia, Dorothy hopes to track down some of those same miners who distained mere distances between mining opportunities whether those were to be found in California in 1849, N.S.W. in 1852 or the Cariboo in 1960. Dorothy is preparing to write a thesis on the contribution of the Cornish miners in the Cariboo under the auspices of the University of Victoria, British Columbia.

Dorothy describes herself as West-country. Born in Yeovil, Somerset, she moved with the family to Swindon, Wiltshire. Her father's family was from Dorset, Hampshire and Surrey. She took up an in-depth study of Cornwall when she went there to teach history. Then she met and married a Cornishman, Cecil John Sweet, and did not start to travel until after his death and her own retirement from teaching. Having entered into the cultural life of Cornwall, Dorothy feels her home is in Cornwall.

Dorothy's home is available for genealogists researching in Truro. The advertisement reads: Furnished house in Truro as a base for your researches in Cornwall? A modern 2-bedroom house is available for renting. Well equipped, central heating, good carpark, TV. One mile from city centre and with views of Truro River. Monthly terms preferred, but would consider 2-weeks. Write Sweet, 51 The Mall, Swindon, Wilts. SN1 4JA, UK. Tel:0 793 29307. Ailsa Barr has a more detailed description.

Thanks ; Ailsa Barr.

UNCONNECTED CERTIFICATES :

From our Group we have the following unconnected certificates. If any of the names listed below are of interest please send a stamped, self addressed envelope to Mrs. Carol Furmston, c/- Post Office, Boolarra 3870.

DEATHS - ST. KILDA DISTRICT

CARR - George Frederick, 1888 aged 21 son of George
 TWISS - Sarah Jane 1888 aged 5 months dau William & Sarah (Prout)
 MORSE - Laura Robina 1888 aged 4 weeks dau John & Laura (Ewart)
 HAY - Helen Janet Ilroy 1888 aged 1 year dau Alexander & Catherine
 (Dalgrech)
 WOOLER - Mary Ann 1886 aged 61 yrs dau Thomas & Mary Ann Tour
 (Collett)
 SMITH - James 1886 aged 56 yrs son William & Mary (Dickens)

DEATHS - CRESWICK(District of Kingston)

NANCE - Ernest 1893 aged 2 weeks son John & Sarah (Emmerson)
 RUSSELL - Alexander 1893 aged 1yr11mths son Charles & Elizabeth
 (Chamberlain)
 GREY - David 1893 aged 2 months son Henry & Hester (Bullus)
 GRINSTEAD - James 1893 aged 63 years son John & Elizabeth (Artridg)

DEATHS - CRESWICK

DAVIDSON - Susan 1897 aged 42 years dau William & Margaret (Potter)
 Carter
 wife of Samuel Davidson.
 HAMMON - Isabella 1897 aged 57 years dau Robert & Isabella Peter
 (Henderson)
 wife of Henry Hammon
 COLLINS - George 1897 aged 67 years son of George & Ann
 WADE - Edward 1897 aged 2 days son of Edward & Florence

MARRIAGES - Melbourne & Clifton Hill

STEPHENSON - John to Susannah Crawley 1894
 FEAR - Joseph to Elizabeth Aldridge 1894

BIRTHS - Creswick

ANDERSON - Alfred 1856 son Thomas and Sarah (Pretty)
 HARFIELD - Mary Ann 1856 dau Samuel and Elizabeth (Brooke)
 O'BRIAN - Mary 1856 dau Patrick and Bridget (Welsh)
 CAMPBELL - John Patrick 1856 son Patrick and Helen (Barclay)

HELP ! ! !

We have practically exhausted our supply of material for your Newsletter. We need items for inclusion in forthcoming issues.

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