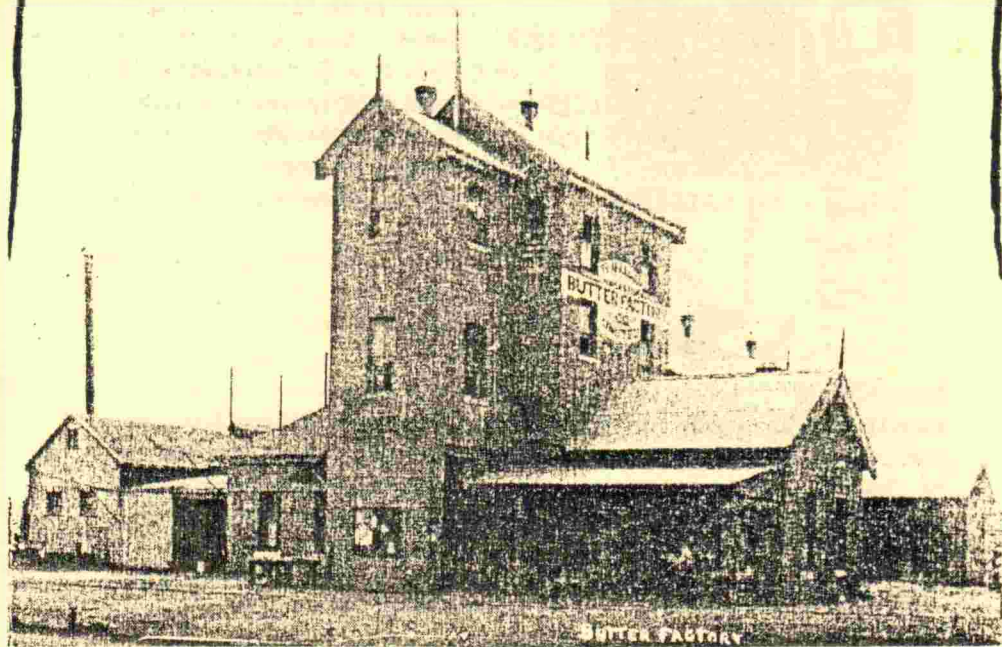


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except December, at the Narracan Hall, Old Gippsdown, Moe. The library opens at 7.00 pm and the meeting commences at 8.00pm.

Articles for this newsletter are accepted in good faith and, while every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the editor takes no responsibility for submitted items.

Member Profile

DAVID McINNES - First Vice-Chairman and Publicity Officer.

David, married to Floretta Low, lives at Morwell and works as a manager of a small steel fabrication and fencing business in Morwell. He joined the Mid Gippsland Group in 1988 with his relative Melinda van Klaveren, after seeing meeting notices in the local paper. David has been an asset to the group, and has helped with newsletters, seminars and in his present capacities. He is keen to publicise the aims of the group to people in our area through displays, seminars and other functions.

His personal research is into the McInnes Clan, through the McInnes Clan Assoc. of Australia, Inc. where he is Secretary.

The group is involved with similar organizations in the USA and Nova Scotia. Its aim is to try to trace all people of the names MacInnes, McInnes, McInnis, or their septs, in Australia, and their forebears in Scotland. The Association was formed in Gippsland, basically by a group of David's immediate relatives, with the aim of tracking down others with a similar name. They have ventured to the Flinders Ranges in S.A. and Canberra in A.C.T. to attend family reunions.

They also attend highland gatherings and shortly will go to Ross, Tasmania to a gathering similar to those held at Daylesford, Ringwood, Berwick and Newtown (Geelong). These gatherings comprise band and highland dancing competitions, and the heavy games (caber, hammer, etc.) and are spectacular at the finale with the massed bands. Through the Council of Clans they attend the St. Andrews Day Remembrance, the Kirkin of the Tartan at Scots Church and Ceildihs (nights of Scottish music, history, poetry, and singing, capped off with the address to the haggis and eating it!!!!) held by other member clans.



L.D.S. MICROFICHE

Following is a list of records available on microfiche for viewing at the Family History Centre of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Kosciusko Street, Traralgon.

1988 International Genealogical Index / Worldwide.
Locality Index/ Subject Catalogue/
Author-Title Catalogue/Surname Catalogue.
Family Register Index.
Microfilm restriction list.
Batch number Index.
Parish & vital records/ county name listed first.
Old to new microfilm number list.
Census index for England and Wales 1841 - 1881
Index to civil registration in England & Wales
English probate jurisdictions of printed probate records.
Street index for 1841-1881 census of England.
Census of English register of towns 1841 - 1881
1841 Street index England & Wales.
1851 Census of Street addresses Vol 1-19.
1861 Census Street index England Vol 1-8
1871 Census Street index England Vol 1-16.
1881 Census Street index England Vol 1-27.
Ireland. Register of deeds with surname.
Ireland. Index to Prerogative Wills 1536-1810
Towns and townlands of Ireland. 1871 census.
Griffith valuation lists and Tithe allotment books.
Ireland. 1901 Census Street index Vol 3.
1844 Parliamentary gazetteer of Ireland
Irish maps. Gen. Soc. research papers.

This list will be completed in the next issue of the newsletter.

Heavy close weather may be looked for this month. Thunder showers now and then. Last of the hot north-west winds commonly the most intense. Stone fruits begin to get scarce. The grape, pear, fig and apple in their prime. Mosquitoes congregare in clouds, and prove singularly troublesome. Average temperature 74degrees.

Murrianne Campbell, 1876

LET'S VISIT A LONDON RECORD
OFFICE with ROSEMARY WIGG.

ST. CATHERINE'S HOUSE.

This place is in the heart of London. You walk in straight off the street (indeed you can peer in through the windows and see all the books and the people using them). The books are huge and heavy, but are in order. There are slanted benches to lay the books on while you stand to look at them. The books are in good condition for the most part. The earlier handwritten ones are parchment and are in better nick than the later typed ones. The front pages of these books are in very poor condition due to massive heavy use.

Each certificate required is detailed on a separate form and paid for at the counter. If you require it to be posted, you are given an envelope to write the address on - even if it is Australia. Cost is £5.50.

DID YOU KNOW that in Ancient Rome only half of the population reached the age of 21 years?



INDEX 7 TO EXTRA BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES.

The next issue in this series of bi-annual publications is now available. There are approximately 2000 names listed in Index No.7, bringing the total number of names indexed in No's. 1-7 to around 20,000. All indexes are still available at the following cost:

Index 1	\$7
Index 2	\$5
Index 3	\$5
Index 4	\$7
Index 5	\$5
Index 6	\$7
Index 7	\$5

Full information from the certificates listed in these indexes is available at \$1 per name. Please enclose a SSAE. Contact: Dawn Cowley, Takamuna, 27 Shanahan Pde, Newborough, Vic 3825

GUEST SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY - MR. GEORGE PAWLEY-WHITE

Tonight we welcome as our guest speaker Mr George Pawley-White, a Senior Bard from Cornwall, England. Mr Pawley-White is in Australia to participate in Cornish celebrations in Ballarat and Adelaide. This is his third trip to Australia, bringing the traditions and rituals of his home county to others. He is an authority on the Cornish language, and has written a book on the meaning of Cornish names. We welcome him to the Latrobe Valley, and wish him a pleasant stay in Australia.

MARCH - DONELLA JAGGS

Please note that the March meeting has been rescheduled to FRIDAY 27th MARCH at our usual venue Old Gippsdown. Guest speaker for that evening is Donella Jaggs, who will speak on the most interesting topic of Industrial Schools and Orphanages in Victoria. The emphasis will be on conditions affecting the children who went to these institutions. This is a little known area in genealogical research, and should prove most valuable. Members from other genealogical groups are very welcome to attend. In the past, Donella has been Inspector of Institutions of the Childrens Welfare Department, and now lectures in Criminal Justice Administration at Phillip Institute of Technology.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Some of us complain about the names which we acquire by mere inheritance, but there's always (well usually) some poor soul who really has been lumbered with a beauty. Feel some sympathy for Virtue Trollop !! It appears that her parents made some attempt to counteract her unfortunate surname by bestowing upon her a Puritan christian name. I'll bet she was pleased to marry Benjamin Barrett on 14 Oct.1794.

Other interesting couples are:

Francis ANGER m. Margaret MEEK	17 June 1771
John BROOKS m. Phillis SALMON	28 Nov. 1833
William WOODS m. Elizabeth GREEN	10 June 1823
Thomas WRATH m. Elizabeth SPEEDING	20 Jan. 1610

These names all appear in the Parish Registers for Great Ryburg, Norfolk, England.

DID YOU KNOW that if the time of day is shown at the left hand side under the date on a birth certificate from St.Catherine's House, it relates to a multiple birth? The other birth/s should, of course, be sought as it will then be possible to establish which sibling is the eldest of the group.

STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA.

The operating hours of the State Library of Victoria returned to normal as of Monday February 17th, 1992. Hours since mid December have been restricted due to maintenance work being done on the collection, and renovations within the library. The hours are: Monday 1-9pm; Tuesday 10am-6pm; Wednesday 10am-9pm; Thursday-Sunday 10am-6pm.

OUT OF THE PAST

In this, and subsequent issues of the newsletter I intend to serialise a most interesting article which appeared in a publication titled "Household Words" a weekly journal conducted by Charles Dickens. The article was in the issue dated: Saturday, November 30th, 1850

"Familiar in their Mouths as HOUSEHOLD WORDS."—SHAKESPEARE.

HOUSEHOLD WORDS.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

CONDUCTED BY CHARLES DICKENS.

No. 37.]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1850.

[PRICE 2d.

A VISIT TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL

Tens of thousands of people every year pass along Wellington Street, on their way from the Strand to Waterloo Bridge, and notice the empty space over the wall on the left hand, between the last of the shops and the turnstile of the toll-collector, and when doing so, can scarcely fail to note also the tall brick house-backs which bound the space, and give an unfinished look to what seems to be an ugly end of Somerset House. Perhaps not one in ten thousand of that multitude knows what the two last of those commonplace brick buildings contain, or the spot would at once be interesting.

The place would no longer be a mass of dingy brick and mortar, but would grow in interest as the centre to which comes the earliest, and most authentic, and where remains the most lasting record of the three great epochs in the existence of our great family of twenty odd millions of English people—the births, the marriages, and deaths—of the nation. The whole house would swell into the semblance of a huge book, with leaves as endless as the flow of the stream near by; names in hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands, millions—almost as countless as the ripples of the Thames, and, like them, ever and ever repeated.

The most humble and the most lofty are chronicled alike in the parchment indexes of that great counting-house, - the unwelcome off-spring of the pauper, and the cambric-clad heir of the peer; the wedding of Thomas Nokes with Mary Styles, and the fashionable alliance of the Right Hon. the Lord Fitz Philp with the Lady Adelina De Vavasour; the death of the felon in the gaol, of the outcast in the hospital, of the good man amid his family, of the noble in his palace - all alike have their record in the archives of the place. Pages enough to line Waterloo Bridge from end to end - tons weight of paper and parchment - are needed for all this. But there they are. Each man posted out in his right place - chronicled and certified with official exactness - and all in such strictly alphabetical order, that the record of him may be found at any time in a marvellously few minutes. Smith, or Jones, who hurries across Waterloo Bridge to see his newly-wedded wife, little thinks that a whole housefull of clerks are at that moment passing the entry of the "happy event" from room to room, till it is finally and correctly stated and bound up in the archives of the Registrar. Thompson, or Jackson, who are

proudly mounting outside the Waterloo 'bus, to make the best of their way to Camberwell, where their first-born is being dressed out for the christening, don't know that the little innocent will shortly be inscribed on the parchment indexes of the grand muster-roll of the British nation; nor is that heart-broken widow, just paying one of her last halfpence to cross the bridge, aware that the note of her partner's death has already passed into the black volumes of the Registrar; and that in the cellar floor, deep down there over the wall, a zealous physician, searching for facts about mortality, has just numbered him among the thousands of other victims who fall year by year the early victims of the fleshless spectre - Consumption.

This enumeration of the people is not merely startling or curious - it is most important for a variety of purposes. In questions of succession to property, registers of births, marriages or deaths, are most essential. The facts collected under this system throw great light upon the causes that affect the health of the people, thereby tending to show how sickness may be avoided, and life be lengthened.

MARRIAGE

At Newnham, in this county, Mr Richard Morris, aged 70, to Miss Sarah Knight, aged 19, both of this county.

- Gloucester Journal 18th January 1802

WILLIAMS

Could anyone help with the descendants of William WILLIAMS and Elizabeth Graham, please? They were married in 1870 in Latrobe Street, Melbourne. They came to Australia (on separate trips) aboard the "Great Britain". Their offspring were: Edward b.1871, Collingwood (m. Isabella Carroll 1899, Fitzroy); Robert b.1874 (dec); William Robert b.1875, North Fitzroy (m. Katherine Flegg, 1900, Fitzroy). Katherine died in 1905 and William m.1911 Lucy Smith, N.Fitzroy; Jane b.1877, N.Fitzroy (m. George Beazley, 1911, N.Fitzroy); Elizabeth b.1880, N.Fitzroy (dec); Mary Elizabeth b.1881, N.Fitzroy (m. Peter Leheny, 1905, Melbourne); John b.1883, N.Fitzroy (m. Ellen Olive Hall, 1906, Thornbury); Thomas b.1886, N.Fitzroy (dec); Margaret b.circa 1870, Collingwood (m. James Gunn, 1888, Fitzroy).

- Jean McNally, 7 Coronation Crt, Traralgon, Vic 3844



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STATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No.4054, KNOTT'S SIDING.

NAMES FROM THE PUPILS' REGISTER

Details include: number in the register, name and birthdate.

1.	PARKER, Doris I,	21.09.1908
2.	WILSON, Ronald C.	28.04.1908
3.	DUNSTAN, Ruby F.	19.09.1910
4.	WILSON, Gordon A.	12.10.1910
5.	DUNSTAN, Beryl I.	22.12.1912
6.	RAWSON, Jessie M.	03.04.1912
7.	RAWSON, Gladys V.	27.07.1913
8.	PARKER, Alexander A.	20.09.1913
9.	DUNSTAN, Hazel D.	16.03.1914
10.	DUNSTAN, Myrtle D.	11.07.1915
11.	FORBES, Cecil W.	29.06.1915
12.	FORBES Mary G.	04.09.1916
13.	FISK, Marjory	11.10.1914
14.	GARLICK, Henry G.	12.04.1908
15.	GARLICK, Cyril	11.03.1910
16.	GARLICK, Evelyn	28.04.1912
17.	GARLICK, Myrtle	10.09.1916
18.	WELBOURNE, Charles	06.09.1909
19.	WELBOURNE, Ellen	17.05.1912
20.	SWAB, Gertrude	27.08.1909
21.	FISK, Eva E.	10.08.1916
22.	KELLOW, Ruby	11.12.1909
23.	TURNER, Hetty	10.12.1909
24.	TURNER, Leslie	17.02.1911
25.	TURNER, Grace	02.10.1913
26.	KELLOW, Beryl	17.12.1912
27.	KELLOW, Richard	18.12.1915
28.	WALLACE, Edna	10.05.1914
29.	Illegible	
30.	Illegible	



A further listing from this register will appear in the next newsletter.

RULES FOR TEACHERS 1872



1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school the teachers may be spared the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher who gets shaved in a barber shop will have good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
8. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.

DUTIES (Before or after School Session)

- * Wash windows and clean classroom with soap and water once a week.
- * Check outhouses daily (Plenty of old catalogues are available at School Board Office).

APPAREL (Forbidden Wear in Public at all Times)

- * WOMEN:
 1. A bathing costume.
 2. Bloomers for cycling.
 3. Skirts slit to expose ankles.
 4. Bustle extension over 10 inches.
- * MEN:
 1. Detachable collar and neck tie removed from shirt.
 2. Shirt sleeves unlinked and rolled.
 3. Hair closely cropped (unless bald or have disease of the scalp).

CONDUCT (Cause for immediate dismissal)

- * Smoking of cigarettes, use of spirits, frequenting of pool or public dance halls.
- * Marriage or other unseemly behaviour by women.
- * Joining of any Feminist Movement such as the Suffragettes.

THE SHIP'S DIET

The handful of wealthy "cabin" or "saloon" passengers were better off than the majority of the "steerage" class who were quartered between decks. Cabin passengers were attended by stewards and dined in relative style at the captain's table. Steerage passengers, by contrast, were grouped into messes of about ten people, and it was the duty of one of the mess to draw their rations from the purser's stores, to take them to the galley to be cooked at the cook's pleasure, then to fetch the cooked product at meal hours. The ship supplied and cooked the food, but provided no eating plates and utensils. Passengers brought their own tin mugs and plates which, for want of proper washing facilities, soon acquired a coating of black grease. The platters that the meat was served upon also had, in the words of a passenger, "a pretty thick layer of something which resembles half-dried boot-blackening".

from *A Good Plain Cook* by Susan Addison & Judith McKay.

February Competition

This puzzle was created by Mrs E. Jackson of York, Eng.

* Hidden in this letter are more than 60 terms familiar to family historians (including abbreviations and dates). Ignoring punctuation, and swapping upper and lower case as necessary, see how many you can find.

* The competition closes on March 27th, and the winner will be announced in the next newsletter.

Charterford 1837

Comus Terr.
Church Road
W4

Dear Vic,

Are you well? I'M IN THE PINK! The Paris holiday was great. Thanks for the concert prog. Actually, Reg had a copy. Hold that w/e free - at any rate, book some seats. We're going to his Somerset house till 18/7. In between, weekending at Aunt Eveline's. Got the 10.86 down and walked from Kew station. A.E. said a stroll - more like a march! I very soon was in feeble state, so glad to find

excellent refreshment en route. At the pub on Directory Yard where we stopped I greedily drank and ate to revive. Good thing too - gloom! they've got it here!

Reg is trying to console E, tearful over her lost cat. Her inexhaustible grief's pathetic indeed. Gravely she glances to right and left along the road. I even sent the odd job boy down to search. Our cousin might have warned us. I will drop Rob a terse note.

A boating picnic fixed for tomorrow sounds bad. Any trip on the Saracen's usually no picnic. It may have been custom built but, with its engine' peculiar shudder and throb apt to cause nausea, I give little for our chances of fun.

Just wondering what fib to invent or yarn to spin by way of excuse when two police officers appear outside, one named PC Young, the other PC Cook. They'd not only got puss safe, but had a record of the Saracen being cast adrift and listing badly. Timely news to stop a very tiresome prospect developing. Reg is terribly busy with administrations of brandy to succour the aunt who promptly fainted.

It's 18.41 now - I do want to catch the post, so, whatever else may occur at Eveline's this w/e you'll hear thereafter.

Ta ta!

X X X for your birthday!

Tricey

THE B.B.CREEK TOWNSHIP

The B.B.Creek, part of the Jordan goldfields (between Matlock and Jericho) was discovered in December 1861 by a party of four men.

The name B.B. has an interesting story behind it. It is said that the earliest diggers in the area found the spur leading down to the creek to be so steep, and the undergrowth so wild that their trousers were often torn to shreds - hence the name "Bare Bollocks" or "Bare Buttocks" Creek. The name was invariably shortened to B.B.Creek, and remains as such today.

The B.B.Creek runs into the Jordan River. On the upper reaches of the B.B., at its junction with Tree Fern Creek, a small township was developed. The village was a short-lived affair. Apparently it was never officially surveyed, yet maps of the early 1860's show a settlement of sorts.

A population of some 50 alluvial miners and others supported the town's earliest days. Although some of the dwellings there were described as motley huts and humpys, a store was owned and operated by one George Amery in 1862/63. Amery also applied for a licence to sell beer in 1866. His house then - a wooden building - consisted of one sitting room and two bedrooms. A bakery and a butchery of sorts are certain to have been operating in the town.

Some others to have had houses at B.B.Creek town were: Bere Lunn, Charles Wilson, Humphrey and Elizabeth Wilson (miners), John and Nelly Curtein (miners) and Patrick and Mary Gilfoyle. The Gilfoyle's moved to Coopers Creek near Walhalla, their lives dogged by misfortune. Mrs Gilfoyle, a young woman of 25 years, and mother of two, was killed when a "tree fell on her whilst she was in her house".

The B.B.Creek township area is no less rugged, and no easier to reach today than it was in its beginnings.

Whilst B.B.Creek had a reputation as being the richest

goldbearing creek in Gippsland, and numerous large nuggets were extracted from the creek bed, all intrepid and latter day prospectors be warned - the area today is almost entirely covered with blackberries. The lower reaches of the creek at its confluence with the Jordan River, had been hydraulically sluiced during the 1940's and 50's.

submitted by Gay Rogers.

I have in my possession a 1991 publication of the Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society titled: "Norwich Archdeaconry Marriage Licence Bonds 1813-1837 (Held at the Norfolk Record Office)". I am prepared to look up names and provide information on them from this book for \$1 per name. Please send a SSAE.

- Dawn Cowley (see address elsewhere in this newsletter).



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