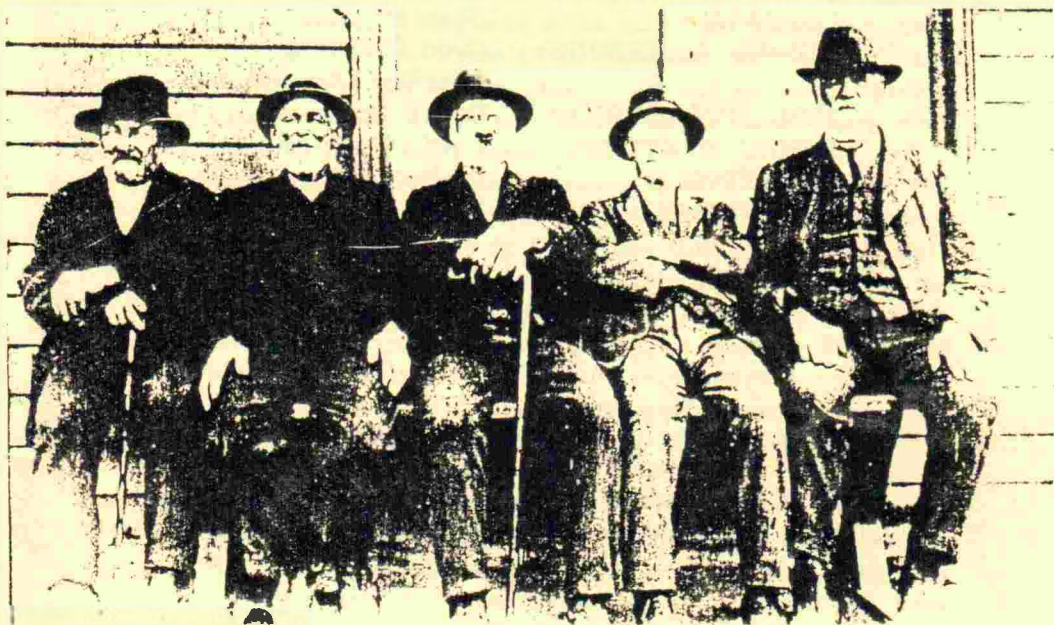


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except December, at the Narracan Hall, Old Gippstown, Moe. The library opens at 7.00 pm and the meeting commences at 8.00pm.

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Member Profile ~ Jean McNally

Well, here I am! I can't get out of it any longer, not that I didn't try. To start with, I was born in Perth, W.A. I was brought over to Victoria during the war when I was six months old. Because of my father's job (he was a policeman after the war), we moved around quite a bit. My earliest recollections were at Footscray where we lived for five years. I started school at the Tottenham Primary School. I also remember a horrible dentist who put the fear of God in me. I've never liked or trusted dentists ever since. After dad completed his "compulsory city stint", he went country quick smart at the first opportunity.

We spent the next five years in the timber town of Heyfield. It was a very interesting and lively town to live in during the early 1950's. There were a lot of floods during our stay and as helicopters weren't as numerous as today, the authorities only had an army duck to get out to rescue people and take food, etc. to them. All the school kids hung over the fence watching every move.

In those days all the trains in Heyfield were steam and the tracks ran practically through the town. Since there were a large number of saw mills in town (more than there were pubs), there was a constant stream of lovely old trains chugging in and out of the town for timber. The railway yard was a beehive of activity and it was nothing for a group of us to sit under the lovely old peppercorn trees (which are not there now) and watch. While in Heyfield it was on one of the said trains that we went to Sale to see a young Queen and her consort.

As a young first constable, dad was in the mounted section of the police force. Because of this he had to go to Melbourne for the "horsey" events such as regal and vice regal visits as well as the Royal Melbourne Show annually, which we kids didn't mind, as he brought home show bags which cost a whopping 2/6. Believe me, no-one was asked twice to greet the train.

When I was in grade 4, Dad was transferred to a town called Gordon which was a one man police station 15 miles east of Ballarat. Gordon was very misty and cold for nine months of the year. Summers were short. It was here that I learned more about my ancestors. Dad made a half hearted attempt to

contact his 2nd and 3rd cousins. I've always loved history, and being a typically nose kid, I asked questions right and left. But Dad was the youngest of eight so he couldn't tell me much, but now the fire was smouldering!! I also learned to swim at Gordon in the old slime covered swimming pool, saw telly for the first time, as well as getting caught in blizzards going to and from school. I really wasn't sorry when Dad was transferred to another one man station, this time it was Cowwarr, back in Gippsland. Here again we stayed another two years. Whilst at Cowwarr I started secondary school at Traralgon High. When the opportunity presented itself to transfer to Traralgon, dad grabbed it, as I have a younger brother and sister and they needed secondary schooling.

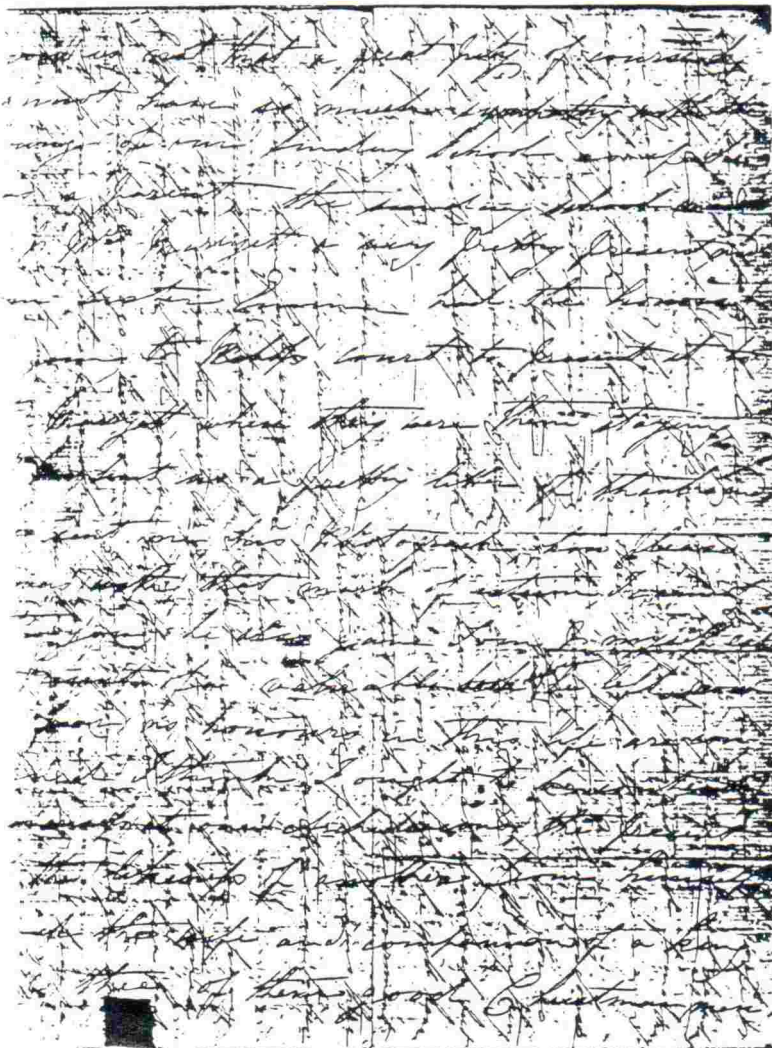
I met my husband Ken at a girlfriend's engagement party which was held in the old Toongabbie Hall in 1963. We were married in 1964 and have lived in Traralgon since. We have two sons and one daughter in our family tree of McNally's. Our daughter was the second girl with the surname McNally to be born in over 80 years. After years of the usual mother's clubs, tuck shops and youth movements, etc, I now concentrate on being a library assistant at the local LDS. I'm also involved in local history as well as other family history societies in areas that my ancestors came from. At the moment I'm also librarian for the Mid Gippsland group.



L-R: Jean, husband Ken and three newly discovered relatives.

Just a few lines . . .

Do you find some certificates hard to read? Then what do you think of this? Below is a copy of portion of a letter from Emma King in Adelaide to her sister Mary Goodwin at Toongabbie. The letter is dated Sept 6, '68 (1868). Writing both ways on paper was quite common last cenury, as it saved paper, therefore postage costs.



submitted by Leonie Robinson.

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

P.R.O. CHANCERY LANE.

Security is very tight, with bag searches. This is a lovely old ornate white building in the heart of London. This place had an excellent cloak room (complete with statues) from which you either went downstairs to the census room or to one of the three main rooms.

THE CENSUS ROOM. Here you were allotted a reader number (which you hung around your neck) and proceeded to the first room where you looked up your film number, then you proceeded to your film reader (from 1 - 135), took the black box with your number on it, went to the film drawer and removed your film, placing the black box in its place. The readers were all the same - small. The mechanism for sliding the film carriage back and forth was very hard on the hands. The prints were done for you (80p per copy) on yellow paper, and were very clear.

Before proceeding to one of the three main rooms, there is another security search - this time of your books.

THE LONG ROOM. Named because that's what it is - long - where I looked at original documents of the assizes, dating back to 1786. My particular records were beautifully preserved - in fact in mint condition as they were on parchment. I ordered prints from these. They cost a fortune, were not ready after the allotted four weeks so had to be sent out, costing another fortune. They arrived safely, packed in heavy cardboard. The finding aids were on shelves along the sides of the room and were easy to follow.

THE ROUND ROOM. This, too, is just what it says - round. It is a reading room. The room is absolutely magnificent, particularly if you look up to the dome, high above. It puts the State Library's dingy dome absolutely to shame. Here I looked at such books as County Peerage, landed gentry, Royal Households and the like. The beautiful surroundings were a constant distraction though.

THE ROLLS ROOM. This is a smaller room, found by going through the Long Room and out the other end. It was up a wrought iron staircase to the next floor. The Rolls Room is a film room -

hence the name. Here I looked at Non-conformist records which are all on film and all located on open shelves where you help yourself after using the finding aids to get the number.

Anything else on film would be located here, too.

** The attendants in all rooms were most helpful, though the Lady in the Long Room was a bit imperious.

A LITTLE BIT OF GOOD LUCK

I joined the Tasmanian Genealogical Society and put my name and who I was researching in the GST Ancestry magazine. I had been trying to find the death of my gt.gt. grandmother Ellen Murrell nee Gibney (a convict girl from Cavan, Ireland).

A Catherine McLaine from Tasmania recently joined the GST and was looking for information on her gt.gt.gt grandfather Philip McGivney, born Cavan, Ireland, who also came out as a convict.

She came across his second marriage to an Ellen Murrell, widow, and remembered reading about someone looking for her death, so she wrote to me and gave me Ellen's death notices in the paper, her second marriage certificate and her death certificate (which was for Ellen McGivney).

Catherine, her husband, little girl and a friend came over to Mt.Hotham before Christmas and came to visit me, they stayed the night before continuing on their journey.

Shirley Connaghan.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thanks to Fiona Kemsley for organizing our recent Easter raffle. It raised the excellent amount of \$149, with the winner being D.Kitwood of Morwell.

L.D.S.MICROFICHE

Following is the continuation of 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.

Register of Scottish testament.

Scotland. Sasines of service of heirs.

Dictionary of Welsh biography down to 1940 - genealogists guide.

Scotland. Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Directory of Gentlemen's seat villages in Scotland.

Parochial records of Scotland.

Scotland. County directory Parts 1 & 2.

Scotland. 1882-1885 ordinance gazetteer Vol 1-6

Topographical dictionary of Wales.

Welsh administrative and territorial units.

Topographical dictionary of England.

British Isles 9th edition by John C.Bartholomew. The survey gazetteer of the British Isles.

Imperial gazetteer.

Central European maps 1865.

Victorian Births, Deaths and Marriages.

N.S.W. Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Queensland Births, Deaths and Marriages.

S.A. Births, Deaths and Marriages.

W.A. Births, Deaths and Marriages.

W.A. Cemetery headstones.

Tasmanian cemeteries.

N.S.W. probates.

S.A. Abbott's index / Newspaper cuttings.

S.A. cemeteries. West Terrace. 1840-1900 Abbott-Colyer.

S.A. cemeteries. Burial register West Terrace. 1901-1920 Arrows - Bern

S.A. cemeteries Burial register West Terrace 1921-1940 Ab - Bee.

S.A. cemeteries West Terrace monumental inscriptions (Jewish) Aarons - Yankathon.

Pioneer register - consolidated index.

Brighton Victoria. Cemetery headstones.

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HOUSEHOLD WORDS.

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The number of marriages in any given period affords an unerring index to the opinions entertained by the people of their prospects in the world. When they are well off, they marry; when poorly off, matrimony is at a discount. Whilst the deaths indicate by their increase the past sufferings, or by their comparative fewness, the prosperity of the masses. The returns to the Registrar, therefore, are a kind of barometer of the real state of the nation, valuable alike to the philosopher, the statesman, the physician, the lawyer, and the man of business.

Unfortunately, the present mode of Registration has only been in operation since 1837. Before that time, almost the only record of births, deaths, and marriages, was in the parish registers, and how miserably imperfectly such books were kept, as shown in the evidence taken before a

Parliamentary Committee appointed at the suggestion of the dissenters to enquire into the subject.

Since that year - that is, in the twelve years and three quarters between 1838 and the autumn of 1850, the enormous number of one million six hundred and thirty-five thousand eight hundred and ten men, and an equal number, of course, of women, have been married in England and Wales; six million eight hundred and one thousand two hundred and five children have been born, and four million seven hundred and twenty thousand and seventy-four persons have died. The names of all these, with various circumstances connected with them, have been chronicled in the Registrars Office! How this labour was accomplished - and how day by day and year by year it is now progressing, as fresh births, deaths and marriages are perpetually demanding notice - let us now demonstrate.

.....to be continued.

WHAT BURIAL???

JAMES SCOTT

James Scott, 66years, a stonemason and prisoner of the Crown, died at 45 minutes past 8 o'clock a.m. at the penal establishment, Pentridge, Coburg on the 29 September 1881. Death was caused by inflammation of the membranes of the brain. Scott was unmarried. His place of birth was Durham, England. He had been 12 years in Tasmania and 19 years in Victoria. Parents unknown. There was no burial for Scott as "his body was given up to the School of Anatomy".

EMMA AMELIA CROSSMAN

Emma Amelia Crossman, 2 years and 6 months old, died at Ballarat on the 12th of May 1855 of congestion of the brain. She was the daughter of Catherine and Edward Crossman, tentmakers, was born in New York, America, and had arrived in Australia when 4 months old. The death was registered at Ballarat, and her body "was to be taken to New York, America, to be buried".

Gay Rogers.

NEW PUBLICATIONS SPECIFIC TO GIPPSLAND.

** Forty eleven youngsters: a history of McDougall and Sandy families in Gippsland by Elizabeth N.Cameron. Published Woolhara NSW by R.S.Cameron.

** The Devon run by E.J.Wood - History of land settlement, families and community of Devon North near Yarram. Published at Devon North by E.J.Wood.

NEW BOOK OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dating family photos 1850 - 1920 by Lenore Frost. Published Essendon, Vic. by L.Frost 1991. \$18.70 including pp. Available L.Frost, 8 Cliff St. Essendon. A guide to dating family photos, studio backgrounds, albums and clothing as sources.



TRARALGON CEMETERY

Those interested in helping to transcribe the headstones of the Traralgon Cemetery are reminded that Sunday 26th April is the day!!! Meet in the car park of the Traralgon Cemetery at 10.00 am so that you can be allocated a section to transcribe. Please bring notepaper and pen or pencil, your lunch and a drink. A good muster of members could see us complete the transcriptions that day. Even an hour or two of your time would be appreciated.

Research Queries

- MASON - Information required on Henrietta MASON and her husband Frances Conway MASON who was MHR for Gippsland in the 1880's.

Tony Satchell, 77 Munro Ave, Ashburton, 3147

- SMART - William and Cecilia SMART (nee Rice) arrived Australia 1866 from Co. Down, Ireland. Eldest child Mary Alice believed born Cowwarr 1867. Other children born Stringers Creek/Walhalla are: William Smart b.1869, Cecilia Alice b.1871, Margaret Anne b.1873, Agnes Mary b.1875. Later children were born at Heyfield and Bairnsdale. Any relation to James and/or Mark RICE, prominent figures in early Walhalla history?

Marjorie Mannes, 21 Barmah St, Mt.Eliza, 3930. Ph (03)787 2672.

- BLACKBURN - Lone grave? Richard BLACKBURN, allegedly died June 1853, from information listed on the wedding certificate of the second marriage of his widow. Possibly buried in a lone grave. Any information please contact:

J.M.Blackburn, 107 Fortuna Ave, Nth Balwyn, Vic. 3104. Ph (03)859 9495

FEBRUARY COMPETITION

C'mon members!! Not one entry was received for the February competition! So you are getting ONE MORE CHANCE!! Have another look at the February newsletter and give yourself a challenge. A prize will be awarded for the winning entry. The new closing date is June 10th, so you have heaps of time to work your way through it.

The following letter was written by William Henry Goodwin (wife Martha) after the death of their first child, Martha. The Becca and Ben mentioned are his wife's sister and brother. Martha died, aged one year, at Walhalla in 1873.

On Monday evening 30th March at a few minutes past five O'clock her little coffin was screwed down after the last kisses pressed on that Cold Brow which felt them not, and amidst weeping friends was borne from the house.

The coffin was carried by 4 of the Sunday School Girls then myself, then Becca and Ben, and the rest of the Sunday School Children walking two and two holding each others hands; - then about 25 adult persons.

The Undertaker and Lay Preacher leading the procession.

When they placed the Corpse over the Grave Mr Wollaston the Lay-preacher gave out "Around the Throne of God in Heaven, Ten thousand children stand" which everyone says was well sung - it sounded very nice in the open air sung by so many infant voices.

The Funeral service was then read and the cold clay covered the body that was the object of all the attention that human aid could give - all who knew us in the township were very kind - Martha had no lack of sympathy - all that can be done or said except the hope that the Child is an angel in Beams of Glory now fall to soothe the troubled mind or stop the Mother's tears.

We can see the spot where she is buried from our window. The graveyard is on the hill opposite our house at Walhalla.

submitted by Leonie Robinson.

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birthdate.

31.	SULLIVAN, Bernard	28.07.1911
32.	DENT, Merle	17.08.1911
33.	DENT, Frank	14.01.1914
34.	DENT, Roy	14.08.1910
35.	TURNER, Dorothy May	13.06.1917
36.	JONES, Elsa	16.01.1915
37.	WALKER, Ella May	02.07.1913
38.	WALKER, Fanny Eileen	27.06.1915
39.	KELLOW, Annie Maud	22.08.1922
40.	RICHARDS, Irene Mary	13.10.1912
41.	HUGG, Ellen Lezette	08.08.1910
42.	HUGG, Eileen May	11.10.1912
43.	HUGG, William	11.06.1914
44.	WILLIAMS, Amelia E.	24.03.1915
45.	COULING, Edith Rose	03.17.1918
46.	WILLIAMS, Zackariah	20.02.1910
47.	WILLIAMS, William	01.06.1911
48.	ROBINSON, William John	21.06.1912
49.	ROBINSON, Ronald Anthony	08.05.1915
50.	ROBINSON, Francis Patrick	25.09.1917
51.	WILKINSON, George	17.10.1915
52.	WILKINSON, Clifford Alan	21.03.1918
53.	IRVINE, Edna Teresa	05.12.1913
54.	IRVINE, David John	04.03.1915
55.	IRVINE, Jessie Dorothy	11.05.1917
56.	GARLICK, Dorothy Caroline	01.03.1919
57.	FISK, Mary Louisa	10.01.1918
58.	BERRY, Dorothy May	16.10.1915
59.	BERRY, Francis Henry	24.15.1917
60.	BERRY, Horace James	07.11.1913

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

RED JACKET

The village of Red Jacket was situated along the Jordan River, about three miles down stream from Jericho town. The Jericho Creek met the Jordan River a matter of only a few hundred yards upstream from the village, and Dry Creek ran into the Jordan a few hundred yards downstream.

Red Jacket town was named after the 91 ton schooner "Red Jacket" thought to have been lost in Bass Strait in 1863. Town life at Red Jacket was centred around O'Keefe's Junction Jordan Hotel, licensed in May 1862, and the first hotel to be licensed on the Jordan goldfield. The Post Office was also housed at the hotel, with Michael O'Keefe as the first postmaster.

The O'Keefe's (Anne and Michael) were both of Irish stock, and remained at Red Jacket until their deaths in 1894 and 1913 respectively. The O'Keefe headstone is one of only three remaining in the Red Jacket cemetery which is situated on a steep rise above the old town site.

The town was supported mostly by mining families and a few Chinese diggers. A Roman Catholic Church was built there in the early days with services first held by Father Patrick Courtenay in the 1860's.

The Chinese, not to be left out, also established for themselves a Joss House for worshipping purposes, not far from the Catholic Church, but this was burnt down in later years.

The catholic fraternity were the first to establish a school at Red Jacket, but this school was not recognised by the authorities. However, about 23 students attended this first school, with Edward Purcell as acting Headmaster.

Red Jacket School NO.1216 opened in December 1873 with Patrick Cunningham as Headmaster. Thirty seven pupils were enrolled, with the number reaching 54 in 1874. Cunningham was also an early Registrar of B.D.& M. in the area, whilst his wife, the former Catherine Jane Williamson O'Hara acted as a one time Registrar and early storekeeper in the town.

Red Jacket, unlike Jericho, did not have a court house, bank or police station. When gold mining in the region entered a decline, Red Jacket town slowly lost its residents, with only a few remaining through the depression years. The town was finally demolished by the 1939 bushfires.

VICTORIAN PIONEERS INDEX ON CD-ROM

The Victorian Pioneers Index is an index of all birth, death and marriage records between 1837 and 1888 held by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Victoria.

The database covers early parish church records for the years before 1853 (when the Government first took responsibility for recording these events) and the index to civil registrations to 1888. In all, there are some 1.7 million entries for Victorians who lived a century ago.

The Victorian Pioneers Index is available on CD-ROM as well as on microfiche. The CD-ROM version is available from INFORMIT, RMIT Libraries, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne, Vic 3001. Price \$235.



Please address all correspondence to: Mid Gippsland Family History Society, Inc., P.O.Box 767, Morwell, Vic 3840.

◦ FOR HIRE ◦

Gay Rogers has South Australian indexes to Births, Deaths and Marriages 1842 - 1906 on microfiche, available for hire. A reader is also available for hire if required. Contact Gay for further details 271780.