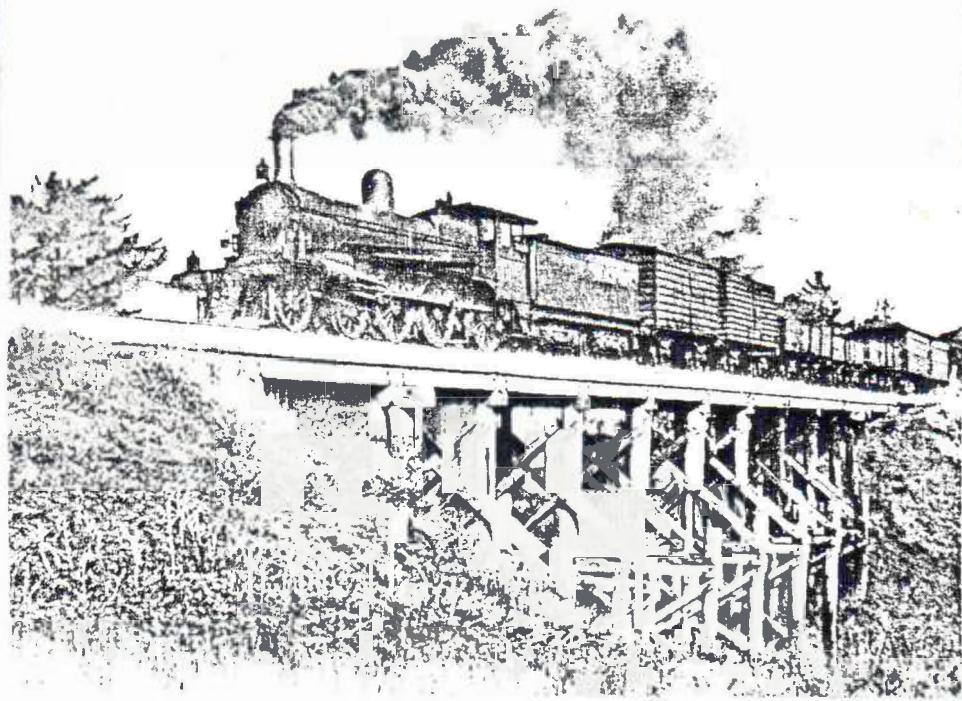


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except December, at the Moe City Library, Kirk Street, Moe. The library will open at 7pm, with the meetings starting at approximately 7.30pm.

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There is a research fee of \$5 for any research query of the group. There may be an extra charge if there are large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

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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

## Dawn Cowley

Dawn is an inaugural member of our group, and has variously held the positions of Chairman, Secretary, Publicity Officer and now Newsletter Editor during the eleven years of the group's existence. She was born Dawn Davies at Yallourn, and has lived in the Mid Gippsland area most of her life.



Her interest in genealogy has led her into many allied activities, including teaching family history with SCOPE, conducting a monthly radio program on Gippsland FM radio, giving talks to various organizations and schools, and her major project for the past four years - collating and indexing the "extra" B.D. & M. certificates generated by the Registrar's Office when a certificate is requested. This last project is very time consuming - taking up, on average, 10-12 hours a week. She also helps on a regular basis at the Mormon Church Family History Library at Traralgon and has attended several Country Groups meetings of former GSV groups.

Dawn has published a book on her Davies family titled Characters of Will, and is currently in the final stages of gathering information for a similar publication on her maternal family line - Jessup. She has organized several family reunions, and has gained a great amount of information on her families of interest from these reunions. But without doubt, the best part of these family gatherings is the pleasure that those attending get from renewing old ties.

Formerly a school teacher, Dawn now works half time as a library assistant at the Central Gippsland College of TAFE. She has many other interests, but has a particular involvement with the education of her children, and still has a big commitment to Newborough High School. In her "free" time, Dawn likes to read, talk, sew and dabble with numerous handcrafts, particularly cross stitch, tapestry and wool embroidery.



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## SEMINAR REPORT

Our very successful seminar was held on September 6th, 1992, at the Reception Room, Moe City Office, courtesy of the Moe City Council. It was supported not only by our own members, but by members of both West Gippsland and Yarram Family History Societies. We thank these and other visitors for helping to make our day a success.

Speakers were:

\* Ian Morden - who described the use of ordnance survey and parish maps, and showed a large selection available for purchase.

\* Faye Guthrie (President of the AIGS) who spoke on how to find various indexes at the PRO, and the way to access the records available.

\* Jenny Carter (AIGS) gave a talk on the census returns and parish records - their use in genealogical research, and how to understand the various ways in which they were originally recorded.

\* Florence Chuk gave a lively discourse on white slavery from the area of Bristol, England. She also talked about the work of Miss Rye, who was instrumental in gathering up young (mostly Church of England) girls deemed suitable for emigration. We were also fortunate in being able to have a selection of MacBeth genealogical books and microfiche for display and sale. We thank the Sue MacBeth organization for their assistance.

report compiled by Gay Rogers.

MORWELL, an agricultural township, with telegraph station, savings bank, post and money order office, distant from Traralgon 19 miles W. and situated on the Morwell river. It is a station on the Gippsland railway line, 88½ miles E. of Melbourne; fares, 11s. 0d. and 10s. All the country is selected, and improvements are being rapidly carried on. There are four hotels and a branch of one bank. Traffic from the Mirboo district is carried on from Morwell, and a railway line between these two places has been constructed. In the ranges, a few miles south of Morwell, extensive coal seams have been discovered. Population, 550.



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

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS (S.O.G.) This is an extremely interesting place and well worth a visit if you have English ancestors. It is a 5-10 minute walk from Barbican Station in a little street called Charterhouse Buildings. There is a fee per day if you are not a member of the Society, so if you are planning to make several visits, it is well worth joining. There is a cloak room and a lunch room for members.

The first (ground floor) level is the film and fiche room. Films are on open access on the shelves and include parish records, St.Catherine House and IGI. Fiche, however, must be obtained from upstairs with a special order form, and returned upstairs. There are plenty of fiche readers, but not enough film readers. You are able to book a film reader. There are two printers, one of which does not work too well.

The second level is called the Middle Library, and this is where I spent most of my time. It's here that all the books on the various counties are kept. There is a large card index, divided into counties, and then into sections such as: general Parish Records (R), monumental inscriptions (M). Everything is alphabetical, and everything has a number to correspond to the book on the shelf. All you have to do is to look up what you want to look at, copy down the reference number, go round the shelves until you find your county (these are also alphabetical, starting with Bedford at one end and ending with Yorkshire at the other), look for your number, pull the book out, find a spare spot at the tables (the hardest part) and start reading!! There is a marvelous selection of records, mostly typed and specially bound volumes of parish records and monumental inscriptions. It is, needless to say, incomplete, but I found such a lot of stuff I didn't have access to at home, and it took the pressure off my later visits to the particular County Record Offices, particularly Dorset and Kent. The Middle Library also had a small section on Ireland and one on the Channel Isles. The third level (the Upper Library) contained all the books and manuscripts that couldn't be categorised into counties - e.g. Army and Navy books. It also had the complete volumes of Boyd's marriage indexes.

The S.O.G. is open long hours - 10am to 8pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and till 5pm on the other days. There is a good coin-in-the-slot photocopier on which you may copy anything you like.

## n.? FEELING POORLY ?

### FOR HOOPING COUGH

1 Pennyworth of Cochineal  
Sale of Salls of Wormwood  
Quarter lb coarse Sugar  
Mix with half a pint of cold water and give from 2 tspn to 2 tbspn according to child's age.

### FOR ADULT COUGH

Half oz Syrup of Squills  
Half oz Syrup of Poppies  
Half oz Syrup of Horehound  
Half oz Clarified Honey  
Mix in a bottle. Take 1 tspn at going to bed, without water. Also once or twice in the day, should the cough be troublesome.

### SPRAINS

Oil of Worms  
Oil of Swallows  
Oil of Spick  
Oil of Hypadildock  
One pennyworth of each, and must be green when mixed. Bathe well with warm water before application.

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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## OUR LOGO



It was recently decided by the Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc., to adopt a new logo and motto (illustrated on the front cover of the last newsletter). This decision came about to bring into line our new name (formerly the Mid Gippsland Group of The G.S.V., our new format newsletter and our new image.

The logo, a packhorse, was selected in view of the fact that these horses were the predominant mode of transport during the earliest days of Gippsland. With new settlements springing up it was nigh impossible to transport goods or provisions other than by foot or horse. Goods were firstly delivered to Port Albert by sea, then to other places by bullock waggon, and then, when the waggon tracks ended, by packhorse. Hence, a lot of Gippsland's earliest mails, food and all types of goods were transported across country - particularly to the gold fields - by strings of packhorses. All manner of merchandise was carried by these trusty and sturdy animals, with articles of interest being children, timber, gold, letters, papers, pianos (Yes! pianos), mining machinery, coffins and more.

The mid-Gippsland region was certainly at the centre of the criss-crossing of these packhorse tracks. Packhorses serviced Russell's Creek and Tanjil, Walhalla, Donnelly's Creek, and all areas in between.

Our motto - "On Track" - was chosen to show that our group remains on track, with our genealogical research, the keeping together of our group, and last but not least, our assistance to others in their endeavour to search out their family histories.



# HOUSEHOLD WORDS.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

CONDUCTED BY CHARLES DICKENS.

N<sup>o</sup>. 37.]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1850.

[PRICE 2d.]

A VISIT TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL  
..... continuing .....

By dint of incessant vigilance, in the detection of mistakes, and by instant applications to the authors of errors for immediate corrections, the entries all over the country are finally obtained with a remarkable degree of accuracy. In the course of three months the number of entries in different districts varies, of course, enormously. In Marylebone or St. Pancras, for instance, there will be hundreds of births, and deaths, and marriages by banns, by Registrars and by dissenters, according to the various forms of Methodists, Jews and Quakers; whilst in remote places, the quarter of a year may pass by without a dozen claims upon the attention of the registering officer. Where there is most to be done, there the work is usually done best, because the fees are enough in amount to make the duty worth attending to; whilst in spots where a Registrar's quarterly bill amounts, perhaps, to ten shillings, it is not very marvellous that he

should be somewhat indifferent about a task so little remunerative. In distant and rural places, the Registrars get very few fees for weddings. The church still holds its ancient sway in that respect. But in large towns like London, Manchester, Liverpool, and Birmingham, many "happy couples" contribute to the emoluments of Major Graham's Officers.

The mode of marrying away from church or chapel has still, however, but little popularity. Made legal to satisfy the scruples of dissenters, even they seem to award it so little patronage, that the forms are comparatively unknown amongst the mass of the people. "Putting up the banns", and holiday clothes, and white gloves, and veils, and church aisles, and ringing bells, have been so long associated with the national idea of a wedding, that it is not unusual, after the brief forms of a matrimonial engagement at the office of the Registrar have been gone through, and the parties are as legally man and wife as Acts of Parliament can



make them, for the lady to raise an objection to the proceedings.

"Is it all over?" asks a surprised and trembling voice.

"Yes," says the Registrar, bowing and smiling, "that is all. You are man and wife."

"Oh!" is the semi spasmodic response. "It seems like no wedding at all!" And then turning to the bridegroom the lady may be heard appealing to the happy swain, and declaring "she would rather go to church as well." And often the ceremony is gone through according to old fashions after the newer and shorter one has been completed.

A wedding at the Superintendent Registrar's Office is certainly a very rapid and unimposing affair. The gentleman - say Mr John Jones - gives notice to the Registrar if the district in which they have lived during the previous seven days, that he has arranged a match between himself and Miss Mary Smith. A printed form is filled up with their names, rank, age, and place of residence. This is entered in a volume called the "Marriage Notice Book". This first step of the operation is performed at the small charge of one shilling. The volume containing the solemn announcement remains in the Registrar's Office, "open at all reasonable times, without fee, to all persons desirous of

inspecting the same". The notice so entered is read before the next three weekly meetings of Poor-Law Guardians. Unless the wedding has been "forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the same" - and a sharp papa or mamma would be needed to find out what had been going forward if Miss Smith decided to keep the little affair secret - at the expiration of the three weeks, the happy couple, between the hours of eight and twelve in the morning, may meet - accidentally, of course - just by the office of Mr Thompson, the Registrar, and walking in (also accidentally, of course), may, in the presence of two persons accidentally present - the Registrar's Clerk and a passing stranger, for instance - join in the following brief and innocent dialogue:-

"I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, John Jones, may not be joined in matrimony to Mary Smith".

One minute is enough for saying this. Whereupon the lady responds-

"I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, Mary Smith, may not be joined in matrimony to John Jones".

Another minute has thus been passed. Emboldened by the lady's declaration, the gentleman next says-

"I call upon these persons here

present to witness that I, John Jones, do take thee, Mary Smith, to be my lawful wedded wife".

A third minute has passed, and the lady's turn has come again-

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, Mary Smith, do take thee, John Jones, to be my lawful wedded husband".

Just four minutes have been consumed, the fee is five shillings, and a shilling for a certificate, and the affair is complete. No ring, no kneeling, no fuss. They are bound man and wife at the small charge of seven shillings altogether, with a degree of certainty which nothing but an Act of Parliament price one thousand pounds can undo. If

Jones be rich, he can shorten the probationary three weeks to seven days, by paying a somewhat higher fee; and if the happy couple please, they can adjourn from the Registrar's to any church or chapel, there to go through any further forms they may think good - as the ladies often insist upon doing - but the few words - the very brief dialogue just recapitulated, and the few minutes in the presence of the Registrar, have been the essential and only requisite legal steps to bind them together in the chain matrimonial, "for better or worse, till death shall them part".

.... to be continued

## THE FNA LSTEP

Legends and traditions intermingle.

A register of death in Lamplugh parish (the Lake District) England, reads:

..... Janry ye 1, 1658, to Janye ye 1, 1663 includes -

Frightened to death by fairies .....	3
Bewitched .....	4
Old women drowned upon the trial for witchcraft .	3
Led into the pond by a "Will-o-Wisp" .....	1



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The Mansfield Historical Society has available the following newspapers on microfiche. All fiche are packaged in acid free fiche bags.

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Thrift is a wonderful virtue - especially in your ancestors.

CEMETERIES IN THE MID GIPPSLAND REGION, AND RECORDS  
TRANSCRIBED BY THE MID GIPPSLAND F.H.S.Inc.

1. ABERFELDY  
Approx. 12 headstones. Gazetted 1877  
To be re-transcribed. No early register.  
Remote mountain cemetery still in use.
2. BOOLARRA  
1887 - 1984. Register only.
3. GORMANDALE  
Headstones transcribed from pre 1900 to 1985.  
No register.
4. HAZELWOOD  
Gazetted 1879.  
Headstones transcribed 1879 - 1985.
5. MOE  
Trust formed 1891.  
Headstones transcribed 1883 - 1983.  
Register 1891 - 1951.  
Brass plaques (lawn section) not transcribed.
6. MOONDARRA/ERICA  
Gazetted 1888.  
Headstones and plaques transcribed 1898 - 1988.  
No register.
7. NARRACAN  
Gazetted 1884.  
Headstones and plaques transcribed 1881 - 1992.
8. ROSEDALE  
Gazetted circa 1872.  
For records of all burials, consult the book:  
The Rosedale Story, Vol.1. Pub. 1989  
by Don Macreadie.

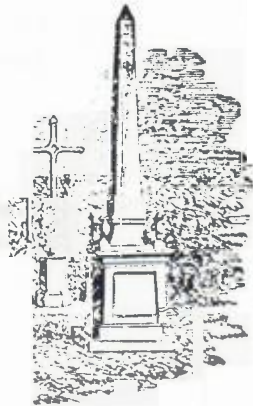


9. TOONGABBIE  
Headstones and register to be transcribed.  
Earliest burial circa 1863.
10. TRAFALGAR  
Register and headstones currently being  
transcribed.
11. TRARALGON  
First cemetery situated on what is now Vicrail  
land near Traralgon Railway Station.  
Approx. 12 burials between 1860 and 1878.  
One grave marked (Smythe child 1860's).  
No real records.
12. TRARALGON (THE BLUFF).  
Gazetted 1880's.  
First burial supposed 1878.  
Transcriptions of register, headstones and  
plaques currently being prepared for  
microfiche.
13. WALHALLA  
Commenced use circa 1862.  
Now a "Heritage Classification" cemetery.  
Still in use.  
Register only (not complete).  
Transcription of headstones and plaques  
via Yolanda Reynolds, Trafalgar.
14. WILLOW GROVE  
Gazetted 1888 under the name Tanjil.  
Register, headstones and plaques transcribed  
1890 - 1992.
15. YALLOURN  
Transcribed 1925 - 1986  
Headstones and plaques.
16. YARRAGON (formerly WATERLOO)  
Laid out in 1882.  
Headstones and plaques transcribed 1886-1988.

# SPECIAL NOTE

The following cemeteries, located in the Mid-Gippsland region, are no longer in use. Most were not gazetted as official government burial grounds.

- \* ALLAMBEE - Copy of register 1892 - 1916. Few names only.
- \* COOPER'S CREEK - 1 headstone, wood, illegible.
- \* DONNELLY'S CREEK - 1 headstone only.
- \* EDWARDS REEF - 1 marked grave.
- \* HAPPY-GO-LUCKY - Formerly Pearson Town. Location unknown.
- \* JERICHO - No headstones (one broken half stone).
- \* MATLOCK - Approximately 5 headstones.
- \* RED JACKET - 3 Headstones.
- \* RUS SECREE - Recently marked with large cross.  
On private property by access.
- \* SHADY CREEK - 1 headstone. private property.
- \* TANJIL TOWNSHIP - Location unknown.
- \* TOOMBON - Sign-posted. No real graves.



## IN-LAW

This phrase had a different meaning in the mid-19th century, and indeed much earlier, from which it has today. In the 1851 census, for example, the term daughter (or son) -in-law could mean "step-daughter" or "step-son", i.e. children of the wife of the head of the household by a previous marriage. In Dickens' "Pickwick Papers", Sam Weller addresses his step-mother as "mother-in-law". It is important to remember this when studying early wills, from which much important information about relationships can be gleaned.

[Taken from The Family Historian's Enquire Within by P.Saul and F.C.Markwell]

# BOOK NEWS



**Calder, Winty, 1927.**

Golden dreams and Georgie nous : George and James Brown Patterson / Winty Calder. — Mt. Martha, Vic. : Jimaringle Publications, 1992. — 1 v.

Available from Jimaringle Publications, 12 Deakin Drive, Mt. Martha Vic 3934

Bibliography.

Includes index.

CIP entry.

ISBN 0 95892896 7 : price unknown

1.Patterson family. 2.Pioneers —Victoria — Biography. 3.Victoria — Genealogy. I.Title.

**Curnow, E. A. (Edward A.).**

After the golden cockatoo: Cornwall & the story of the Thomas Curnow family & others / E.A. Curnow. — [Salisbury Downs, S. Aust.]: E.A. Curnow, 1990. — 215 p. : ill., geneal. tables, plans, ports.; 26 cm.

Cover title.

Available from Rev. E.A. Curnow, 86 Schafer Rd. Blackburn Vic 3130.

Includes Bibliographies.

ISBN 0 913959125 : price unknown

1.Curnow family. 2.Australia — Genealogy. 3.England — Genealogy. I.Title.

**Dow, Keith C. (Keith Crockett), 1933.**

In another time : a Dow family history / Keith C. Dow. — [Blackburn, Vic. : K. Dow], 1992. — 167 p. : ill., facsim., maps, ports. ; 30 cm.

Available from K C Dow Pty Ltd, 2-4 Masons Rd, Blackburn Vic 3130.

Bibliography: p. 152-157.

Includes index.

ISBN 0 646 07564 0 : price unknown

1.Dow family. 2.Victoria — Genealogy. I.Title.

**Gribben, Robert W. (Robert William), 1943.**

A slight incline : the story of two pioneers, Paul Gribben and Rosina Fulton, who married at Heathcote Wesleyan Church on December 6th 1866, 125 years ago: a memorial volume / by Robert Gribben. — North Balwyn [Vic.]: R. Gribben, 1991. — 72 p. : ill., geneal. tables, maps, ports. ; 30 cm.

Available from Mr R Gribben, 22 Illawarra Rd, North Balwyn Vic 3104.

ISBN 0 646 07509 8 : price unknown

1.Gribben family. 2.Victoria — Genealogy. 3.Cornwall (England) — Genealogy. I.Title.

**Hazell, E. G. (Edwin Gordon).**

Branching out : an update of the Bush family tree / E.G. Hazell. — Canberra: EZ Publishing for the Jerrawa Bush Reunion Committee, 1990. — viii, 184 p. : ill., 1 map, ports.; 21 cm.

Available from EZ Publishing, 19 Thompson St, Chiffley ACT 2606.

ISBN 0 9590601 1 1 : price unknown

1.Bush family. 2.Jerrawa (N.S.W.) — Genealogy. 3.Jerrawa (NSW) — History. I.Jerrawa Bush Reunion Committee. II.Title.

**Macreadie, Don.**

James Clarke was an Irishman. — Cowwarr, Vic. : D. Macreadie, 1991. — 133. ix p. : ill., geneal. tables, maps, ports. ; 30 cm. — (Don Macreadie's genealogies; no. 1)

Available from Mr D Macreadie, Stoney Creek Rd, Cowwarr Vic 3857.

Includes index.

ISBN 0 646 03940 7 (corrected): price unknown

1.Clarke family. 2.Clarke, James, 1839-1922.

3.Australia — Genealogy. I.Title. (Series: Macreadie, Don. Don Macreadie's genealogies; no. 1)

**Memories of an Irish family : the Gleeson story.** — [Gordon Park, Qld. : G. Gleeson], 1991. — x, 82 p. : ill., geneal. tables, ports. ; 30 cm.

Cover title.

Compiled by Geoffrey Gleeson.

Available from Mr G Gleeson, 3 Meath St, Gordon Park Qld 4031.

ISBN 0 646 05635 2 : price unknown

1.Gleeson family. 2.New South Wales — Genealogy. 3.Victoria — Genealogy. I.Gleeson, Geoffrey, 1921-.

## • WINE & CHEESE •

Members and friends are invited to help wind up a very successful year by attending a wine and cheese tasting on Friday 6th November. This is to be held at the home of Dot and Ian Needham, River Connection Road, Willow Grove, commencing at 7.30 pm. For the cost of \$5 per head, you will enjoy tastings of wines from the Wyanga Winery of Lakes Entrance and a selection of cheeses from Tambo Cheese in Traralgon. All funds raised will be channelled into further improvements and growth for our library collection. Please ring 056 352216 for bookings.

On January 10th 1868, the last convict ship to arrive in Australia berthed in Western Australia.



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