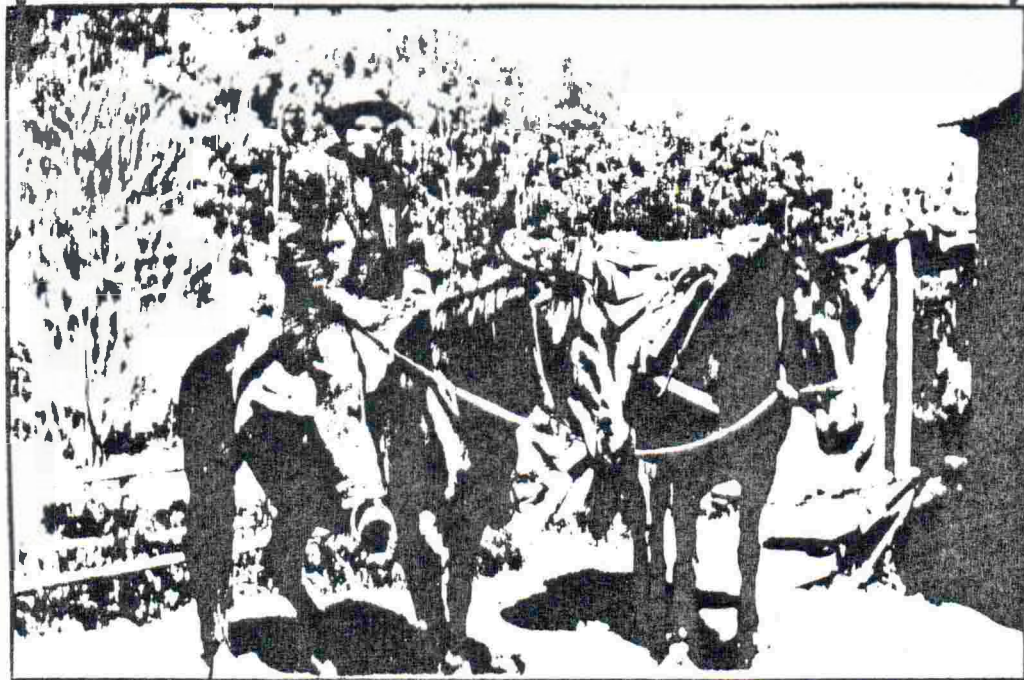


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Packer Frank Young with his packhorse.

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# *Member Profile*



KAREN ELIZABETH HEALY (nee BUSH)

I was born in 1960 in the Yallourn Open Cut! (formerly the site of the Yallourn Hospital), the elder of two children of Alfred Richard and Pamela Gertrude Elizabeth Bush (nee Millar). My father was a fifth generation farmer and we were living on a farm at Ranch Road, Tanjil South. For two years I attended the local Primary School before we moved into Moe in October 1967, completing my education at Albert Street Primary School before doing my secondary schooling at Moe High.

My interest in family history started at an early age. My brother and I were very lucky that as children we had an abundance of relatives on both sides. My parents both came from large families - Dad is one of eight (and a twin) and my mother is the eldest of six children. We were always travelling and seeing relatives. My mother's family resides in the North-East at Strathbogie, 32 km from Euroa. When I was born, I was fortunate to have great-great-grandparents alive, and to this day a wonderful great-grandmother.

I am an inaugural member of the Mid Gippsland Family History Society, Inc. and was the inaugural secretary for the first two years. Later on, I held the position of secretary for a period of one year. Other positions I have held have been on the Newsletter Committee, and I'm currently 2nd Vice Chairperson/Program Co-ordinator.

In 1979, I met my husband at a friends house, but we did not start going out together until the end of 1982. Brian had just completed five years service in the Merchant Navy and had returned home. Brian was born at the RWH Melbourne but was raised in Moe. Brian's father got a promotion with Telecom and they moved to Sale. Brian boarded in Moe to complete his apprenticeship with the SEC as a fitter and machinist. In 1982, Brian became a trades instructor with the now Central Gippsland College of TAFE and is currently still there. We were married in May 1984 and reside in Newborough.



For the last sixteen years I have been employed by Woolworths/Safeway, and I am an assistant store manager currently working in Traralgon.

My family history has now come a long way since I first started!! Volumes of work, new found relatives and never-ending completion! I have a great mixture of ancestry - Irish, Scottish, Welsh, English, German and Chinese.



Karen and Brian - July 1992 at Hungerford, Berkshire.

A LIST OF SOME OF THE LOCAL PAPERS ON MICROFILM  
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- \* Advertiser 14.02.1882 - 31.03.1900  
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- \* West Gippsland Express  
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## MIRBOO NORTH

- \* Gippsland and Mirboo Times  
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## MORWELL

- \* Advertiser 30.10.1886 - 24.12.1932  
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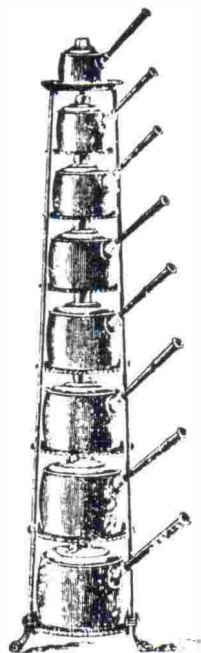
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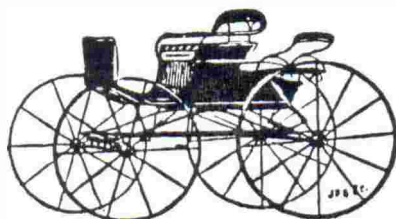
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TURNOUT-SEAT BUGGY.

## SCOTTISH NAMING PATTERN

Do you know the Scottish tradition of naming children born to a couple? The pattern followed may help you to find the birth order of an ancestor!

1st son is named after the father's father

2nd son is named after the mother's father

3rd son is named after the father

1st daughter is named after the mother's mother

2nd daughter is named after the father's mother

3rd daughter is named after the mother

Subsequent children are often named after brothers and sisters of the child's parents

# HOUSEHOLD WORDS.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

CONDUCTED BY CHARLES DICKENS.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1850.

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

But though five minutes may complete a wedding, and permit the couple to go their way rejoicing - and though an equally short space of time may suffice for the registration of their first-born, or the registration of a death - these brief duties of the public in a district office are but the beginning of the process we are about to trace through its various stages, till its completion for national purposes.

Let us suppose a case, for the sake of illustration. The Superintendent registrar of Polton-cum-Chalvey has been going on his way, certifying the babies, the weddings and the mortal departures of his district, when some evening, just as he has smoked his pipe, and is thinking about supper, he is told "a gentleman from London wishes to see him". His prophetic heart leaps to his mouth, and as he shuffles on his slippers, he mentally runs

over his books, for he knows very well, before he sees the mysterious stranger, that he is about to meet one of the Inspectors - gentlemen of great keenness, who travel about all the year round, never telling when they are likely to visit any place, and, like bagmen, ever on the move, and seldom sleeping two nights together in the same place. Civil greetings are soon followed by an examination of the doings of the Polton-cum-Chalvey office. Formidable looking papers are at hand, in which our Registrars know very well that his character will shortly be written down - his name, his address, his other occupations; where his office is; whether it be used for other purposes than those of registration; whether his books are kept in the fire-proof box provided by Government for the purpose, - if not, where; what kind of repository the books have; whether or not the place is damp; whether it seems safe from fire, and whether capable of being securely closed; whether he has gathered together all the documents he



should possess - the returns of minor Registrars, and of the clerical certificates of marriages performed in churches; whether he does his own work, or employs a deputy; whether his place displays, in general, any want of order or arrangement; and finally, he knows that in the corner of the formidable paper there is a ready-made frame for the insertion of his own official portrait, to be sketched by the Inspector at his leisure, in manner following:-

"Different degrees of Efficiency being represented by Numbers up to 6,- utter Inefficiency being indicated by 0, and complete Efficiency by 6,- write in the adjoining space the figure which most nearly expresses your opinion of the Efficiency of this Superintendent Registrar.

.....Signature of the Inspector."

That square is to contain the Inspector's opinion of his character. No.1 is by no means the figure he wishes to stand at on this occasion; for he knows that numeral means but one step from 0, or, in other words, dismissal. Seven was the olden mystic number, but with the Registrar's six is the favourite figure, - but what figure really stands against him in the archives of Somerset Place is to him a secret. The Inspector goes away as quietly and mysteriously as he came;

his report is forwarded to headquarters; and the result at polton-cum-Chalvey is known very few posts afterwards, if said Polton-cum-Chalvey house has not been found to be in apple-pie order.

The Inspector of the books of the minor Registrars goes even to more minute particulars than in the case of the Superintendants. The colour of the ink is noted - for bad ink might lead to the loss of a large estate to its owner by the loss of the entry of his birth or of his parent's wedding. Any erasure is a deadly sin, and so is the cancelling of any entry. Mis-spelling of names and discrepancies between the spelling of surnames in different parts of a certificate are other great faults often committed, but almost always discovered, rebuked, and corrected. In an entry of a birth, the omission of the former name of a mother who has been twice married, is a heavy fault, and so also, in the registration of twins, is the non-indication of which of the two is the elder. Only by a ceaseless vigilance can all these points, seemingly unimportant to many whose attention is required to them, but in fact all-essential to the perfection of the national documents of which each entry forms a part, be correctly ascertained.

.... to be continued

## BIRTHS

On the 18th inst., at Clyde House, Clyde-road, Dublin, the wife of Major C.B.H. Jenkins, 19th (Princess of Wales Own) Hussars, of a daughter.

On the 20th inst., at Wandle Cottage, Wandsworth, the wife of GEORGE A. PIMM, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES

On the 1st February, at the British Embassy, Paris, LIEUTENANT GENERAL NAPIER CAMPBELL to CAROLINE MARGARET DUFF (Mrs. HENRY PRICHARD), daughter of the late Deputy Surgeon-General Charles Murray Duff.

## DEATHS

On the 30th January, at the British Legation, Stockholm, of inflammation of the lungs, Mr. Corbett, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinaire and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

On the 2nd February, at Little Brickhill, near Bletchley, ASPHODEL, the beloved child of ALEXANDER and KATIE FINLAY, aged one year.

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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## OVER TO YOU

Information on Thomas T.Gaffney, Michael and Ann O'Keefe (hoteliers) of Jericho and Red Jacket, Catherine and Patrick Cunningham (schoolteacher) of Red Jacket, but moved to Benalla. Also information on any other past residents of Jericho/Red Jacket region of the Jordan goldfields.

Contact: J.G.Rogers  
68 Hennessey St, Moe, 3825.



# ACTIVITY

Our group held a very successful wine and cheese tasting night at Dot and Ian Needham's home, Willow Grove on the 6th November, 1992.

The evening was supported by a dozen or so of our own members plus their families, as well as a good contingent of people from elsewhere, totalling about eighty in all. The wines, which proved very popular, were presented by Wyanga Park Wineries of Lakes Entrance. The cheeses were from the Tambo Cheese Factory, Traralgon, and were readily tasted and appreciated.

Mrs Val Cooper, artist of Traralgon, kindly loaned us a selection of still life and scenes in oils, and these were the backdrop to a very colourful and lively evening.

Our fund raising group took the opportunity to display our Christmas hamper and to sell a large number of raffle tickets during the evening. This, plus our door takings, and a percentage of sales from the wines and cheeses, will give us a nice bonus to boost club funds.

The lucky door prizes - a bottle of wine and a basket of cheeses were won by Mrs Quirke, and our own member Laraine Ramselaar, respectively.

At this time we take the opportunity to thank the many hard working members of the group who assisted on the night, but particularly, we owe a big debt of gratitude to Ian and Dot Needham who opened their home to our group and made the evening possible. And special thanks to Dot Needham who went to a lot of trouble in preparing a large and sumptuous supper, and in arranging the night with the wine and cheese people.

This report was compiled by Gay Rogers.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER COMPETITION WINNERS

1st Prize:	Scott Laidlaw	(Hamper)
2nd Prize:	Mrs Nibbs	(Decorated cake)
3rd Prize:	J. Spaackman	(Wine)

# BOOK NEWS



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Computer disc contains titles: *Researching your family tree, here and over there; Stories and tales of the transported convicts. The First Fleet families. Convicts and exiles transported from Ireland, 1791-1820; The bibliography of the convict transports.*  
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# ABERFELDY

Aberfeldy (or Aberfeldie) situated on Mt. Lookout, is on the road from Walhalla to Woods Point, approx. 20 miles north of Walhalla. The area first came to public attention when Archibald Campbell from Toongabbie and Thomas McEvoy cut supply routes from Gippsland to the Jordan Valley in 1862.

William Anderson, also hoping to push a track through the same region, named the Aberfeldy River, after a locality in the Scottish highlands. Anderson is said to have later disappeared on a trek through the mountains, and was never heard of again. Aberfeldy was originally named Mt. Lookout, but that name soon fell into disuse, and the title Aberfeldy was adopted for the new settlement.

McEvoy's Track was universally accepted as the main route to the goldfields, and with the road constantly used by teams of packhorses and hundreds of hopefuls heading for the diggings, it wasn't too long before some major gold reefs were discovered around the spurs of Mt. Lookout, during the late 1860's and 1870's.

Dominant reefs were - the Lone Star, Lily of the Valley, Stockholm Tar and Comet. These reefs provided stimulus for the town which by that date had an air of permanency. The town was eventually officially surveyed, blocks bought and titles issued.

By 1875 the town had five hotels and was doing a roaring trade. Prominent among the hotels was Svenson's "Royal Mail" - a landmark that was Aberfeldy until it was burnt down in 1890 with the loss of a miner, John Steele. The hotel was rebuilt and survived again until the disastrous Black Friday of 1939.

Houses, stores, a post office, police station and a school eventually comprised Aberfeldy. Some leading townspeople were:- G.J. Jones, J. Hefferin, G. & E. Svenson, D. Donaldson, R.H.E. Bake, John O'Toole, C. Waterstreet, John Hussey, Meringtons, Reillys, Kilgours and many more. Others to reside around Aberfeldy were the Clarkes and Cullens, living on the Aberfeldy River flats. Toners owned the roadside hostelry about two miles out of Aberfeldy, and Sam Beardmore had his "Halfway Hotel" further out again along the Walhalla Road.





One district landmark indicative to the Aberfeldy landscape is the grave of Kitty Cane situated about four kilometres out of Aberfeldy on the Walhalla side. The grave is signposted on the road's edge. A legend in her own time, Kitty is said to have been a dance hall girl, weighing some 22 stone. She set herself up as a shanty keeper to capture the passing trade, but died at her shanty of an unknown ailment. Being of such gigantic proportions, it was impossible for her to be carried to the Aberfeldy cemetery. She was buried along the roadside a short distance from her hut. In former days her grave was referred to as the "Scotchwoman's Grave".

The Aberfeldy school was opened in 1872, the nearest schools being Jericho, 10 miles away to the NE, and Edwards Reef, 10 miles SE of Aberfeldy. Both could only be reached by steep mountainous tracks. Mrs E.A.Cuthbert opened the school in May 1872. Parents petitioned for government aid, which was granted and the school became Aberfeldy Rural School No.137. The next year it became Aberfeldy State School No.1224. Thirty children attended in the school year of 1873, twenty-two in 1884 and ten in 1908. The school then worked half time with Jericho, and closed in 1912 when student numbers drooped to two. Teachers were: Wm.W.Newcomen (1873-1877), M.Nugent (1877-1884), Isabella Vance (1889-1891), Wm.A.Empey (1891-1894), Percy R.Anderson (1904-1907) and Fred G.Baker (1909-1912).

The cemetery today could almost be described as Aberfeldy's most redeeming feature. It sits uniquely on the mountain top and contains the husks of most of Aberfeldy's worthy pioneers. It was gazetted in 1877 but burials did take place there before that date. Although no burials have been carried out at the cemetery since the 1840's, it is still gazetted for use. About twelve headstones and two or three memorial stones still exist, one to the memory of Una Mabel Bourne, renowned international pianist to the famous Dame Nellie Melba. However the death and cremation of Miss Bourne did occur in Melbourne.

The O'Foole family, famous axemen, are represented by a headstone, as is Robert Harman Edmund Bake, well known throughout the mountain range for his knowledge of reef minino



and his understanding of legal matters. Bake was killed one evening by a falling limb from a burning tree when returning from a New Year's picnic at Matlock. Robert H.E. Bake was born in Cornwall of a mining family. He was educated in France, was multi-lingual, and was a veteran of the siege of Sebastopol during the Crimean War. Bake came to Australia in 1862.

Another famous for his association with Aberfeldy, was John Patrick Dwyer, born there in 1879. Both his parents died young and repose in the Aberfeldy cemetery. John Patrick was later raised by his maternal grandparents, David and Ann Donaldson of Morwell. He completed his primary education at the age of ten and went to Scotch College where he became dux of the school. He graduated in law at Melbourne University, went to W.A., was knighted and became Chief Justice of W.A. and Lieutenant-Governor.

There are many more buried in the Aberfeldy cemetery without headstones or gravemarkers to show their last resting place. Some graves are marked but not named. Amongst these is Mrs Elizabeth Svenson (nee McGregor), born at Greenoch, Scotland. She married in Kilmore, Vic. in 1863 to a Swede, Carl Svenson. The couple were soon living at Aberfeldy where they became famous for the hotel "The Royal Mail" and the hospitality issued to all. Mrs Svenson became known as "Granny" Svenson and, by the time of her death at the age of 93 years, was part of the Aberfeldy legend. At her death she was survived by only four of her eleven children.

A handful of homes remain in the Aberfeldy area today, some at Aberfeldy itself, and one or two at Clarke and Cullens Flat. A toilet block and picnic area have been set up for day trippers.

Perhaps best of all is the magnificent view across the mountain ranges and the lone wedge-tailed eagles that forever circle high above in the pure air, in their never ending quest for a tasty morsel. High enough up to see the waters of the Thomson Dam, the Jordan Valley, and the snow clad tips of the Baw Baws in mid-winter.

Contributed by Gay Rogers.

# The Bulletin

FROM THE ISSUE OF JANUARY 7, 1893

A wooden-legged woman in Northern N.S.W. has, within three years, successfully sued three men for the maintenance of three different illegitimate children.

E. P. Nesbit, next to Symon, Q.C., is considered the best lawyer in Adelaide. He is over six feet, is built like a telegraph-pole, and carries almost as much electricity. Poetry and the ladies are the solace of his restful hours, and he did much to boom Mrs Brown-Potter and Miss Edith Bland while they were in Adelaide.

Information wanted on Thomas Gilchrist of Wanlockhead, Scotland, born 1830/31, son of Margaret Ballantyne and James Gilchrist. Arrived Victoria circa mid 1850's. Firstly at Maxwell's Reef near Inglewood with Laidlaw brothers, William and John. Married Isabella Fraser of Kirkaldy, Fifeshire, Scotland, at Geelong in 1867. Lived at Batesford, Elaine district. Issue: Isabella Keddie, Margaret Ballantyne, James Gilchrist and Arthur Thomas Gilchrist. Thomas Gilchrist died at Geelong in 1880. Isabella Keddie Gilchrist married Alfred George Downey (police constable) and lived at Jeparit. Isabella Gilchrist died 1923 at Birregurra, buried Geelong New Cemetery. Contact: J.G.Rogers 68 Hennessey St, Moe, 3825.



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