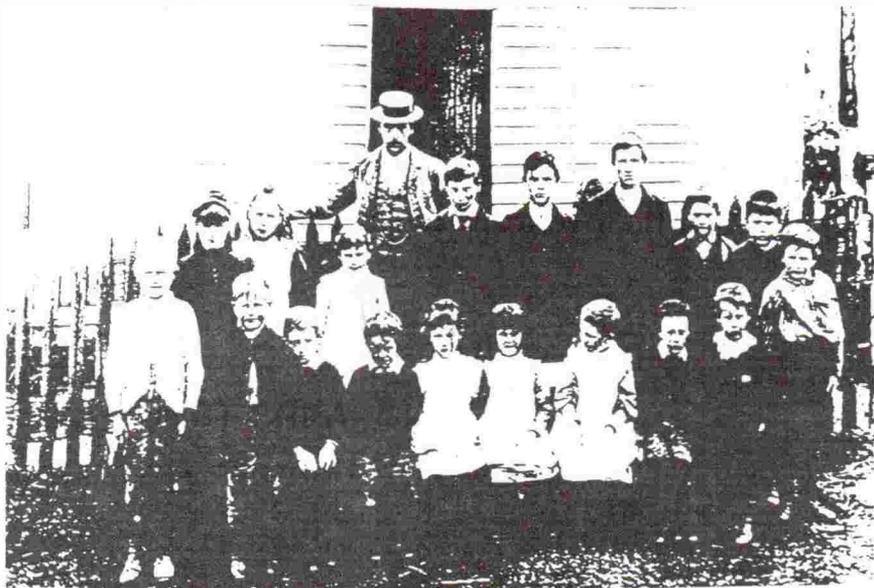


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Moe City Library, Kirk St, Moe. The Library will open at 7p.m., with the meetings starting at approxiamately 7:30p.m.

There is a research fee of \$5 for any research query made to the group. There may be further charges to cover photocopying and/or postage (where a large amount of copying is involved). Please direct all enquiries to -
The Secretary, Mid-Gippsland Family History Society,
P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

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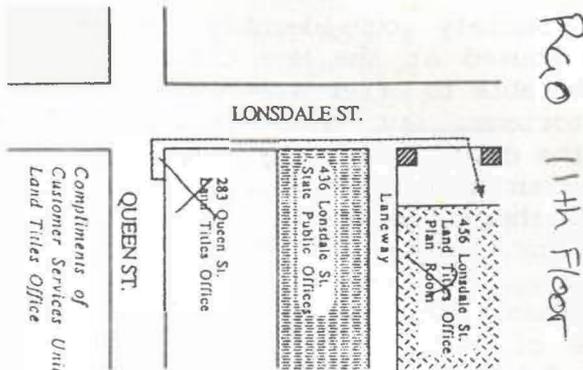
On a recent trip to the Registrar General's Office, 456 Lonsdale St. Melbourne, searching for land sale details, I found the following:

The first floor is the Land Titles Office Plan Room, Microfiche of land subdivisions, blocks, and parish maps etc.

On the 11th floor, there are books containing Crown Land Grants. These books are in year order from 1938 onwards.

On the 12th floor are the Land Memorials, land bought and sold by the general public.

Leonie Robinson



Leonie provided some notes on which the following information is based - :

Registration of land in Victoria may be under either of two systems:

- (a) General Land System, or "Old Law"
- (b) Transfer of Land Act 1862, or "Torrens Title"

All land alienated by the Crown on or after 2nd Oct. 1862 is held under the Torrens System, and much of the land alienated before that date has been brought under the Torrens System.

A QUEER ADVERTISEMENT

Daylesford has supplied the colony with many an instance of queerness and mystery, but one of the most mystifying announcements yet submitted is perhaps the following, which appeared in the Daylesford Mercury of the 6th inst:-

Notice - A MEETING of the Married Ladies of Daylesford is convened for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Market House, for the purpose of forming a Committee to scour the town for information as to the doings of their respective husbands, and for the further propagation - not of the Gospel - but scandal, and to elect an honorary Secretary

Gippsland Mercury
sometime in 1877



Further information on John Patrick McColl, who was mentioned in the last newsletter :

At Rosedale Court on 29th October 1875, Mary Smith was fined 1/- or in default distress one hour's imprisonment (on each count) for not sending her daughters Annie and Ellen Smith to school... Peter McColl, who was then on his farm on the Creek, was similarly fined for John and Alexander; Also fined on the that day for the same offence were Henry Breed, William Steadman and a number of Rosedale residents. All of the Traralgon defendants, except Mr Breed, had written letters to the Court on the subject.

[Cuthill's History of Traralgon

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THE GIPPSLAND MAILMAN

contributed by J, G, Rogers

Isolated as it was from the rest of the world, Gippsland, and the infant settlement based at Port Albert, was at first entirely reliant on spasmodic sea communication. In the earliest times, there was little to induce the steamers and sailing vessels to trade between Port Albert and Melbourne - the main traffic seems to have been cattle boats plying between the Port and Launceston - and it was on this irregular system that the first mail service with the Port grew.

Gippsland's first official Post Office was opened at Alberton, Port Albert on the 1st Jan., 1843.

The earliest letters still existing were written at Traralgon by Henry Meyrick from "Hobson's Run" in 1846. They bear the Alberton postmark, and in some cases, Sydney postmarks as well.

It would seem that many of the early settlers in this area used The Post Office, Alberton, often via Sydney, as their address. Letters for dispatch to Melbourne were carried by travellers proceeding to the Port, where they could be posted.

The first move for the carriage of mail overland was made by using the regular patrols of the native police from Dandenong.

10/2/1846 - Mr Walsh and two troopers started for Gippsland taking the Treasury and Post Office mail with them.

Yet great complaint was made concerning the time it took for correspondence between Sydney and Melbourne - upwards of 3 months in the transit to Melbourne. A great deal of inconvenience was felt by settlers and merchants resident in Gippsland and Port Albert..

February/ March of 1847 saw the authorities still dithering about the passage of mails and it was decided to continue using the native troopers with a charge of 10 pence for full overland rate single postage, as opposed to the coastal rate of 4 pence for single postage.

THE GIPPSLAND MAILMAN (cont)

The road (or excuse for a road) that they were to use was supposedly passable in all seasons; and the journey from Melbourne to the Police Station at Flooding Creek (Sale) can be performed in 4½ days, from thence to Port Albert, a distance of 70 miles with fresh horses, this would occupy five days, and the same returning to Melbourne.

Tenders were called on September 8th 1847 for the conveyance of mails from Melbourne to Gippsland, via Brighton, Dandenong Bridge, Mount Ararat, Tyers Cut (a bridle track cut by Commissioner Tyers) and the Woolpack Inn, Flooding Creek (Sale), and then to Alberton.

The following conditions to apply -:

The mail contractors to travel no more than 6 miles per hour, including all stoppages. To carry all bags and letters, to provide secure lockers for the mails in carriages and dry coverings for the bags on horseback.

Contractors to prevent the conveyance of any letters or packages by any of their servants or passengers, or otherwise, to the prejudice of the Post Office revenue, under penalty of 5 for each offence.

Contractors liable for a fine of five shillings for every five minutes delay after the specified time of starting etc. etc.

A mail cart or carriage, drawn by one horse, must not carry more than one passenger; by two horses, not more than 3 passengers; and by three horses, not more than 6 passengers, exclusive of the driver, under penalty of 3 for each offence.

The drivers and postmen are to be free men and of certified good character.

Other conditions also applied, and suffice to say no-one applied for the tender!!

The Government Gazette of 31 May 1848 advertised for another tender - again no takers.

The verse on the following pages was written by my Great Grandmother, Caroline Esther Rimes, nee Abbott. She was born at Fishmongers Lane, London Bridge on the 14th April, 1851. Caroline married George Rimes on the 22nd August 1872, at Eaglehawk. George and Caroline were parents of the following children:

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| George Ernest | born at Eaglehawk | 7th Oct. 1874 |
| Edith Mabel | " " Eaglehawk | Feb. 1875 |
| Evelyn Elizabeth | " " Wanalta | 17th Mar. 1877 |
| Frederick Abbott | " " Wanalta | 6th May 1879 |
| Georgina Josephine | " " Wanalta | 1881 |
| Marshall Ivo | " " Wanalta | 3rd Mar. 1884 |
| Caroline Ida | " " Wanalta | 23rd Jun. 1886 |
| Norman Bruce | " " wanalta | 23rd Jun. 1888 |

Norman Bruce Rimes, the youngest child, was my grandfather and the verse was found amongst his belongings after his death in 1984.

After the death of George Rimes, Caroline married twice more, to Richard Cordingley, and upon his demise, married Arthur Langley.

This verse was written the February prior to her marriage To Richard Cordingley on the 2nd November 1908.

The names in quotation marks in the verse are mostly the names of those her children married. I assume the verse was written for her son Frederick.

NB. I have heard along the grapevine that a family history has been written for the "Rimes" family. I would appreciate any information, and also am happy to make available information that I have in my possession.

BERYL GALLOWAY

120 Swallow Avenue, NEWBOROUGH 3825.

CAROLINE ESTHER RIMES (nee ABBOTT)

1851 - 1933

A MOTHER'S LOVE

Over the ocean of time, Rimes Family sped,
Mother, girls, boys, and the respected head.
Ere' long the mother was left, to battle lifes shore
And very few realized the burden she bore.
But she bravely worked and toiled and packed
And never a thing those children lacked.

Her life one long sacrifice for kith and kin
Children enjoyed better when friends dropped in.
The first child to leave out of girls four
Mabel, preferring a "Paddock" to scrubbing a floor.
Then Eva, who thought same privilege to each
Engaged herself hastily to a very green "Peach".

Georgina was frightened an old maid would die
And made up her mind an old "Hunter" to try.
And Marshall at twenty, a "Thorn" he did take,
Who has made him a good wife I am pleased to relate.
Then Fred who had helped bear the burden so long
Took a "Rose" from old "Tally", so endeth that song.

Only two out of the seven, there remained behind.
I guarded them zealously as you will find.
But the wind blew a "Reed" across the road hot
And in his great hurry, he seized hold of "Dot".
How I wish he had blown across the wide sea
And not taken "Dot", the last girl from me.

Just one out of the seven, they have left me a son,
Who is following the rest, altho' he is so young.
Like his brother Fred, Norm says a "Rose" he will take,
Sincerely I hope, he won't make a mistake.
Children are a failure, your own burdens you must bear
And get your own living, for what do they care.

THE GIPPSLAND MAILMAN (cont)

A tender in June 1948 was successful, and the contract for the conveyance of overland mails between Dandenong and Alberton went to Thomas Stephens at 220 for the remainder of the year.

As at Tuesday 2nd Aug. 1948 -

"Mails to leave Melbourne every Tuesday at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 O'clock p.m.; arriving at Alberton upon the following Saturday at noon."

"To leave Alberton every second Thursday at noon; arriving Melbourne by noon of the following Monday. 127 miles - Dandenong and Alberton by the Flooding Creek (Sale) being calculated at 9d a mile.

Government Gazette, 20 Sept., 1948, announces the establishment of the Flooding Creek (Sale) Post Office. Up until that date, residents of the Traralgon district were dependent on the Post office at Alberton.

From the diary of Robert Ewing, Clerk of Petty Sessions and Post Master at Sale -

24-6-49. Sunday; Heard that the postman had been thrown and the horse ran away with the mail.

9-7-48. Monday; Heard that the Postman was lost or rather that the Mohey (Moe) was flooded.

4-1-51. Saturday; I hear that the mailbags were brought across The Moe (Swamp) by a black gin. Mr Montgemery and others detained at that river.

From the Gippsland Guardian (Port Albert paper) -

5-10-1855 : Unless especially endorsed, all all mail went overland instead of by sea.

21-12-1855 : Mr P. Mulcare was the contractor of the overland mail between Melbourne and Alberton, weekly, during 1856 for the sum of 1600. The contract for its transmission by steamer *was not considered necessary*. The inhabitants of Port Albert, Alberton, and Tarravillewill thus have to wait four days longer, at least, for their letters, unless their Melbourne correspondents especially addressed "*per steamer*"

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And now that I am growing old
Silver threads among the gold
I cannot stay the tears today
For life seems fleeting fast away
I long for children, I long for home
I do not like to be alone.

Who knows what the future has in store
Brighter perhaps than days of yore.
I will leave off my ditty, and hope for the best
And battle along, till God gives me rest.
Goodbye dear Fred, indeed I say
I will come and see you again some day.

MOTHER

(ORIGINAL VERSE written By CAROLINE ESTHER RIMES on
February 21st. 1908 at Lilydale, Victoria)

new book out soon !!

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REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT (cont)

For those who believe their ancestors may have purchased crown land under the "Old Law", there is the Crown Grants Index, which covers the period up to 1862.

This index provides the following information:

- * name of the grantee
- * where the land is situated
- * description of the land by allotment, portion, section, lot number, acreage, number in the register and year.

The register number will give access to the Crown Grant.

If the property has since been brought under the "Torrens System", the conversion application number will lead to the Department's search notes. These notes list the various dealings in the property since the Crown Grant, with memorial numbers.

The General Law System relies on memorials of each transaction being lodged with the Department - title deeds are handed to the purchaser or the purchaser's solicitor.

If your ancestor purchased land already alienated from the Crown, Vendors' Indexes list the name of the person selling the land. The references found in these Indexes lead to the memorials.

Memory is the mother of the muses.



NEWS FLASHES

HERE'S THE
LATEST INFORMATION
ON.....

CEMETERY RECORDS AVAILABLE SOON

Willow Grove Cemetery (1898-1993)

Trafalgar Cemetery (1888-1993)

The Cemetery Committee has completed transcribing the register and the headstones of these cemeteries.

Microfiche and hardcopies of these records will be available soon.

So tall the trees - history of the southern
districts of the Narracan Shire

by John Adams

Printed Gippsland Printers, Morwell, 1978

Mountain gold - a history of the Baw Baw and
Walhalla country of the Narracan Shire

by John Adams

Printed by Gippsland Printers, Morwell, 1980

Thorpdale, Narracan, Childers Centenary 1876 -
1976.

by Jim Tilger

Printed by Mirboo North Times, 1976

The unfolding hills - Mirboo pioneers of the
Gippsland forests

by Warwick Eunson

Printed by Hedges & Bell, Maryborough, 1978.

Names of the Latrobe Valley and West Gippsland;
their origins, meanings and history

by P. D. Gardner

Printed by James Yeates, Bairnsdale, 1992

Duty nobly done - Great War enlistments from
the Shire of Morwell

by John Pearson

Gippsland Printers, Morwell, 1992

Gippsdoc: a bibliography of Gippsland - the
holdings of the Centre for Gippsland Studies.
[this is the most comprehensive guide to books
published about Gippsland]

compiled by The Centre for Gippsland Studies

Printed by G.I.A.E., 1989

LOY YANG SCHOOL: List of children
attending on 27 April, 1894

| Parent | Child | DOB |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| Drane, Thomas | Mary Jane | 19.9.1879 |
| | Christopher | 20.3.1884 |
| | Nellie | 1.6.1886 |
| | Florence | 20.6.1887 |
| Punch, Alfred | John | 26.5.1884 |
| | Louisa | 28.6.1887 |
| Shields, John | Annie | 16.2.1881 |
| Thornton, Bernard | Annie | 10.3.1881 |
| | Philip | 28.4.1883 |
| | Kate | 14.2.1885 |
| Kenyon, Thomas | Eva | 13.11.1882 |
| | William | 17. 8.1885 |

[source: Cuthill's History of Traralgon,

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