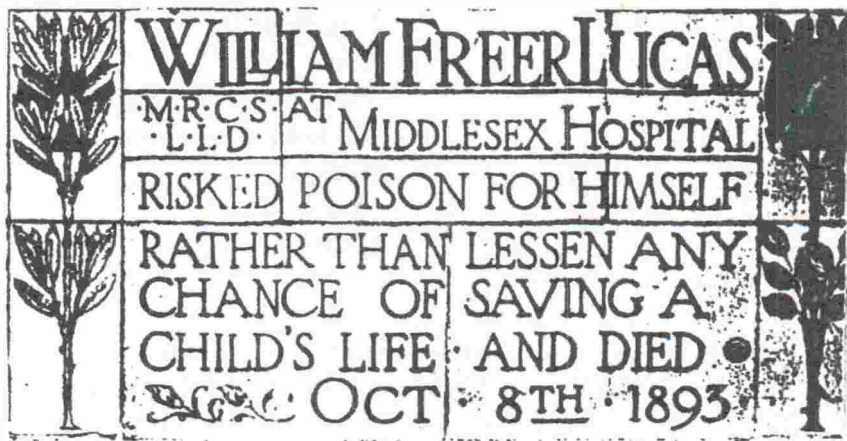


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at Moe City Library, Kirk St., Moe. The Library will open at 7:00pm, with the meeting starting at approximately 7:30pm.

There is a fee of \$5 for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, Vic, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

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'S PROFILE
MARY GEORGE**

My interest in family history began when Dawn Cowley spoke to the Probus Club of Moe, to which both my husband, Lindsey, and I belong.

Our family of five were all grown up, married with their own families, or just moved to their own homes, and I thought family history was something that I could make a new part of my life.

My great great grandfather, Malen Rumbelow, his wife Alice and their 8 children came from England, arriving here 9th October, 1854. I have a copy of his diary covering the day to day events on the 112 day journey. I have also a photograph of Malen and Alice believed to have been taken at the time. They settled in Victor Harbour, S. A., and their descendants still live there today.

I am also searching the Cakebread, Schonfelder, Matcott and Reid Families of South Australia. I feel that my immediate ancestors are of interest as my mother, Martha Ivy Schonfelder, and my father, August William Reid, were first cousins. So, as well as being the daughter of my parents, I am also their second cousin.

Sally Shine has been very helpful in tracing my Schonfelder Family, who went to New Zealand. I am very grateful to her.

I was born in Carlton, lived in Yarragon for 10 years, Since then, I have always lived in the Moe Newborough area, except for 10 years on a farm at Erica.

I am a member of the Mid-Gippsland Family History Society and also the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Bibliographies (donated) - East Gippsland
Port Albert Maritime Museum
South & West Gippsland

Beginner's guide to family history at the GSV
A cargo of women
Cemeteries in Australia
Concise Genealogical Dictionary
Family & Local history sources in Victoria -
How to trace your English ancestors
How to trace your Irish ancestors
How to trace your Scottish ancestors
In search of your British and Irish roots
In search of your German roots
Index to extra and stray BDMs - no's 11 & 12
Monumental inscriptions at the SOG - pts 1 & 2
Parish registers in Australia (2nd ed)
Relations in records
Searchlight: a select list of journals in the GSV
Specialist indexes in Australia
Tracing the past
Tracing your family history in Australia
Tracing your Scottish Ancestry
Victorian Land records and their location
War memorials in Australia

From Early Australian Settlers compiled by Mrs V. Prescott:

Bites of mad dogs: apply caustic potash at once to the wound, and give enough whiskey to cause sleep. (I know some people who would get bitten every day for that cure - J. McN.)

Baldness: rub the part morning and evening with onions, till it is red afterwards with honey -- or wash it with a decoction of boxwood.

NEW MICROFICHE IN THE LIBRARY

BDM:s

Victoria Marriages 1914-1930
Victoria Deaths 1941-1980

CEMETERIES

Alberton

Eaglehawk Memorials

Geelong area records (updated)

Eastern

Western

Grovedale

Barrabool Hills (Highton)

Geelong Crematorium

Duned

Memorial Park

Kangaroo Flat Memorials

Lilydale (on order)

Old Melbourne

White Hills Memorials

MISCELLANEOUS

AIGS Children's register

Irish Transportation Register

Public Servants Victoria 1884

Register of Employees - State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi

Victorian Railway Employees - 19th century

Here lies my wife: here let her lie!

Now she's at rest, and so am I.

John Dryden

POSTMAN'S PARK

To the east of the General Post Office in London, is Postman's Park, which was opened in 1880, and is made up of the churchyard of St Leonards, Foster Lane, St Botolphs, Aldersgate and the graveyard of Christchurch, Newgate.

Its name derives from the fact that it is opposite the offices of the GPO. In a sheltered area on the west side of the park are many plaques, placed there to commemorate men, women and children who sacrificed their lives so that others might live. This idea of a memorial was conceived by Mr G. F. Watts, English painter and sculpter, in 1887.

submitted by Florence Butcher

G. GARNISH

a young clergyman
who lost his life
in endeavouring to
rescue a stranger
from drowning at Putney
January 7 1885

JAMES BANNISTER

*of Bow aged 30
rushed over when an
opposite shop caught fire
and was suffocated in the
attempt to save life
Oct 14 1901*

ALICE AYRES daughter
of a bricklayer's labourer
who by intrepid conduct
saved 3 children
from a burning house
in Union Street Borough
at the cost of her own young life
April 24 1885

JOHN CLINTON

aged 10
who was drowned near
London Bridge in trying
to save a companion
younger than himself
July 16 1894

ELIZABETH COGLAM

*aged 26 of Church Path
Stoke Newington
died saving her family and
house by carrying blazing
paraffin to the yard
Jan 1 1902*

JOHN CRANMER CAMBRIDGE

aged 23 a clerk in the
London County Council
who was drowned near Ostend
whilst saving the life of
a stranger and a foreigner
August 8 1901

POSTMAN'S PARK (cont)

GODFREY MAULE NICHOLSON
manager of a Stratford distillery
GEORGE ELLIOTT and ROBERT
UNDERHILL workman
successively went down a well to
rescue comrades and were poisoned
by gas July 12 1901

THOMAS GRIFFIN
Fitters Labourer
April 12 1899
in a boiler explosion at a Battersea
Sugar Refinery
was fatally scalded in returning to
search for his mate

JOSEPH ANDREW FORD
aged 30, Metropolitan Fire Brigade.
Saved six persons
from fire in Gray's Inn Road.
Evt in his last heroic act
he was scorched to death
Oct 7 1871

HERBERT MACONOGHU
schoolboy from Wimbledon
aged 13
his parents absent in India, lost
his life vainly trying to rescue
his two school fellows who were
drowned at Glovers Pool, Croyde,
North Devon August 28 1882

SOLOMON GALAMAN
aged 11, died of injuries
Sept 6 1901 after saving his little
brother from being run over in
Commercial Street
"Mother, I saved him
but I could not save myself"

WALTER POE ART driver
and HARRY DEAN fireman
of the Windsor E. xpress
on July 18 1898
whilst being scalded & burnt
sacrificed their lives in
saving the train

AMELIA KENNEDY
aged 19
died in trying to save her sister
from their burning house
in Edward's Lane Stoke Newington
Oct 18 1871

SAMUEL RABBETH
Medical Officer
of the Royal Free Hospital
who tried to save a child
suffering from Diphtheria
at the cost of his own life
October 26 1884

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY INDEX

This index, compiled by Janet Reakes & friends, combines RIC records into one index showing name, age, county of birth, marital details and reference number for access to the complete document. The index also includes whether or not the person emigrated, sometimes indicating country: 'emigrated to USA'.

The index included over 80,000 entries, and had to be split into two parts: 1816-1881 and 1882-1921.

Janet Reakes commented on the number of non-Irish applicants (from Kuala Lumpur, Arabia, Brazil, Australia, NZ, USA, France etc.) who appear in the second part of the index.

The index is held by the LDS library in Traralgon.

It is available for purchase for \$30 each part, including postage. Contact Hervey Bay Indexers, PO Box 937, Piabie, QLD 4655.

extracted from "All Ireland Introductions"
article submitted by Don Macreadie

REPORT - BEGINNER'S DAY SATURDAY 5th NOV 1994

It was a very wild and woolly day that we choose for our beginner's day back in November at the Margaret Adams Centre in Moe.

While numbers were disappointing with around 10 or 12 attending, most people stayed awhile and had hands-on experience using the microfiche, going away with data to help them begin their search.

Even with the small numbers, there was a waiting period for access to the microfiche readers. With decent weather, a beginner's day should attract a minimum of 20-25 people, so we need to look at providing more machines if we are to run such a day again.

**NEW ZEALAND BIRTH DEATH
& MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Searches done
Reasonable Rates

also 1978, 1979, 1980

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Sally Shine
P. O. Box 276
Moe 3825

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As part of the inaugural Irish Immigration Celebration, we are pleased to announce the gathering together of some great speakers and specialists in ...

IRISH GENEALOGY

They will present the first totally Irish Genealogical Conference which is to be held in idyllic Hervey Bay, Queensland, from March 17th - 19th, 1995.

This will be part of the five days of fun and festivities being held during Australia's Immigration Celebration.

Celebrations will also include:

- ☘ St Patrick's Day parade
- ☘ Irish food
- ☘ Irish culture
- ☘ Irish entertainment
- ☘ Tours to local historical sites
- ☘ Craft and working trade displays
- ☘ Colonial entertainment
- ☘ Picnic race meeting
- ☘ Irish fashion parade
- ☘ Competitions
- ☘ GUINNESS CELEBRATION OF IRISH MUSIC
- ☘ and other fun and festivities.



We are proud to present the following speakers for the Irish Genealogical Conference:

From IRELAND

- ☘ Paul GORRY
- ☘ Thomas O'LEARY

plus AUSTRALIAN Genealogists

- ☘ Perry McINTYRE
- ☘ Eileen JOHNSON
- ☘ Janet REAKES
- ☘ Dr Richard REID
- ☘ Dr Tívear McCCLAUGHLIN



Celebration

Irish Genealogical Conference

March 17th - 21st, 1995

Hervey Bay, Queensland

Don't miss the biggest
Irish Genealogical Conference
ever held in Australia!

Venue:

URANGAN HIGH SCHOOL
Roberts Street, Urangan
Hervey Bay, Queensland 4655.

Topics include ...

- ☘ Immigration
- ☘ LDS Irish Sources
- ☘ Genealogical Research Sources in Ulster
- ☘ Census Records, 1821 - and Census Substitutes 1618
- ☘ Irish Orphan Girls
- ☘ Irish Female Immigrants
- ☘ Researching Dublin Ancestors
- ☘ Researching Cork Ancestors
- ☘ Irish Heritage Centres and Repositories
- ☘ Irish Land Records



**MATTHEWS FAMILY REUNION
GARFIELD PUBLIC HALL
12 MARCH 1995**

James Matthews married 10/4/1831 at Paul, Cornwall to Margery Matthews. They arrived in Geelong on the Andromache 8/11/1848 with their six children: James (16), Margaret Jane (15), John (11), Josiah (9), William Henry (5), and Mary Martha (2). Three more daughters were later added to the family: Elizabeth Beaden (1851), Annie Maria (1854) and Emily (1856).

James, the son, married Susannah Johns in 1858. They had 14 children and eventually selected at Benambra. Margaret Jane married John Nicholas, a Cornish cousin, in 1853. They had 12 children and eventually selected at Poowong. This farm 'Trevithal' still belongs to a Nicholas descendant.

John Matthews was a carpenter and in 1861 married Mary Ann Ray Green. Nothing more is known of this couple. Nothing is known of Josiah Matthews. It is thought that he possibly went to N.S.W. William Henry was a miner and was married at Ballarat in 1867 to Jane Facey. There were four daughters born, but nothing more is known of this family.

Mary Martha moved to Newcastle where she married Edward Bartley in 1869. They had 8 sons and 2 daughters. Elizabeth Beaden was also married at Newcastle in 1871 to George William Davies. Their 8 children were all born under the name Davis. Annie Maria married in 1879 to James Ford. They had 6 sons and lived in the Devenish district of Northern Victoria. Emily was married in 1878 to John Richard Webber. They had 10 children and lived in the Geelong area.

A reunion is planned for March 12th in Garfield Public Hall.

Glad Macreadie is a great grand daughter of Jane Nicholas, the second child

submitted by Don Macreadie

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT- REPORT

About 30-35 people attended the Willow Grove home of Dot and Ian Needham in late October at the Society's annual Wine and Cheese night.

Members and guests enjoyed the presentations and sampled the produce of the Wyanga Winery and the Tambo Cheese Factory. The Society raised about \$135 from the entry fee (plus \$s from the raffle and a small amount of commission from wine and cheese sales minus expenses).

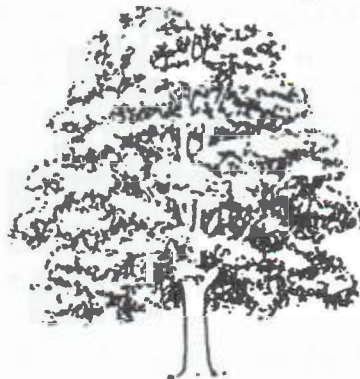
Once again, thanks to Dot and Ian for their splendid hospitality

Thanks also to all members who worked so hard to make the night a success

From all accounts, a good evening was had by all.

1995 SEMINAR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th



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