

# THE MID GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

## Roll of Honour

*"O, what a price it was to pay;  
But this we know,—they went away.  
Left, right, left, right,  
Out of the darkness into the light."*



Gny. R. C. LANCASTER —Geelong.



Capt. I. M. REED —Geelong.



Sgt. R. A. GOTTS —Metro.



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LAC. W. E. STONE —Metro.



Dvr. R. W. PRITCHETT —Yallourn.



Sgt. L. A. KENNEDY —Yallourn.



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OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1993-1994

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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 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approxiamately 7:30 pm.*

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*There is a research 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, 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.*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are now well into the fifteenth year of the Group, and will celebrate this milestone in December. During the past twelve months, we have strengthened our membership, which is now quite substantial, and this year have welcomed many newcomers to genealogical research.

With the support of an enthusiastic committee and excellent sub committees, my year as Chairman has been a breeze. It has passed with a minimum of fuss, and a wealth of achievement within our group. Each sub committee organiser, as well as those individuals who have taken on responsibilities, have given many hours of their time on projects and activities which benefit their fellow genealogists. We all know the value of work done by volunteers. How many times have you needed to look at records which have been indexed or compiled by volunteers? Where would we be without the work of LDS church members? Our research would be a very hard slog if we relied on official bodies for our information, so think about assisting with some project in the next year. Each hour given makes the load lighter for another individual.

Extra activities we have embarked upon during the year have, in the main, been successful. The seminar and research day at the A.I.G.S. were most successful and our beginner's day was worthwhile for a handful of people.

Hard work in fundraising has provided the means to continue developing our library collection, which is excellent. I am very pleased to have implemented the "help days" at the Library, where members give their time to assist those researchers who need a bit of help. Our library material is very well used by the public and our members, and our thanks go to the staff of the Moe Library for their willing support.

Remember - it is far more satisfying to be a "giver" than a "taker".  
To all members of the group who have "given" in some way, thank you.

Let us look forward to the next fifteen years - and let's give some thought to just what our group can do in the future for the betterment of genealogical research in the Mid-Gippsland area

Dawn Cowley  
Chairman 1994- 1995

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Another busy year for members of the Society, especially the Office-bearers and the leaders of the various groups.

Once again our September seminar was successful, and we trust, of benefit to family historians who are putting 'flesh on bones' and learning about the life and times of their ancestors.

The Saturday 'Beginner's Day' in November was an innovation but, 'oh' what a terrible day weather-wise. Thanks to the public and members who braved the elements that day.

The Society was represented at the Gippsland Groups annual meeting in Bairnsdale in October, where topics of mutual interest and concern about our region were discussed.

We are indebted to Dot and Ian Needham for making their home available for a Wine and Cheese night on 28th October. Unfortunately it was not as well supported as we had hoped. Those attending had a very enjoyable evening.

Members were invited to an 'end of year' BBQ at Moe on the 11th December. Again the attendance was disappointing, but those attending had a relaxed time under the trees. Jean McNally organised the Christmas Hamper competition, which was won by Lorraine Ramselaar.

In April, we introduced a change. Rostered members would attend Moe Library on Wednesdays between 1pm. and 4pm. to assist family history researchers as Moe Library staff lacked this expertise. We also introduced a fee system for non-members to use the microfiche. This is to help raise more funds to purchase more fiche.

The President and Secretary represented the Society at the annual meeting of GSV Member Societies at the end of May.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT (cont)

On 4th June approximately 20 members visited the AIGS library at Blackburn. We were most impressed with their holdings and the help given by their volunteer librarians.

Programmes for the year have concentrated on 'help night', beginners nights and library nights. We have had several interesting speakers covering a variety of subjects from book-binding, Australian Archives, and the AGCI project.

The Committee appreciate input from members indicating what subjects or projects they would like programmed for monthly meetings.

Future plans include a trip to the GSV Library in October and the Seminar in September. Please support these events arranged for your enlightenment.

Thanks to the Committee who met at Dawn's every month, usually on the second Friday, but occasionally due to public holidays on another night.

To all members, thanks for your support. It is pleasing that we all enjoy our research and each others company.

Mavis Lynch  
Hon. Secretary

VISIT TO THE GSV  
SUNDAY OCT 22nd

details announced  
at September meeting  
probably car pool again



## GIPPSLAND PIONEERS No. 1

### OBITUARY.

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#### DEATH OF MR JOHN QUIGLEY

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It is with extreme regret that we have to chronicle the death of another old and well-known pioneer of the district, in the person of Mr John Quigley, which sad event took place suddenly at his late residence, Yinnar, on Tuesday last.

Deceased appeared to be hale and hearty and in his usual jovial spirits on Saturday last, when he was present at the football match between Yinnar and Hazelwood, and was cracking heartily for the home team. His death, which was due to heart failure, cast quite a gloom over the township and district.

Deceased, who was 75 years of age, was a native of Ireland, and came to the colony when quite a young man. He was possessed of the traits of character recognised in Irishmen,

and as a result was a man of courage, energy, and even daring, with a desire to do well and be independent. It was this that induced him over thirty years ago to set out with wife and family for the unknown "wilds" of Gippsland.

They endured the usual hardships of those days in setting to their destination, but thought nothing of that. It would have taken a good deal more than the difficulties encountered--and they were many--to have frightened the old pioneers of Mr and Mrs Quigley's stamp. There was not a house or even a hut in Morwell when Mr Quigley, however, was far seeing, and surmising the possibility of the railway station being placed somewhere about where it stands at present, decided to open a store and public house close by.

He then put up the first building erected in Morwell, on the site now occupied by the Club Hotel. The laying down of the railway river was shifted along, and this led to having the progressed the camp at the river was shifted along, and this led to Mr Quigley doing a "roaring" trade.

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He, however, saw an opportunity of selecting some fine land near Yinnar, then known as Scrubby Forest, and decided to relinquish business and go upon the land.

He was succeeded in the business by Mr E Kelleber, who still owns the property. In 1880 Mr Quigley was made a Justice of the Peace, but in opening a store and wine licence at Yinnar had to relinquish the office of J.P. in order to secure the wine licence.

The business was successfully carried on for many years by Mr and Mrs Quigley and members of the family until it was taken over by Mr McKendry, some 7 or 8 years ago.

At the same time Mr Quigley was much interested in land, dairying, and cattle raising, and leaves behind him some of the finest land in Gippsland. He was a shrewd and cautious buyer

and in all his transactions proved his keen foresight and business abilities.

He was always of a most cheerful and happy disposition, charitably disposed, and a kind friend to many. His cheery smile and hearty welcome will be missed by all with whom he came in contact.

He leaves a widow and large family, all of whom are grown up, and some married, among whom are Mrs Jas Jansen, of Driffield, Mrs W Bolger, of Hazelwood, and Mrs Walsh, Kyogle, for all whom much sympathy is expressed in their sad bereavement!

The remains of the deceased were interred in the Hazelwood cemetery yesterday, the funeral cortege being one of the largest witnessed in the district. The Very Rev. E J Coleman officiated at the grave, and the mortuary arrangements were carried out by Mr W Tulloch.

Morewell Advertiser  
29/5/1908

## VICTORIAN CEMETERY RESEARCH

(cont from last issue)

11. **Undertakers and death/burials/cremation procedure**  
Griffin, G. M. & Tobin, D. In the midst of life,,,the  
Australian response to death. Melbourne University Press,  
1982.

Chambers, Don. No funerals on picnic day: the Victorian  
Funeral Association 1890-1990, Australian Funeral  
Directors Association Limited (Victorian Division), 1990  
157pp, \$27.95 & \$5 postage (available AFDA, 700 High  
Street, Kew East, Vic 3102, telephone 03 859 9571)

### 12 Death Registration

Ferguson, Jo. The Victorian Pioneer Index 1837 - 1888: a  
guide to the history, content and use of the Victorian Pioneer  
Index on microfiche (an index to birth, death, and marriage  
records 1837-1888 held by the Victorian Registry of Births,  
Deaths and Marriages, Melbourne, Australia), Registry of  
Births, Deaths and Marriages, Melbourne, 1992, 60pp. \$20.00

Lay, Patricia. Deadly details: a guide to causes of deaths  
listed on death certificates, author, Queanbeyan, 1988.

Morgan, Marjorie. Nosological index [causes of death] 1863  
and registrars of the registrar-General's Department,  
Victoria 1862, Marjorie Morgan Publications, Blackburn,  
Victoria, 1987, 45pp., \$5.

### 13. Booksellers

\* Genealogical Society of Victoria, 5th floor, 252  
Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000.

\* Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, 1/41 Railway  
Parade, Blackburn, Victoria, 3130.

\* Macbeth Genealogical Books, PO Box 136, Hampton  
Victoria 3188, telephone 03) 5980425

\* Goulds Books, family and local history specialists, PO Box  
126 Gumeracha, S.A. 5233, telephone 08) 3891611



## SEC ROLL OF HONOUR

*They held our hearts and walked with us awhile*

Cpl F. W. Adamson Yallourn	Pte J. Lyon Yallourn
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Sgt. C. L. Bishop Kiewa	Tpr D. C. McKelvey Metro
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Pte J. Crilly Yallourn	F/O P. T. O'Farrell Accounting
Pte G. Damm Kiewa	A S/Ldr A. G. Oxlade Metro
F/Lt-Com J. H. Dardell Yallourn	Cons Accts
L/Cpl J. S. Daughters North	Dvr R. W. Pritchett Yallourn
Eastern	Capt. I. M. Read Geelong
Pte B. A. Davies Metro Cons	E-R Art J. B. Reilly Yallourn
Accts	Cpl R. J. H. Robertson Footscray
Sgt R. W. Dickson Richmond	Mjr C. A. Ruffin Geelong
LAC R. J. Eaton Kiewa	P/O H.V.C. Sheppard North
Cpl F. E. Edmonds Yallourn	Eastern
Lieut. R. P. Farrelly Kiewa	Pte S. G. Skinner Yallourn
Pte N. H. Fitzclarence Yallourn	Sgt S. W. Smethurst Eastern
	Metropolitan
F/O J. L. G. Gilbert Ballarat	Pte F. R. Spendlove Metro
Sgt R. A. Gotts Cons Accts	Public Ltg
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F/O K. I. Hailey Services ESD	Cons Eng
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Pte W. P. B. House Yallourn	F/O P. K. Turner North Eastern
P. O. J. Hutcheson Yarraville	P.O. K. Warren Admin HO
Sgt L. A. Kennedy Yallourn	A/Cpl W. Whitbread Eastern
Dvr R. E. Kirk Ballarat	Metropolitan
Gnr R. C. Lancaster Geelong	F/Sgt G. L. Wiblin Footscray
F/Sgt M. F. Lay Richmond	F/O A. F. Williams Gippsland
W.O. L. M. Loftus Accounts HO	LAC W. L. Williams Richmond
W.O. J. J. Lord Metro Depot no. 1	

## The French Revolutionary Calendar

by Hans Rollman (St John's Newfoundland, Canada - (adapted from Albert Soboul: Die Grosse Franz. Revolution [1983])

The French Revolution or Revolutionary Calendar is of some significance for genealogists in that it was used not only in the French official records for the years 1793 - 1805, but also in the German territories to the left of the Rhine, including by parish priests in their baptismal, marriage and burials.

1. The calendar was officially used from 22 Sept. 1793 (= Vendemiaire II) until the end of the year 1805.
2. The Republican year started always on 22 September (Georgorian) and came to a close after 12 months (of 30 days) on 16th September of the following (Georgorian) year.
3. The remaining 5 days (from 17-21 Sept. [Gregorian]) were added as: "jours sansculottides" 1 [17 Sept], 2 [18 Sept], 3 [19 Sept], 4 [20 Sept], 5 [21 Sept].
4. During the leap years 1796, 1800, 1804, an additional "jour complementaire" was added.

### Months:

Vendemiaire (1-30)	=	22 Sept-21 Oct
Brumaire (1-30)	=	22 Oct-20 Nov
Frimaire (1-30)	=	21 Nov-20 Dec
Nivose (1-30)	=	21 Dec-19 Jan
Pluviose (1-30)	=	20 Jan-18 Feb
Ventose (1-30)	=	19 Feb-20 Mar
Germinal (1-30)	=	21 Mar-19 Apr
Floreal (1-30)	=	20 Apr-19 May
Prairial (1-30)	=	20 May-18 Jun
Messidor (1-30)	=	19 Jun-18 Jul
Thermidor (1-30)	=	19 Jul-17 Aug
Fructidor (1-30)	=	18 Aug-16 Sep
Jours sansculottides	=	17 Sep- 21 Sep

(don't forget the Jour complementaire in the leap years 1796, 1800 and 1804)

## FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographs on the front cover are from the SEC Magazine 12th December 1945, which listed those SEC employees who joined the armed services and who were killed in World War II. The article included photographs of many of these men,

Last issue's photocopy of the SEC's Roll of Honour did not reproduce very well, so the list is repeated in this issue.

The SEC Magazine also included a list of over 2,000 SEC employees who served with the various branches of the Armed Forces during the war. Over the next year's issues of this newsletter, the list will be reprinted in full. The original magazine was lent to the editor by Gordon Cook of Yalourn North.

### PRO NEWS

*Laverton will open on the last Saturday of each month from 9:30am to 4:00pm until the end of November*

*Groups should book.*

*Toll Free Number  
1800 657 452*

### LDS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY MOE

*Monday 10am - 12 noon  
Friday 10am - 12 noon  
or by appointment*

*Ring Gail Vinall on 051) 278310*

*Gail is also looking for volunteers in the Moe area to help staff the library.*



**MID GIPPSLAND FAMILY  
HISTORY SOCIETY INC.**

# **Seminar.**

**Saturday September 9th 1995.**

**VENUE: St Andrews Church Hall,  
Fowler St Moe.**

## **GUEST SPEAKERS ARE**

- Judith Bilsza.** = Genealogical resources in  
R.H.S.V.  
**David Thomson.** = Scottish Research.  
**Florence Chuk.** = Immigration.  
**Ada Ackerly.** = Equity Courts. Cut off with  
a shilling.

**TIME: Registration 9.15am. FINISH 4.30pm.**

**COST: \$10.00 per head.**

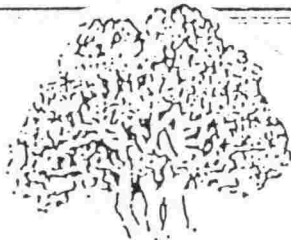
**B.Y.O. Lunch. Morning and Afternoon tea  
supplied.**

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