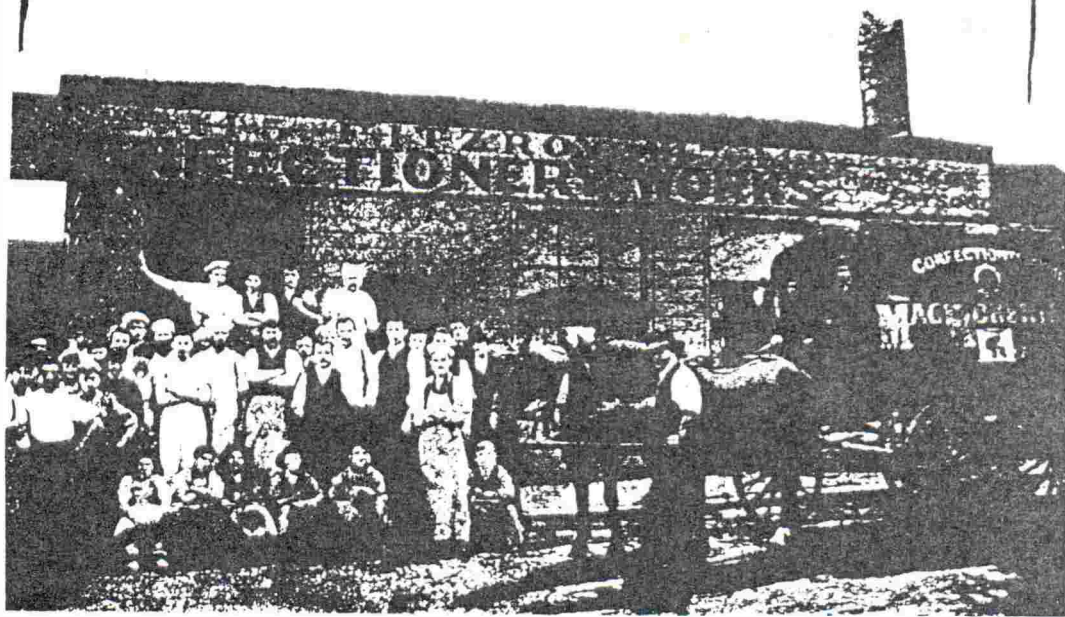


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Fees 96/97 : Membership Single \$16; Family \$22
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There is a research fee of \$10 plus SAE for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, 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.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

Lori and helpers (and I won't mention names just in case I miss some) worked very hard in Mid-December to move the Library to the meeting room and to finalise the yearly stock-take. Congratulations to you all on a job well done.

Three books are missing from our collection. Please check your cupboards, your cars etc. to see if you have these titles:

Heyfield 1841-1891
Genealogical Research Directory
Military records and how to find them

Also a newsletter

Origins (Cairns group)

AIGS GUIDES

Florence reported at the last meeting that the AIGS is publishing a series of locality guides to their collection. Available so far are guides to Germany, England and a number of English counties. Contact the AIGS at PO BOX 339 Blackburn, 3130

HELP WANTED

Woodas, Mary Edith, bap. 4 March 1894, married Thomas **MASKREY** on 10 May 1911 (both events at Hullard). Mary and Thomas had three children: John Mary and Thomas. Thomas and Mary emigrated to Traralgon, Victoria in 1927. John was the first mayor of the Borough of Traralgon. Parents of Mary were John Woodhouse (1858-1930) and Jimina Mary Smith (18xx-1921). [Research Officer has sent copies of the death notices of Thomas and Mary, and copies of the Death Registration index; letters were sent direct by enquirer to family] John Dixon, 3 Martin Close Offerton, Stockport, Cheshire, England SK2 5UH

LAWRENCE, Nelson Orlando. born New York 1831. Married Tarraville Catholic Church in 1857 to Mary Ann **Kilcoyne** (born County Mayo, Ireland) who came over on the ship Medway from England. I have been unable to locate Nelson's shipping records. [research officer has located a little bit of information about the Ship and Mary's employment before marriage - enquiry forwarded to Port Albert Maritime Museum]. Sue Lane, 141 North Rd, Brighton.

MITCHELL, William. I'm interested in my stepfather's early life and family in Gippsland. William's father, also William Mitchell was a packer into the goldfields. William was born in Walhalla on July 29, 1875. Mother Mary O'brien, who died in childbirth. William was an avid sportsman, attending Scots College (records not available). He emigrated to the US in the early 1900s. [Research Officer has failed to find the Birth and Death entry noted by Enquirer].
Maryle White, 107 Littlefield Pd, Monteray, Canada 93940.

OCCUPATIONS

Clay pipe maker -

Clogmaker - Makers of clog like shoes, often wooden, which were most ideally suited to working in wet and soggy conditions. Farmers customarily supplied their servants with clogs in the 18th century.

Cobbler - a repairer of shoes.

Cooper - a barrel maker.

Cordwainer - another name for a shoemaker.

Cotton mixer - a worker in the spinning and weaving mills.

Coupler - a wandering priest - Travelled from village to village marrying couples.

Customs officer - Worked from the customs house, ensuring that what came and went from his area was strictly legit.

Dog walloper - In the days when drapers displayed their bolts of fabric under the verandah of their shop, a common problem was caused by dogs cocking their legs on the material, rendering it fairly unappealing to the discerning buyer. A dog walloper (usually a young lad), was employed to keep watch and deter the dogs by whatever means was best.. and by the name, it appears that walloping was as good a means as any.

Domestic servant

-**footman** - the highest ranking of the lower servants. Originally his job was to run alongside the carriage or to walk out with his master or mistress, carrying packages or a lantern, and to deter any potential attackers.

- **foot boy, page boy or yard boy** - usually a young boy, often no more than 8 or 9 years of age, who was expected to perform a variety of tasks such as cleaning, fetching and carrying.

- **housemaid** - it was her job to clean the house. The job could be divided up into chamber-maids and parlour-maids, or into upper and lower housemaids, with the more senior ones having lighter tasks.

-**laundry maid** - employed only in the homes of the richest families.

-**nursemaid** - often young girls, who were little more than child minders.

-**cook** - a position of responsibility in the household. Responsible for the preparation of meals for the family and guests.

-**kitchen maid** - helped the cook. She may combine this with housemaids duties, in which case she was known as a between maid, or a "tweenie". usually the first one up in the morning, to light the kitchen fire, wake the upper servants, and take cook a cup of tea. She helped keep the kitchen and utensils clean, prepared vegetables and made simple dishes. She was actually learning her trade, and could rise to become a cook.

OCCUPATIONS

-scullery maid - the lowest ranked female servant, and usually quite young. She did all the drudgery in the kitchen: scrubbing pots and pans, cleaning the floor and table tops, and polishing the stove. In houses where there was no scullery maid, this work was done by the kitchen maid.

-lady's maid- helped the lady of the household in her ablutions, and ensured that her clothing was ready for wear. Helped her to dress and ready herself for the day.

-valet - as above, but for the man of the house.

-butler - saw to the running of the house. He was responsible for ensuring that lower members of staff performed their duties.

-Livery servants. Includes such servants as footmen and coachmen and were expected to wear livery that went with the position. The liveries were provided by the employer.

Drover - Responsible for taking cattle to and from farms as required, and to the markets in other parts of the county for sale.

Farrier - often hand in hand with the smithy, the job of the farrier was to shoe horses, and with horses being involved in almost every part of transport and work power, their job was a constant one.

Fellmonger - a dealer in hides and skins

Fisherman

Fletcher - a maker of arrows - particularly putting the feather to the arrow.

Frame tenter - a worker in the spinning mills.

Frame-work knitter

Fuller and tucker - an occupation associated with the weaving industry. The process of fulling and tucking consists of the closing together of the threads of woven woollen fabric with the assistance of soap or acid liquor. This makes the cloth thicker. So a fuller and tucker would be the person who operated the machine which performed this task.

Furner - a baker.

Glover - a maker and seller of gloves.

Governess - Took on the job of fully educating the children of a family - including general deportment, social graces, moral outlook, etc. Many times she had full charge of the children, and was required to care for an ailing child while continuing the lessons for the others. It seems that the parental responsibility was almost entirely devolved.

High Toby - a highwayman who rode a horse.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES
[from the Traralgon Record June 9th, 1914]
A GLIMPSES OF OLD TRARALGON

[From the Traralgon Record Jun 9th, 1914]

Amongst the earliest residents of Traralgon who are now with us is Mr H.J. Mapleson, and he has a good recollection of the picture which the township presented just 40 years ago. Mr Mapleson left Braybrook with his brother Joe, on an exploratory visit, in December 1873. With their horses and swags, they made a circuit through Rosedale, Sale, Bundalaguah, Maffra and Heyfield, back to Rosedale, as that was the only point at which the river could be crossed. Traralgon impressed them as being the most likely place of the future, for the railway was being surveyed, and the selectors were flocking in and taking up the land, which was regarded as exceptional quality for general farm purposes.

The brothers returned to Braybrook after 11 days absence, settled up their affairs, and well-equipped two-horse dray, started off on their migration to the land of promise. The first night's camp was at Malvern, under the fence of a house which they found was occupied by Mr and Mrs J. N. Birkley, now of Flynn Creek. Mr Birkley was then away with his brother in the Wimmera looking for land, with the understanding that if they did not find anything suitable there they would turn their attention to Gippsland...

Pursing their journey, Messrs Maplesons' traversed the Melbourne to Sale road by easy stages, camping successfully at Dandenong, Pakenham, Cannibal Creek (now Garfield), through the present districts of Drouin and Warragul (which were then non-existent), over Whiskey and Brandy Creeks (said to be associated with the sly grog trade), and through the decaded "Glue Pot" (so called from the sticky density of its swamp). They next halted at Shady Creek, where a shanty stood at the turnoff to the Tanjil, kept by Mr Peterson, who subsequently came to Traralgon and took over the Rubicon Hotel from Mr Perkins.

Passing the Westbury pub, kept by Mr Henry Miller, they camped at Narracan Creek, thence over the Haunted Hills to Mr Joe Smith's at Morwell Ridge. The road throughout was a mere rough track out through the bush, the worst point being in the Brandy Creek locality, where the scrub hemmed in the road with such high walls that only the sky could be seen.

The weather was warm and favourable, and on the bright afternoon of the ninth day out the Messrs Mapleson reached Traralgon. The dip down what is now known as McLean's Hill was steep, and the travellers landed in a very soft spot in the then undrained swamp abutting the Gas Works.

The first house to be seen was the police camp, facing the hotel on the opposite side of the road, then kept by Mr Hazell. Adjoining was a little wooden building occupied by Mr Chas. Denis, in which he kept a small stock of stores, and acted as registrar of births and deaths. Mr Denis was an old soldier, and lost one eye at the battle of Tukerman, on November 9th. 1853. Following on was a wattle and daub hut near the present site of the star hotel, built by Mr Peter McColl, who at this time had left, and was the first selector on the Creek, the land he took up being now owned by Mr Allan Walker. This vacant hut was directly afterwards occupied by Mr Henry Breed, whom Messrs Mapleson had left on the road. Mr Breed's only neighbour was the old Post Office, now occupied by Mr Woodward. Another place had existed on the opposite side of the road, where Mr Jas. Stevens'

house now stands; it was owned by Mr Windsor, but at this time the family had removed their home to the east side of the creek.

The low land on the north side of the road was then a swamp under water, frequented by wild fowls, and in which the ostler of Haxell's Hotel (Wm. Kellet), use to wade the coach horses to divest them of their coating of mud.

These were all the dwellings then to be seen on the western side of the creek - no streets, a few willows around, the police paddock and the unbroken bush everywhere. The Melbourne Road had been temporarily diverted by the original bridge at the foot of Breen's garden, being supplanted by another which crossed to the creek at a sharp angle near Mrs G. Wait's house and garden. Following this route the first house reached was Whalley's, situated where Mr Cone now lives, and at the rear of this was a small hut owned by Harry Smith, who was said to have acted as a land dummy for the then constable. There was one other little bark hut, occupied by Charlie Smith (alias "Yorkey," no relative of Harry, however; this was situated on a block behind Mrs Corcoran's property, and on the same line (about Munro Street) was another small house tenanted by Windsor and Sam Bradley. These were the sum total of the dwellings on the north side of the Rosedale road

On the right hand side were only the following:- At the corner now facing the Long Bridge stood the home of Mr and Mrs Alexander Dodd, and their son William. Next to it was a nondescript kind of shanty building, composed of slab wattle and daub, belonging to Mr James Flinn, erected where Mr. W. Long's place now is. A portion of this was taken by Mr Mapleson and his brother as a shoemakers shop, but they had to remove in consequence of a dispute as to ownership. It transpired that the land belonged to Miss McRae, and Mr Flinn being, by some error in wrongful possession, the removal of the building was insisted upon. Mr Mapleson assisted to shift the place onto an adjoining site belonging to Mr Flinn (now owned by Mr Janetzki), but soon

afterwards, the Messrs Mapleson secured for themselves the corner plot where Mr Hales' residence now stands, and built a house and shop there. Mr Mapleson took up the allotment on what was then called a "business licence" (somewhat similar in principle to a miners' right). The fee was £2 10s. but when the land was afterwards surveyed and put up for auction Mr Joe Mapleson purchased it at the upset of £8 10s. and the improvements. This was the last house on the Rosedale road, and the only others then in being were the school teacher's residence on the site of the old school. It may be stated here inferentially that when Mr Mattingley came to take up his duties there were no quarters for him, so he had to divide the school for living purposes by hanging a carpet across, and thus making two rooms. As neighbours, he had Mr Sam Newman, who resided on the creek where Mr Sellen's now lives; and further on Charles Welch had a place about the spot afterwards built on Mr Wallace, and now owned by Mr Maxfield, snr.

Such was Traralgon as Mr Mapleson found it 40 years since; picture in the mind's eye what it was then and what it is today, and the contrast comes home with striking force. All told there were but 14 dwellings - rude and rough they were, though the best the times could provide. The whole mile square of the township in fact contained but 16 men, and upon the struggles, toils and enterprise of these sturdy adventurous pioneers, and the few who preceded them is based the flourishing of today. All honour to them as members of the "legion that now was told," whose trials of the flesh and fortune are today being faintly conceived and too little honoured.

MORWELL OPEN CUT HISTORY

Our Society has received a donation from the Hazelwood Power Corporation : A history of the Morwell Open Cut: its development and origins to June 1995 by J. A. Vines. (Morwell: Generation Victoria, 1996. While it is a technical history of the open cut, this substantial book includes much of interest to family historians.

It includes many photographs of mine personnel, with details of each photograph listed in the fairly comprehensive contents pages ; there is a list of long-service employees - that is, workers with 30 or more years of service; of particular note is a 1950s aerial photograph of the open Cut area, detailing the names of landowners and their holdings.

A few years ago, the then SECV published Pioneers in Power: Yallourn Power Station, a history 1919 to 1989 by Colin Harvey. (Morwell: SECV, 1993.) This book includes the most comprehensive published list (to date) of Yallourn Power Station employees. While primarily a technical history, this book provides a fascinating insight into the social history of the embryonic town of Yallourn.

While on the subject of industrial histories, Traralgon historian and long serving APM employee John Davidson compiled Australian Paper Manufacturers Maryvale Mill 1937-1987. This collection of articles from newspapers and newsletters traces the history and development of the Maryvale over its first fifty years of operation. The book includes alot of information about Maryvale staff

PERFECT REMEDY FOR A SICK HEADACHE

Saturday, Nov 28, 1818, Hobart Town Gazette & Southern Reporter [reprinted in the Genealogist, Mar 1995] : 'To remove the attack of a sick headache, a correspondent in one of the monthly journals recommends the patient to take "a tablespoon of magnesia & a half teaspoonful of ginger mixed with a lump of sugar, in a tumbler three parts full of water , with the chill off; to sit for an hour with his feet in water agreeably warm ; and to apply a napkin wrung out of cold water to his head or forehead, which ever appears the most affected.'

WILLIAM DUKE

Next-of-kin wanted - WILLIAM DUKE. Deceased - The next-of-kin of William Duke, late of Port Adelaide in the province of South Australia, Galvinised Iron-worker, Deceased, are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

It is believed that the said William Duke was apprenticed to Messrs. Davis & Lee, Braziers and Coppersmiths, Freeman Street, Birmingham, Warwickshire, and left Birmingham for Australia about 35 years ago. His father was a packer in a warehouse, and Deceased had two brothers, named respectively Joseph Duke and David Duke, also two sisters. Dated this 9th Day of June, 1885

James and James, Solicitors, 32 Eklyn Place, London, EC; Agents for Dempster, Webb and Dempster, Solicitors, Port Adelaide. [Birmingham Daily Gazette, June 12th, 1885. reprinted in the Genealogist, March 1992]

LIFE EXPECTANCIES IN EARLY VICTORIA

[extracted from Grim Realities by Phillip E. Brotchie, The Genealogist March 1992 and Causes of Death, Australia, 1995]

Life expectancy

In the 1850s, life expectancy at birth in Australia was below 50 years.

By the 1870s, men averaged 49.15 years, women 52.35.

In 1994, men had an average life expectancy of 75.0 years, women 80.9 years. {Indigenous populations have a life expectancy of between 15-20 years less}

Infant mortality rates

Infant deaths in the 1850s averaged 140 deaths per 1,000 live births in Australia

By 1863 Victoria had 118.97 deaths per 1,000 live births

Australia has seen a steady decline in infant mortality rates this century, from 96.91 between 1901-1905, 20.49 in 1958, to 5.7 in 1995. [Australian Encyclopedia, 1963 & ABS Causes of Death, 1995.

In the 19th Century, the primary killers of babies were infantile cholera, inflammatory diarrhoea, convulsions and infantile atrophy or marasmus. Other causes, which killed adults as well, were typhoid, tuberculosis, diphtheria, pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza, scarlet fever, whooping cough, measles, small pox and accidents.

In 1874, Victoria made it compulsory to vaccinate children against smallpox within 6 months of birth. However, it was not uncommon (and useful for family historians) for people to be fined for failing to have their children vaccinated :

In the Traralgon court in 1875, some of the areas leading citizens were fined for non-vaccination of their children - John McMillan of Hazelwood, J. O'Hara, Edward S. White of Tyers Station, Charles Taylor of the Bush Inn, and Samuel Vary. [Cuthill's History of Traralgon, Crown Law Dept pp 4-5]

Despite these prosecutions, the disease continued to ravage Australia through the 1880s and 1890s, with epidemics in Victoria in 1882 and 1884-85. The Shire of Traralgon introduced quarantine regulations in August 1884 to counter an outbreak.

Average family sizes.

Married women born in Australia between 1841-1846 had an average of 6.8 birth during their lifetime ; 5.7 births between 1856-1861; in the 1950s, this figure was 2.4. In 1995, the average family size was 3.1 people {ABS Social Trends 1996}.

APPENDIX H.

List of Teachers under the Education Department, with their Literary Qualifications, and the Schools in which they are employed.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING LIST:—L, Licence to Teach; C, Certificate of Competency; 1 Cl., 1st Class Second Class, Second Year Training; 2 Cl., 1st Cl., 2nd Class, First Year Training; 1 Cl., 1st Cl., 2nd Class, Second Year Training; 1 Cl., 1st Cl., 2nd Class, First Year Training; 1 Tr., Third Class Teacher; 2 Tr., Second Class Teacher; 3 Tr., 1st Class Teacher; 4 Hon., Second Class Honours; 5 Hon., First Class Honours; T.T.C., Trained Teacher's Certificate.

School No.	Name.	Literary Qualification.	Position.	Where Employed.		Date of Appointment.
				Roll No.	Name of School.	
51	Ab bott, Sarah	L	Asst.	1743	Warrnambool	1 Aug.
11244	Abercrombie, Agnes	2 Cl.	P.T.	1856	Burdley	4 June,
52	Abercrombie, Andrew Thom-son	C	Asst.	2160	St. Kilda, Fitzroy-street	1 Jan.
4701	Abercrombie, Ralph	C	H.T.	759	Kingston...	1 Jan.
11026	Abraham, Joseph Edmund...	2 Cl.	P.T.	1918	Mount Egerton	1 June,
11830	Adams, Alfred Ernest	L pendg. C.	H.T.	282	Patrah	3 May,
6943	Adams, Charlotte Augusta...	L	H.T.	2821	Alhambra South	22 Feb.
9108	Adams, John	L pendg. C.	H.T.	1811-1546	Barenwood and Barenwood South	10 Sept.
5230	Adams, Thomas William	T.T.C.	Asst.	2345	Carlton, Queensberry-street	5 Nov.
10773	Adamson, Isabella Mary	1 Cl.	P.T.	2614	Arncliffe	8 Sept.
11214	Adamthwaite, Annie Emma	T.T.C.	H.T.	490	Kangajella South...	5 March
7222	Adcock, George Henry	4 C.	Asst.	260	Geelong	1 Nov.
3251	Adcock, Ruth Amy		S.M.	324	Highton	1 July,
9969	Adkins, Ellen	L pendg. C.	Asst.	2386	Malvern, Torrington-road	20 Oct.
10433	Affleck, Albert James	L	H.T.	2794-2439	Bulwerwood and Upper Boggy Creek	14 April,
11051	Agnew, Ellen	2 Cl.	P.T.	1493	Golden Point, Ballarat	10 Aug.
3831	Ahern, Catherine, Mrs.		S.M.	244	Emuconger	1 Oct.
59	Ahern, Daniel James	L	H.T.	244	Emuconger	31 July,
12061	Ainscough, Aaron...	L	H.T.	1537	Cundarc North	22 Nov.
8589	Ainsworth, Christina, Mrs.	L	H.T.	2576	Terrapet South	7 June,
6052	Ainsworth, Lydia	C	Asst.	545	Sale	11 Sept.
9252	Ainsworth, Mary Gray	L	S.M.	1477	Epping	5 April,
4675	Aiton, Jane Purvis	L	Asst.	955	Mirfield	10 Jan.
7987	Aiberd, Ellen	L pendg. C.	H.T.	1858	Kewell West	18 Sept.
9729	Alexander, Ebenezer	C	H.T.		Nona-wading	14 May,
5379	Allan, Alexander	C	H.T.	469	Nona-wading	1 July,
2442	Allardice, Jane	2 Cl.	Asst.	1052	Inglewood	13 March
10905	Allen, Clara	3 Cl.	P.T.	2167	Epsom	17 Jan.
11655	Allen, Edith Lillie	3 Cl.	P.T.	129	Campbell's Creek	17 April,
11079	Allen, Edward Ernest	1 Cl.	P.T.	2051	Castlemeane North	4 Aug.
4434	Allen, Edwin	C	H.T.	2167	Epsom	8 July,
9683	Allen, Frederick Samuel	C	H.T.	1910-2617	Darkebonee and Mooler	24 Nov.
4913	Allen, George	L	H.T.	2812	Yellangip	1 Jan.
1189	Allen, Isabella Catherine		S.M.	1047	Gobur	24 Sept.
3217	Allen, Martha Jane, Mrs.	L	S.M.	1587	Epsom	14 Nov.
1182	Allen, Mary Jane		S.M.	1520	Heathcote South	21 Jan.
2903	Allen, Minnie		S.M.	722	Ilbarook	6 Sept.
6376	Allen, William Henry	C	H.T.	1520	Heathcote South	5 Oct.
9791	Alkinson, Frederick William	C	H.T.	1264	Havelock	3 April,
6662	Allison, Alexander	C	H.T.	523	Kaglan	29 April,
9114	Allison, Walter	L	H.T.	1726	Kamrarook-road	27 May,
12164	Almond, William Thomas	4 Cl.	P.T.	1058	Doon	5 Aug.
3160	Alroe, Clara Jensine	C	Asst.	1229	Medan, Ballarat	22 Aug.
10776	Alston, Mary Kate	1 Cl.	Trainee	1743	Warrnambool	20 Feb.
11666	Amess, Mary Jane	4 Cl.	S.M.	307	North Melbourne	30 Aug.
1170	Amiet, Ellen, Mrs.		S.M.	969	Mangalore	18 Oct.
6482	Amiet, Louis Abram	T.T.C.	H.T.	969	Mangalore	18 Feb.
3349	Anderson, Emma, Mrs.	L	H.T.	1685	Braunje	8 April,
10694	Anderson, Flora	3 Cl.	P.T.	618	Koroit	16 May,
7447	Anderson, Grace Fairbairn...	L pendg. C.	Asst.	31	Ballarat, Dana-street	25 Feb.
3361	Anderson, Henrietta Sarah...	L	Asst.	707	Launcefield	9 July,
10921	Anderson, Isabella	4 Cl.	P.T.	208	Echuca	18 Jan.
9376	Anderson, Isabella Augusta	4 Cl.	P.T.	1824	Merung	11 Sept.
9519	Anderson, James Thomas	C	H.T.	2251-2736	Poowong East and Mountain View	1 Jan.
3683	Anderson, James William	C	H.T.	1172	Foster	26 June,
3191	Anderson, Mary		S.M.	1	Allasford	21 Feb.
6547	Anderson, Mary	L	H.T.	1668	South Western	20 Feb.
1397	Anderson, Rebecca, Mrs.		S.M.	1916	Port Campbell West	1 Oct.
11061	Anderson, Robert	4 Cl.	P.T.	649	Werrilee	17 April,
10532	Anderson, Resanna	1 Cl.	P.T.	293	Hawthorn	2 Sept.
9465	Anderson, William Charles	L pendg. C.	H.T.	2282	Tawonga and Mullindooling	7 July,

A rich family commissioned a well-known author to write its history, but pointed out that he should soft pedal the fact that one uncle's life of crime had ended with the death sentence in the electric chair

The author was told : "Don's say it straight out. Skirt around it abit."

This is what he wrote : "Uncle William occupied a chair of applied electronics in one of the government's leading institutions. He was held to the post by the closest of ties and his death came as a real shock."

EDUCATION Department's record of World War Service (1921). This book details the war service record and schools of Victorian education department employees who served in World War I. It includes biographies and photographs of those killed. The book records the details of 721 people, including 2 women and 1 VC winner If anyone is interested in seeing the book, contact Eddie Tunn.

The latest issue of Index to Extra Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates (no. 15) compiled by Dawn Cowley has just been published. It costs \$5 (including postage) and is available from Dawn at 27 Shananan Parade Newborough, 3825.

FROM THE NET : VicGold. The National Heritage Foundation's VicGold database contains information about 638, 000 people and families extracted from the the Victorian Registrar's BDM certificates, and early Church records for families who emigrated to Victoria. It describes persons who were married or who had at least one child prior to 1860. The database is so named because it covers Victoria's gold rush era. <http://www.ke.com.au:80/ke/demo.html>.

The Public Records office has now got the index to Passengers arriving in Victoria on ships which embarked from Foreign Ports, 1852-1859 on the Internet. The address for the PRO home page is <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~provic/>

BEGINNER'S Talks at the GSV- 3rd Wednesday of every month, commencing at 12 noon. No need to book This is an informal meeting for those just starting, as well for those coming back from a break. Among other things, these talks try to make newcomers aware of the *tricks* and the *traps* of family history.

MID-GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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