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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear of the Moe Library, Kirk St, Moe. Our Library will open at 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approxiamately 7:30pm.

Fees 96/97: Membership Single \$16 ; Family \$22  
Library \$2:00 per visit for non-members

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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".

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## POEM ON STARTING

I started out calmly tracing my tree,  
to find if I could, the making of me,  
and all that I had was a great grandfather's name,  
not knowing his wife or from whence he came.  
I chased him across a long line of states  
and came up with pages and pages of dates.  
When all put together, it made me forlorn,  
I proved that poor grandpa had never been born.  
One day I was sure the truth I had found.  
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down.  
I looked up the record of one uncle John,  
but then found the old man was younger than his son.  
Then when my hopes were fast growing dim,  
I came across records that must have been him.  
The facts I collected made me quite sad.  
Dear old grandfather was never a dad.  
I think maybe someone is pulling my leg.  
I'm not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg.  
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree,  
I can't help wonder if I'm really me.

-Anonymous

Quoted from The Family Tree News from The Ellen Payne Odom  
Genealogy Library, Moultrie, GA, published free bi-monthly, August 1992.

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**STATUES** : Do you know the significance of horse and rider

If all four legs are on the ground, the rider did heroic things during his lifetime.

If one front leg of the horse on the statue is raised, the rider died of wounds or old age.

If two front legs of the horse are raised, as in the rearing position, the rider died on the battlefield

**NICKNAMES** : INGHAM from FR, trickery so engaged in sharp practices ;  
TRIGG - trustworthy ; BASSETT - shorty ; BLUNDELL - blonde or fairbeaded  
LARTER - deceive ; TOOGOOD - probably ironic ; FURFY/FURPHY - complete  
or perfect ; GOOCH - redheaded/red faced ; SPILLER - a waster or jester

**TELEPHONE BOOKS**: Ancestor had a useful article on their availability in Melbourne in Vol. 21, no 8. with an update in vol. 22, no. 1. Locally, our Society has many of the Country Victoria issues for 1940; the LDS Church in Traralgon has the CD for 1994; Morwell Public Library has most 051 books from 1973 to 1996; and the current directories are on the Internet.

## EXPLORE THE WWW

The WWW addresses listed below have been provided courtesy of Sally Shine and Pam Pratt. If you find interested addresses when searching the Internet, please let your editor know for inclusion in the newsletter.

### Addresses with useful links to other sites :

Cyndi's list of sites on the Internet:	<a href="http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm">http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm</a>
Genealogy Online	<a href="http://genealogy.emcee.com">http://genealogy.emcee.com</a>
Genealogy Homepage	<a href="http://www.genhomepage.com/">http://www.genhomepage.com/</a>
Genealogy UK	<a href="http://midas.ac.uk/genuki">http://midas.ac.uk/genuki</a>
Aust. Family History Compendium	<a href="http://www.cohsoft.com.au/afhc">http://www.cohsoft.com.au/afhc</a>
Aust Gen. Related Libraries	<a href="http://www.pcug.org.au/~mpahlow/library.html">http://www.pcug.org.au/~mpahlow/library.html</a>

### Society/County/Country WWW Addresses

GUM : Genealogists using Microcomputers	<a href="http://www.vicgum.asn.au">http://www.vicgum.asn.au</a>
Cornwall: This site allow downloading of some interesting indexes	<a href="http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk/welcome.htm">http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk/welcome.htm</a>
Northumberland & Durham	<a href="http://www.swinhope.demon.co.uk/genuki/NBL">http://www.swinhope.demon.co.uk/genuki/NBL</a>
Suffolk	<a href="http://midas.ac.genuki/big/eng/SFK">http://midas.ac.genuki/big/eng/SFK</a>
Scotland	<a href="http://dornach.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/genuki/scot.html">http://dornach.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/genuki/scot.html</a>

### CONVICT INDEXES

Cornish	<a href="http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk/welcome.htm">http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk/welcome.htm</a>
Irish	<a href="http://www.kst.dit.ie/nat-arch/search0.1.html">http://www.kst.dit.ie/nat-arch/search0.1.html</a>
Lincolnshire	<a href="http://www.demon.co.uk/lincs-archives/convicts.ht">http://www.demon.co.uk/lincs-archives/convicts.ht</a>

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Ancestry Search is pleased to make the following databases available FREE to our visitors. Select a database to search for FREE!

Social Security Death Index : Gives vital information for 51 million Americans  
American Marriage Records. Lists nearly 75,000 American marriages before 1800.  
Geographic Reference Library: Identifies current and/or past names for every place in America.

Early American Immigration Library: Names nearly 1,000 who immigrated before 1674.

American Biographical Library : A sample of the full CD ROM version, the ABL database offers biographies of nearly 2,000 prominent Americans born before 1880.

Chronology of American History: A list of more than 5,000 events in American history.

Worldwide Genealogy Message Archive: Includes nearly 200,000 recent e-mail messages from other online genealogists in two databases:

\*GENNAM-L Mailing List Surname searching list.

\* ROOTS-L Mailing List General genealogy discussion list.

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## Irish settlers near Gunning in NSW

I have assembled a list from local cemeteries of people of Irish origin who settled near Gunning NSW.

<http://www.pcug.org.au/~gchallin/cemeteries/top.htm>

Cemeteries in and around Gunning Shire, New South Wales

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The author has visited and catalogued the graves and memorials at the following cemeteries in and around the Shire of Gunning:

- The three Cemeteries at Gundaroo •Gundaroo Village •The Catholic Cemetery •St Luke's Church, Upper Gundaroo •Breadalbane - Gurrundah Road •Bungendore Cemetery •Collector - Uniting Church Cemetery
  - Collector - Anglican and Catholic Cemetery •Dalton Cemetery
  - Greendale Cemetery • Gunning - General Cemetery (Old Section)
  - Gunning - Catholic Cemetery • Mutmutbilly Catholic Church
  - Murrumbateman Cemetery •Yass River Road near Gundaroo
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PARCELS TO JACK

[submitted by Alma Glover]

During World War II, 8,622 Australian servicemen were captured by the Germans or Italians. "The prisoners of Germany and Italy suffered varying degrees of hardship. Rations were sometimes down to about 1200 calories a week; generally, however, a high calorific intake was maintained, and this was supplemented by Red Cross parcels and some vegetable-growing."

John George Strietberg was held by the Germans in Stalag XVIII A for most of the war. While in prison, John received parcels from his family in Gippsland. The earliest parcel was recorded as being sent in February 1942. It was received in May that year. His mother kept a list of the contents of each parcel as it was sent, and noted on the list when Jack received the parcel. The next few pages are photocopies of those lists.

Vorname: John  
 Nachname: Strietberg  
 Gefangenennummer: 4007-10084 G.W.  
 Lagerbezeichnung: Stalag XVIII A  
 I. Kurzschrift

Grey Blanket Grey shirt 2 pr socks. Tooth brush  
 2 card buttons needles. red thread. Tooth Polish  
 4 Pkts razor blades. 4 Pkts P.K's. 2 pencils comb.  
 Tooth brush tooth paste nuggett shaving soap  
 2 Frankier razor. 1 pair tan boots size 8 6 pr  
~~1 pair socks~~ laces  
 Glove choice socks 2 shirts 2 trousers  
 razor blades shaving soap tooth paste tooth brush  
 mittens. soap

Parcel.  
August 1942.

2 pair slippers - 1 p soap. 2 pr socks  
1 pullover 1 Gibb's soap 1 kit bag. 1 tooth brush  
1 pr overalls 1 flannel. 6 spearmint  
1 pkt razor blades. Kaldall.

Received Mar 3.

Received July 1943

Parcel 2<sup>nd</sup> 1942

2 long sleeved flannel shirts. 1 sock case  
1 pair mittens 2 pair socks 3 blocks of soap  
1 pr leather heels + soles 1 Pk. dex soap - nail brush  
1 cake lifebuoy Gibb's refill. 1 pkt socks 1 boot protector  
1 pkt razor blades 1 tooth brush 1 or 1/2 mai

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1943. Received Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 1947

3 pkts razor blades face washer 2 doz Buttons  
1 thread nail brush 1 Chalk (tooth) 1 Boot polish  
1 Lifebuoy Protec soap. pencil Laces. 1 Gills  
1 Shaving Soap. 1 tooth brush. 1 fill by R. Cross  
1 velvet soap.

Sent 9<sup>th</sup> May 1944

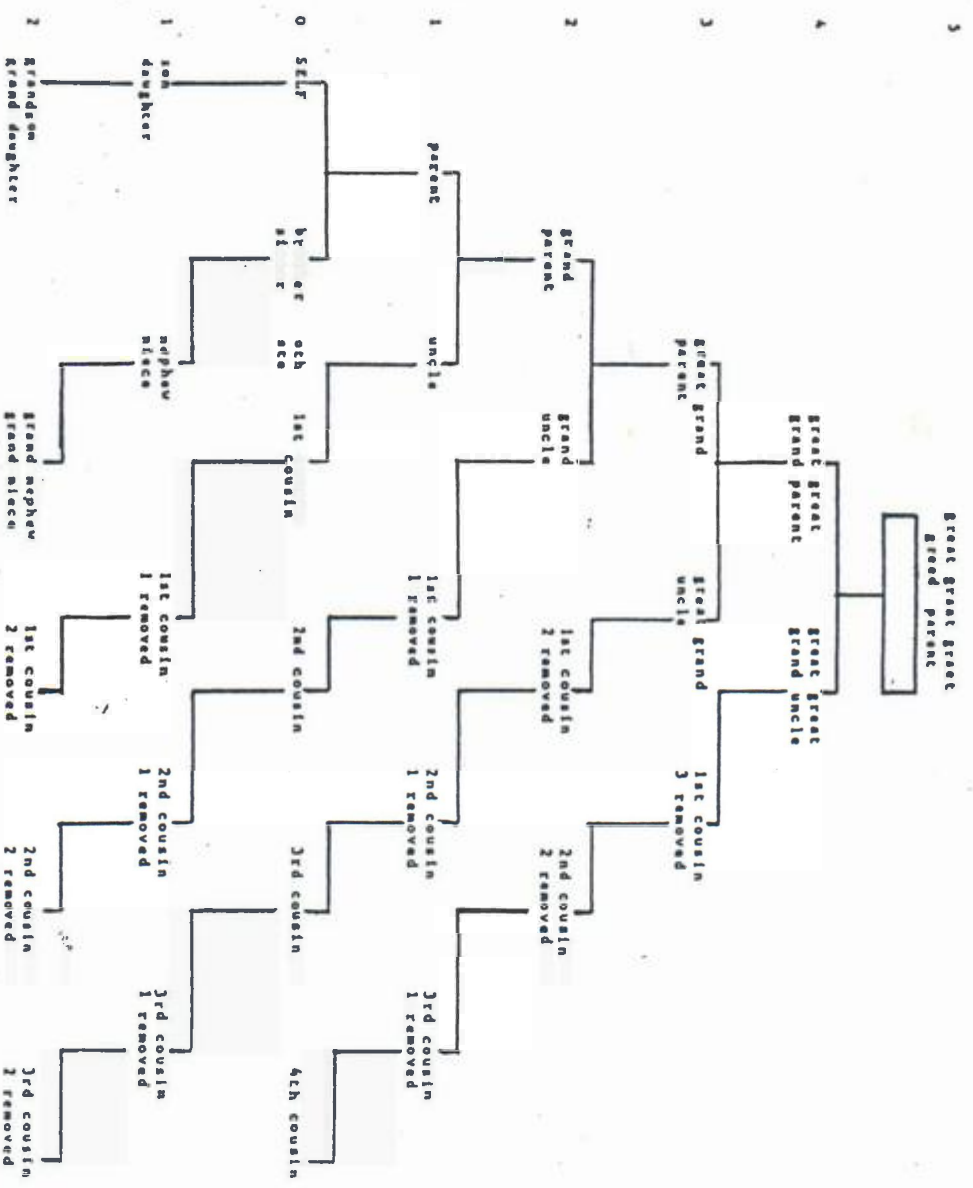
3 cotton singlets 3 cotton short underpants  
1 tea towel 2 pair socks 1 jaron strap  
1 tooth paste, boot polish, pencil,  
tooth brush, 3 phts razor blades,  
shaving soap, tape, thread,  
cake velvet soap, pair boots,  
3 pair laces, (Military had  
included by Red Cross)

10<sup>th</sup> August:

1 tea towel, black boot polish  
shaving stick, tooth brush  
slippers, comb, 2 phts blades pencil  
towel, 1 pair woollen underpants  
1 woollen singlet, 1 shirt, pair  
overalls, pair socks, 1 pair braces  
1 pair ~~woollen~~ military trousers.



# WHO IS MY SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED ?



## WHAT'S ON

- 8th May 97                    An introduction to the records most commonly used for Family history research. 10:30am-12noon. Australian Archives and Public Records Office Reading Room, 2nd Floor, Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.
- 10th May 97                    AIGS Computer workshop 10am-4pm - Getting started in Computer Genealogy. \$40 Places limited. Contact Sandra Marshall AIGS 03 9877 3789
- 21st May 97                    AIGS Family Search on CD-ROM. Training classes to assist first time users. Contact Sandra Marshall AIGS 03 9877 3789
- 24th May 97                    **Heyfield Family History Group open day**  
Guest speakers Keith Borthwick Solicitor on land titles  
    Ross Jackson on Military History  
INTERNET access - 2 computers on-line  
demo family History programmes & scanner  
commencing 10:30am. Cost \$5, BYO lunch  
**RESOURCE CENTRE, George St. HEYFIELD**
- 29th May 97                    Indexes and Registers: The Neglected Records. Most records, particularly 19th Century correspondence that is central to historical research are easy to retrieve if you know how. At this session, you will find out how these records work, and have the opportunity to use them yourself.  
10:30am-12noon. Australian Archives and Public Records Office Reading Room, 2nd Floor, Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.
- 22nd Aug -21 Sep 97        Eureka : The first Australian Republic Gippsland Art Gallery at **Sale**
- 3rd Oct -23 Nov 97         Eureka : The first Australian Republic **Ballarat**
- 24-26th Oct 97                NSW Association of Family History Societies in Newcastle  
**Highlights:** War Memorials in France & Belgium,  
Genetics in Family History,  
Celtic Studies,  
Hunter Photobank (over 70,000 photos)  
contact **Cathy on 1800 654 558**

**SATURDAY OPENING AT LAVERTON :** Last Saturday in the Month (excl Jan & Dec)

**PRO CITY SEARCH ROOM** 2nd Floor, Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.

**Opening Hours :** Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am-4:30pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm



Keyfield Family History Group

*Open Day*

Sat. 24 MAY 1997

COMMENCING 10:30 AM. at the  
Resource Centre, George Street,  
Heyfield

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Keith Borthwick Solicitor, Land Titles  
Ross Jackson Military History

ENTRY FEE \$5

BYO lunch, tea & coffee supplied. Afternoon tea provided.

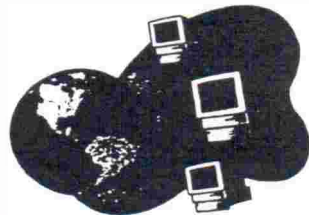
**INTERNET SPECIAL**

*Featuring*

2 Computers hooked up  
to the Internet. Not to be  
missed if you have ever  
wondered how it works.

*Also*

Demo Family History  
Programs  
& scanner to see.



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## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

	\$ (+ postage)
<b>BOOKS</b> (postage cost on application)	
<i>Hazelwood</i> Cemetery Transcriptions (2 vol)	30 (set)
<i>Gippsland Cremetorium</i> Transcriptions	15
Gippsland Cremetorium Register	15
<i>Traralgon</i> Transcriptions (2 vol)	40 (set)
<i>Walhalla</i> Transcriptions	15
<i>Toongabbie</i> Register & Transcriptions	20
<i>Trafalgar</i> Register & Transcriptions	20
<i>Willow Grove</i> Register & Transcriptions	15
<i>Childers</i> Register & Transcriptions	5

### M/FICHE (postage included) \$

<i>Traralgon</i> Transcriptions (6)	25
<i>Toongabbie</i> Register & Transcriptions (2)	7
<i>Trafalgar</i> Register & Transcriptions (2)	7
<i>Willow Grove</i> Register & Transcriptions (1)	5
<i>Childers</i> Register & Transcriptions (1)	4

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