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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.

Well I've taken on the job of coming up with an issue of 'On TRACK' every couple of months. You will have to bear with me while I get myself on track and also get re-acquainted with the computer. I'll probably be asking lots of questions of those of you who I think know more than me about these machines. I also need to seek out some good sources for articles and pictures which will help make each issue more interesting. Point me in the right direction if you know of any. And, you guessed it, I will be nagging everyone to contribute. All articles will be gratefully accepted as will any ideas and suggestions.

Now I will apologise for this issue being a little light on and filled up with a lot of 'stuff' from me but remember the best way to avoid being bored with my interests is to contribute something. I will have a folder at each meeting, please place something in it.

Robyn Byrne

COVER STORY

As I said above, due to me just starting out with the newsletter, this issue has been filled up with a lot of my own things and the cover is an example. The composite picture was given to my grandfather on the loss of his father, Dougall Egan. Dougall and the other crew members of the 'Orme', including Dougall's brother Peter, were all lost at sea in June 1909. The search for the boat and its crew was documented in the papers of the time and a relief fund set up for the families of the men. My great grandmother, Emma Coleman, was pregnant with my grandfather and had three young children to care for at the time of Dougall's death.

Dougall Egan was the son of Peter Egan and Margaret Mc Dougall (m.1872 Omeo). He was born in 1881 at Lakes Entrance, then known as Cunninghame. He was one of nine children. He married Emma Coleman in 1906 at Eden, New South Wales.

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Their children were George, Catherine, Amelia and, my grandfather, Dougal. The family grew up at Lakes Entrance. After the death of her first husband, Emma married George South and they had four children, Edgar, William, Creighton and June.



Emma Egan (Coleman), widow of Dougall Egan, with her children. The baby is my grandfather.

Robyn Byrne

From the Cornwall Family History Society Journal December 1983

MOUNT ROYAL, MELBOURNE - A SOCIAL HISTORY

Gold was discovered in Victoria in 1851. The Immigrants Aid Society was funded in 1853, as a refuge for the destitute - those for whom gold had proved elusive, those who had been deserted by goldseekers and those too old or feeble to take care of themselves.

Its first location was a collection of shanty-like wooden structures in St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. It later evolved to become Mount Royal, a leading geriatric hospital.

Jean Uhl, the author of a thoroughly researched book about Mount Royal, documents the struggles, both financial and personal, of the early committees and inmates of the Home, the Night Refuge, the T.B. ward and the School for Children. Histories of some of the inmates are given, together with a brief history of nursing, both in the Home where the early nurses were the inmates, and in the State. The treatment and frequency of disease is shown and details of the life and labour of the inmates are discussed.

The appendix contains a listing of staff over the years, while the Chapter Notes are useful for gaining further insights and possible research sources. There is also a bibliography and an excellent index.

(Sources tell me that this book may be held by the AIGS.)

Attention all Cornish Researchers! The South Gippsland Genealogic Society Inc., would like you to know that Joy Roy, Editor of Ancestor, will be speaking on Cornish Research at their meeting on Thursday 11th September. The meeting will be held at the Mechanics Institute, Mc Cartins Street, Leongatha, at 8pm. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

The following may be of interest to anybody thinking of heading down to the GSV. It was advertised in July's 'What's Going On'. The GSV's ph number is 03 9663 7033.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE PRINTOUTS

A NEW GSV SERVICE

We provide a printout service in response to written requests. Prepare in advance for your visit or if unable to attend the Library use your printouts to assist with requests to our Research department.

For example - if you are interested in *Essex*, you can request a list of all the material the Library holds for this county.

Select your own area of interest.

\$4.00 fee plus 20c per page.

Do not send any money with your request. You will be contacted advising the total amount required before your printouts are mailed.

Alma is seeking the name of somebody from Yallourn North who restores old photograph albums. Can anybody help?

GIPPSLAND HISTORY CONFERENCE

No place like home : Gippsland History and Housing - Monash University, Gippsland Campus on Saturday 11th October. This conference will focus on the history of housing in Gippsland. Topics covered will be researching and writing the history of a house, renovation experiences, building materials, house biographies, Yallourn houses and changing interiors. Contact Meredith Fletcher, Centre for Gippsland Studies ph (03) 5122 6356 (Mon-Wed).



NORTH MELBOURNE LIBRARY

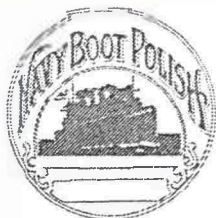
My research recently led me to the North Melbourne Library. The Genealogical and local history resources are housed in a separate room in the library and there is an actual local History Librarian, Heather Mc Kay. The records available are; Victorian Birth Death Marriage indexes, Rate books (City of Melbourne 1845-1900, North Melbourne/Hotham 1855-1905, Flemington/Kensington 1881-1905, City of Melbourne valuation records 1843-1861), Various Directories of Melbourne and Victoria, Newspapers (North Melbourne News from 1978, Northern Advertiser 1955-1972, North Melbourne Advertiser 1873-1876 1882-1894, North Melbourne Courier and West Melbourne Advertiser 1895-1913, North Melbourne Gazette 1894-1901, The Melbourne Times 1969-1990).

Also of interest is a Conservation Study which has been done on the local buildings. Photos have been taken and notes made on a lot of houses, some of which have since been demolished. I found information on the house where my 2nd great grandfather and his brother-in-law died in 1897. The house, although not spectacular, is listed as significant because of its age, being built in 1862.

I will probably make another trip to the library but will make sure it is on a day that Heather is working as she appears very helpful over the phone and fax machine. The day I ventured down there she was not working and the other staff did not seem that familiar with the resources and readers etc.

The North Melbourne Library is at 66 Errol Street, North Melbourne (Tram 57 stops right outside). Phone 03 9297 3279. Opening hours are Mon 1-6, Tues 10-6, Wed 1-8, Thur 1-8, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun closed.

Robyn Byrne



**BROWN COAL MINE -
YALLOURN NORTH
50 YEARS NAME
CHANGE
ANNIVERSARY.**

'The Yallourn North township was originally called "Brown Coal Mine". It was in 1947 that a competition was held to change the name from Brown Coal Mine to something else as the name was being bewildered with that of a place with a similar name.

The name "Yallourn" is a combination of two aboriginal words: "yalleen" meaning brown, and "lourn" meaning fire.' (Quoted from the program of events.)

On the weekend of August the 2nd and 3rd celebrations took place in Yallourn North to commemorate 50 years since the town's name change.

A lot of activities were organised including a dance, carnival, reunions, open days, bus tours and a street parade. I checked out the memorabilia display at Monash Hall. There were some great old photos and some local families presented their family trees and history. The Yallourn North and District Historical Society Inc. offered a number of

things for sale. I bought an interesting booklet called Monash Hall The Half Round Hut The History of Yallourn North's Public Hall 1950-1997 by Josef Sestokas.

Did you know that the halls original purpose was to temporarily house shops that were relocated as they were dangerously close to the edge of the coal mine after an avalanche? The hall also operated as a picture theatre for a couple of years. I learnt these bits and pieces and a whole lot more from the book and weekend.

I suppose over the years I've been caught up in the history of the various places inhabited by my ancestors and hadn't given much thought to that of my own town.

Robyn Byrne

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Pictures excluding cover and family portrait from Peter Cuffley's Chandeliers and Billy Tea



THE DEATH OF A COUNTESS.

In our constant search for that elusive date or event, we family history people often come up with some gems of information that have no bearing on our personal research but are too good to pass over.

Such an item came my way recently in the form of a death notice in the Glasgow Herald of: Friday 27th February 1824. It reads as follows,

“On the 29th ult. at Florence, in the 72nd year of her age, Alosia De Stolberg wife of Prince James Stuart, called by way of distinction, the Young Pretender. This lady is better known as Countess of Albany. In her domestic circle she was treated with the distinction of a Queen, and always used the Royal Arms. It is said she enjoyed a pension of £2000 per annum from the English Government.”

So it seems the Stuarts claimed their Royal place right to the end. If the claim that the “English” Government paid out a £2000 pension is correct then this could be seen as some recognition of their position in the realm.

Edward M. Tunn

(HELP!! Can someone tell me where I find a symbol for pound on the computer? Robyn)

Fertile and frisky on whisky!

From *Sherborne Mercury or Weekly Advertiser*, Thursday 22 February 1737, under the heading “Foreign News Column”.

Omagh Jan 29:

A woman here aged 68, wife of John Delap aged 70 was lately delivered of a son. Her pregnancy 'tis thought was chiefly owing to the plentiful quantity of whisky her husband lately drank, they have had no child these 20 years past, for in the year 1715 the husband took an oath not to drink any of that liquor for twenty years but the term being expired he returned again to the use of it, and did not drink of it above a month when his wife was discovered to be with child.

NB. The genuine receipt for making this ferthdi fying liquor will speedily be published in the Mercury.

This wonderful story, sent to us by Peter and Judy Cole of 27 Conyers Close, Heresham, Surrey KT12 4NG, was found on the front page of the newspaper on the dining table in The Priests House at Wimborne, Dorset. ■

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What are the galligaskins worn by
THE ELIZABETHAN GENTLEMAN?

He was obviously one of the gallants of the town. His doublet was richly embroidered, daged and - this was the fashion - formed into a stiff curve over his midriff. Though some young men favoured the medieval hose, which certainly showed off a fine leg and, indeed, the buttocks too, he had gone over to the newest style; a pair of woollen stockings and above these, made of the same material as the doublet, the billowing breeches known as galligaskins, secured at the knee with ribbons. On his feet were embroidered shoes, tucked into outer slippers lest the mud should soil them. Around his neck, a starched ruff, white as snow. Over his shoulders, also matching his tunic, a short cape. It was a fashion, echoing the shape of Spanish armour, that made him look both elegant and manly.

From his waist hung a rapier, itsommel embossed with gold, and at the back, a matching dagger. He wore gloves of soft scented leather and in his right ear a golden ring. Upon his head was a high brimmed hat from which there sprouted, like fountains, three gorgeous plumes which added a foot to his height. This was the dress with which, in Elizabeth's last years, a man decked himself out for immortality on the stage of life. There was one more prop to make the costume complete. With studied nonchalance, Edmund Meredith held it in his right hand. It was long, curved and made of clay. It was a pipe.

From London - The Novel by Edward Rutherford.
Submitted by Elaine Johnston



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