

THE
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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc
NEWSLETTER



CRICHTON'S CLUB HOTEL. Robert Crichton, Proprietor, Franklin street, Traralgon.

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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 approximately 7:30pm.

Fees 97/98: Membership Single \$16; Family \$22
Library: gold coin donation per visit for non-members

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. Enquiries 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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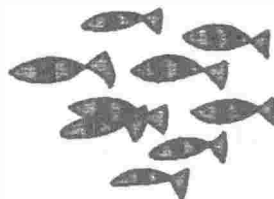


I hope everybody had a terrific Christmas and that 1998 is a ripper of a year, especially in relation to finding all those skeletons we are searching for.

Cover Crichton's Club Hotel 1889. Robert Crichton, Proprietor, Franklin Street, Traralgon. Hotel was built in 1879 by F.G. Hickox. *From the Carlyon Collection, Centre for Gippsland Studies.*

The following fiche are now available in our library:

- Victorian B.D.M. Indexes - Federation (1889-1901)
Edwardian (1902-1913)
Great War (1914-1920)



The Moe library has the CD Rom version of the above indexes.

- Argus Passengers Lists 1866-68
- Ships Movements Index 1866-68

We have also received the Newcastle F.H.S 1996-7 Members' Interest Directory.

In the last newsletter I wrote that the cost of the English Certificate Service, offered by Joy Murrin, was \$25.00. It is actually \$20.00. She reports, in her newsletter, that the turn around for these certificates is around 3-4 weeks.

Well, by now the G.S.V should have completed their move and be up and running. Look for all the details in the next issue of 'OnTrack'.

Vice President Resigns!!

No there is no scandal to report. Col Leviston now resides in Inverloch so has resigned as vice-president. Thanks Col for taking on the role and being an active member in our group. Kaylene Lay is our new vice-president.

Thank You!

FROM OUR MEETINGS

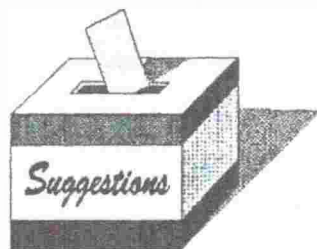
OCTOBER

Col's last job as vice-president was to chair the October meeting. (Elaine was holidaying in China.) At this meeting Pam reported that we had received a \$500.00 grant from the LaTrobe Shire. Eddie shared his experience of the AIGS Open Day with us. He was very impressed and recommended attendance at next year's. Irene reported on the Gippsland Group meeting. It was interesting to hear what other groups are up to. Jack Hinshelwood was our guest speaker and he spoke to the meeting about photography. He showed us a range of equipment used to restore and photograph old photos and had some examples of what can be done at the local photo shop these days, without negatives and without precious photos leaving your sight! Various members brought along interesting photos and Jack was available to discuss these. The meeting inspired me! Since then I have dragged out the close-up set, visited relatives and photographed some family photos. I now have some more mug shots to add to the gallery and I also have the negatives. All this for the cost of a regular film and developing and without the photos leaving the owners' homes!

NOVEMBER

A suggestion box now sits on the business table at meetings. Suggestions are wanted so a program for this year's meetings can be made. What are you interested in or what would you like to learn more about? Do you have knowledge/experience in a particular area of genealogy that you can share with other members? Maybe you know of someone who does? Jot your ideas down and pop them into the box.

Planning for next year's seminar has started. Leonie rounded up some helpers at the November meeting and this group now needs input from us about what topics we are interested in, any good speakers we know of etc. See Leonie with your ideas or write them down and put them in the suggestion box at the meetings.



This suggestion box is a big one. It will also take suggestions as to what our group should purchase.



Rod Donelly has published his family history. The book titled Donson was humbly shown off at the November meeting.

Eddie has provided the details of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Pakenham Family History Centre.

The address is:

1st Floor, Pakenham Arcade, 116-120 Main Street, Pakenham,
Ph. 5941 4737 (during opening hours).

Opening hours are: Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am-2.00pm
Saturday 12.00 noon-4.00pm

Help!

Claire has been working on the following research queries.

EDITH BATES/MONIGATTI & BATES DESCENDANTS

Edith Bates born 1848/49? Hobart Town to John Bates and Margaret Corbett. Married John Thomas Monigatti 5 June 1870, North Gippsalnd. Their first child, Henry Francis Fidele Monigatti, died at Walhalla 29 May 1872. There is no trace of Edith Bates after this. Her husband remarried in New Zealand 1880 claiming that she had deserted him and that he last had contact with her 7 years prior. Anyone with any information on Edith Bates or her descendants. Contact Mrs Wendy McGregor, P.O. Box 473, Moree, NSW 2400

CHALMERS/MAXFIELD/MINOGUE/READ

John Bevis is researching the above families who at one time or another resided in Port Albert, Woods Point and Walhalla. Claire has more details of these families. Contact John Bevis, 57 Kenton Road, Lindisfarne, 7025, Tasmania.

SHEPPARD/SHEPHERD

Death/burial date of John Sheppard/Shepherd buried at Hazelwood cemetery. Husband of Susannah Tipping. Contact Cheryl Fuller, 5 Astro Crt, Slacks Creek, QLD 4127.



YOU!

A request has been made for a list of abbreviations (people and place names) and their meanings. Do you know any good references for such a list or are you knowledgeable enough to write something up for the newsletter? Let me know!

Programme:

9.00	Registration and a cuppa, supplied by the WGGS	
9.45	Welcome	Geoff Leuning
10.00	Researching Scottish Ancestry	Malcolm Horsburgh
11.00	Researching German Ancestry	Lyndon Arnold
12.00	Lunch - bring your own or pop into Drouin	
1.15	Shipping	Peter Harvey
2.15	Starting you Search	Dawn Cowley
3.15	Cuppa, again supplied by the WGGS	
3.45	Dating Photographs	Lenore Frost

The following displays and sales will be set up all day in the Cafeteria:

Bookshop	Genealogical Society of Victoria
Maps	Mapworks
Computer programmes	GUM (Genealogists Using Microcomputers)
Microfiche indexes	WGGS

Browse at the displays during the breaks, or, if you want, miss a topic.

The cost is \$15 for the whole day, or, if you wish, \$10 for either the morning or the afternoon sessions. If you want to attend just a lecture here and there the cost is \$5 a lecture. But we hope you can be there for the whole day and pick up lots of information relevant to your family's heritage, not only from the presentations and displays, but also from others who are there. Who knows, you might even discover a distant relative!

Hope to see you on Valentines Day 1998 in Drouin.

For further information contact

Secretary Joy Watts ph. (03) 5625 2743



For you
Drouin



West Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc.

For the first time in a long time we are holding a seminar, and it will be a seminar with a difference because it is being held in conjunction with Drouin's Ficifolia Festival, the festival of the Flowering Gum tree. The date is **Valentines Day, Saturday 14th February 1998** and Drouin's famous flowering gums will be ablaze with fiery reds, sizzling oranges and magnificent pinks. As well as this spectacle of nature Drouin is planning many activities over the whole weekend.

But none will be as interesting as the **West Gippsland Genealogical Society's Ficifolia Family History Seminar** which will be held at the **Drouin Secondary College Auditorium, South Road, Drouin**, an easy 50 minute drive from the Murrumbidgee freeway. The tiered auditorium is spacious with good sound and lighting and most suited to overheads and slides. Adjacent to the auditorium is the cafeteria which will be utilised for displays, sales and eating.

We have indeed been fortunate to attract our presenters because they are not readily available to speak at country venues. Especially in Gippsland the Scottish influence has been strong and **Malcolm Horsburgh** might help you find your haggis connection. **Lyndon Arnold**, on the other hand will give you a few clues on how to research your German ancestors. **Peter Harvey**, not of Canberra, rather a marine archeologist, will help us with shipping, the means by which the majority of our ancestors came to Australia, unless they swam. And if you're just starting your family tree you will pick up many tips from **Dawn Cowley**. If you have a photo and you're just not sure if it's of Great Aunt Maud or her mother **Lenore Frost** will not only help you identify which time period that photo came from but will keep you well and truly entertained in doing so..

FAMILIES AND FELTING

What does family history have to do with felting?

Recently while travelling to Yackandandah to a felt making weekend I decided to travel via Jamieson as I had heard that there was some family information there. The secretary of the Jamieson Historical Society arranged to meet me at the museum as it was outside their normal opening hours. When I arrived she had the folders of the various families I had mentioned ready for me and some cemetery information already printed out. I selected lots of material for photocopying but didn't have time to really look at it until I arrived home on the following Tuesday.



Arms of
ALDOUS of FRESSINGFIELD

Imagine my delight at finding the Aldous family tree back to 1450. My father's great grandmother was Zilpah Aldous who was born in Suffolk about 1824, and her parents were Thomas Aldous and Louisa Poll who were married in 1819. That was as far back as I knew before going to Jamieson. I thought that the information I would get there would be mainly about Zilpah's sister Sarah, who had lived in the area after her marriage.

Not only was there a tree but lots of notes about the early Aldouses. They all lived in the Fressingfield area, and there are details of the lands they owned or leased. William Aldous of Fressingfield, born about 1450, had lands at Whittingham, a *pighle* called Godbaldys in Chippenhall, 4 acres in Fressingfield, a field called Impehedgeland in Chippenhall, and was churchwarden of Fressingfield in 1493. His wife Johane, on their marriage about 1477 was given by her father a *messuage* called Crytols and a *pighle* and garden of 3 roods in Fressingfield.

A *messuage* is a dwelling house with lands and outbuildings attached, and in some instances the garden as well.

A *pighle* is a small piece of land in the open fields, or else a small enclosed plot.

Some were mentioned as having made provision for the poor of Fressingfield. William Aldhowse- there are several variations in the spelling- was Able Man of Suffolk for Fressingfield.

So it was really worth the extra couple of hours driving in rain and fog over some very lonely dirt roads and I was able to combine two of my obsessions in the one weekend, and it all came about because of an entry in the G.R.D. Since then I have found more details about my mother's family also through the G.R.D.

As a girl named Miller was going to school on Thursday at Boolarra, she was bitten twice on the leg by a black snake. Dr. Moir happened to be in the neighbourhood at the time, and he scarified the wound and put the child all right. A singular fact is, that the girl's mother has been bitten four times by snakes, and is apparently snake proof.

A MORWELL SENSATION.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.

A JEALOUS HUSBAND

Early on Tuesday morning an attempt to murder Mr. Corbett, the manager of Great Morwell Coal Mine, under somewhat sensational circumstances occurred.

Some time ago a man named Samuel Butt went to West Australia, leaving his wife behind him in Morwell. Butt was led to believe that Mr. Corbett who is between 50 and 60 years of age, was taking more than a paternal interest in his wife, and when she recently gave birth to a child, he accused Mr. Corbett of being its father. Subsequently, Mr. Corbett received several letters, which are supposed to have been written by Butt, containing all manner of threats, but he treated them lightly.

Butt left West Australia recently and arrived in Morwell on Monday night. As at one time he had worked at the Morwell coal mine, he was thoroughly acquainted with Mr. Corbett's habits and knew that he drove from his residence to the mine early each morning. Accordingly he lay in wait, and when Mr. Corbett had got about half a mile from his residence, Butt sprang from behind a tree, and struck him several heavy blows on the head with a loaded stick. Mr. Corbett was stunned for a moment with the violence of the assault, but, recovering himself, managed to seize a rifle which he had with him in the buggy, and as soon as Butt saw the gun he decamped. Shortly afterwards Butt gave himself up to the police, and confessed what he had done. He also stated that he did not care whether he was hanged for the assault or not. He was taken before Mr. Murdoch, J.P., and remanded until Thursday, bail being refused.

Meanwhile, Mr. Corbett was taken to his home, and medical assistance obtained. Though his injuries are not serious, his medical advisers cannot, in consequence of his advanced age, regard his condition otherwise than highly critical.

BITS AND PIECES from newsletters and magazines we have received lately.

An article, *Quaker Ancestors in England 1650-1750*, appears in Ancestor, Vol. 23, Number 8, Summer 1997 along with *Quaker Sources in the GSV Library*. In the same issue you will find, *Surnames in the Netherlands and Northumberland & Durham Sources in the GSV Library*, amongst many other things.

Also from Ancestor news that IMMIGRATION TO VICTORIA. *Index to Inward Overseas Passengers from Foreign Ports 1852-1869* is now on the web. <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~provic/>

The Search Room at Laverton will open, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm, on the last Saturday of the month, from February to November 1998. If the last Saturday falls on a public holiday the open day will be the second last Saturday.

Blamey November 1997, p.7, *Internet Sites Of Interest For Irish Researchers*.

The Pivot Tree October 1997 (Geelong F.H.G.Inc.) Article and list of injuries relating to 'Melbourne's Police Strike' 1923. Stray certificates and Victorian Railway and Officers continued and a timeline of Richmond Victoria.

The Family Link December 1997 (Sale and District) Sale War Cemetery. General information and transcriptions of headstones of 58 graves of Service Personnel who died during the years 1939-1945.

Port Phillip Pioneers Group Inc. Newsletter No. 101 makes mention of a new immigration museum due to open in October 1998. The museum will be located in the Old Customs House in Flinders Street, Melbourne. Apparently the ground floor will be a research centre where it will be possible to search computer databases for the day and ship of arrival of your ancestors.

Bristol- Pigots Directory of Gloucestershire for 1830 and A list of people eligible to vote, as freemen, in Galway, 1832-37 are in recent editions, and to be continued in future editions, of the Port Fairy Genealogical News.



Local women can enter Hall of Fame

LATROBE Valley women are being sought to enter the Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame, which is located in Alice Springs.

Founded by Molly Clarke, the Hall of Fame was launched in 1993 and now boasts over 300 pioneering stories from women across Australia.

The Hall of Fame recently decided to appoint liaison officers in each state and Victoria's representative is Heyfield's Carmel Ford.

Ms Ford said the idea of the Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame was to recognise the contribution women had made to Australia.

"Basically, it is open to any pioneering woman in Australia, whether she be from the 1800's or today," Ms Ford explained.

Former Victorian Premier Joan Kirner is an example of some of the names already included at the Women's Hall of Fame, as she was the first female Premier in Australia.

The Hall of Fame is located in the Old Court House in Alice Springs and is separate to the Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach, Queensland.

Ms Clarke visited the Gippsland region recently to detail the concept,

speaking to a crowd of about 200 in Heyfield.

Of the 300 women already entered into the Hall of Fame, 100 are from Victoria and it is expected that more will flood in now that each state has a liaison officer.

Ms Ford said that stories about the pioneering exploits of women from Gippsland would be especially welcomed.

"We have even had a number of men coming forward with stories about their mothers, grandmothers or great grandmothers," Ms Ford said. "It's really open to any woman who was the first in their field."

"The idea is to perpetuate pioneer women so that they are never forgotten," she added.

Once the stories are told, they are sent to the Northern Territory, where their authenticity is confirmed.

"I'm available to speak to any community group or historical group as a guest speaker. All they have to do is call," she said.

The Hall of Fame is also in search of new members, whether they be men or women. A newsletter is included with the membership. For further information, contact Carmel Ford on 5148 2642.





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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Books (postage cost on application)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 5.00
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$15.00
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions	1985-1995	\$15.00
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1879-1995	\$30.00
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$20.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1881-1997	\$30.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$15.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$15.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$20.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1872-1994	\$40.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$15.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$15.00

Microfiche (postage included)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 4.00
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$ 8.00
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Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	1879-1995	\$15.00
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$10.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	1881-1997	\$15.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$ 8.00
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Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$ 8.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$ 7.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	1872-1994	\$25.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$10.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$ 5.00

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