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President's Report...

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2012.

How quickly the year is passing by. We have had a good year with a variety of activities and speakers.

At our September meeting two of the members spoke about their families. It was an interesting and informative evening as Geoff Robb told of his family farming in the area, and Dorothy Giles told of her family's involvement in the local newspaper industry.

The October meeting was a workshop night with Margaret and Alison taking members through the process of accessing Wills and Probate. It was a very useful night and many members went home and enthusiastically put into practice what they had been shown, well into the early hours of the morning!!

The guest speaker at our November meeting was Liz Walker, a member of the Ritchie family who emigrated from Scotland to Victoria. They settled in the Geelong area before coming to settle in the Arawata area. Her power-point presentation gave the history of the family through the various houses that the family members lived in.

We look forward at our December meeting to hearing Pat Spinks speak of the Shandley

family who were early settlers from Tasmania and settled in Corinella.

Margaret is working on the program for 2013 and elsewhere in the newsletter you will find the tentative program. Margaret will always welcome suggestions for speakers or topics of interest from members.

Our first get-together in 2013 will be a barbecue at the home of Marie and Terry Murphy, 49 Harrison's Road, Dumbalk North on February 14. An excursion to visit the Dodd family graves which are located on the property will be part of the evening. Make sure you have some sturdy walking shoes with you!!

The newsletter committee of Rosemary, Ken and David welcomes contributions from members. We would be interested to receive comments or suggestions as to what you would like to see in the newsletter.

Your committee meets on the first Friday of each month (except January) at 1.30pm in our rooms. Any member of the society is welcome to attend the meeting.

Wishing you all joy, peace and hope for this Christmas and in the year ahead.

Rosemary Abbey

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MEMBERSHIP

The **YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE** (due at the Annual General Meeting in August) is:
SINGLE - \$30. COUPLE - \$40. STUDENT - \$10
and includes four newsletters.
The **JOINING FEE** for new members (other than students) is **\$10**.

Meetings held in the months of February to May and September to December will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Historical Society Rooms, McCartin Street, Leongatha.
Meetings held in the winter months of June, July and August will generally be held on the second Saturday of the month (unless otherwise notified) at 1.30pm in the Historical Society Rooms.

**The rooms are open for research
every Thursday and Friday
between 12 noon and 4pm**

The cost of self- or assisted research for non-members is **\$5 per visit**. If you join within a fortnight of the visit, the \$5 will be deducted from your membership fee.

Help from our Research Officers is available at **\$10 per query** plus stamped addressed envelope. Send your query to Post Office Box 395, Leongatha, Victoria. 3953.

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CHRISTMAS



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SGGS PROGRAM 2013

(This program may need to change with peoples' circumstances)



Thurs Feb 14 6.30 pm	BBQ. Marie & Terry Murphy have kindly offered their home at 49 Harrison's Rd, Dumbalk North. Bring everything, inc. a picnic chair and salad and sweet to share.
Thurs Mar 14 7.30 pm	Indexing workshop
Thurs Apr 11 7.30 pm	Ancestry, and hopefully also Findmypast, at the Public Library
Sat May 4 9.00 am	Seminar at the Uniting Church Hall, Peart St.
Sat Jun 15 1.30 pm	Show and tell. Bring a photo, book, article of importance to your family and speak about it briefly
Sat Jul 13 7.30 pm	A podcast from the GSV
Sat Aug 10 1.30 pm	AGM. Speaker: TBA.
Thurs Sep 12 7.30 pm	3 members on their families: TBA.
Thurs Oct 10 7.30 pm	Class on computer programs: War records, World Connect, PRO Vic. Trove etc
Thurs Nov 14 7.30 pm	Speaker: TBA.
Wed Dec 11 6.30 pm	Xmas dinner at Bairs. Speaker: TBA.

[NOTE: The Saturday dates for May & June are not the 2nd Sat in the month as these clash with Mothers' Day & the Queens's Birthday weekends respectively]

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Reminder!

Research Enquiries

The South Gippsland Genealogical Society offers a Research Service for people unable to visit our room. However, please note that we are only able to research our own holdings and those of the local municipal library. The fee for this service is \$10 per hour.

Please mail your research queries, together with a stamped, addressed envelope, to the society's Research Officer.

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Recent Library Acquisitions



- Sykes, Barry: "Lines, Mines, People and Places". Latrobe Press, Traralgon, 2012. (History of mainly mining and railways, but includes other endeavours. Lists many names of residents, especially around Korumburra and Outtrim.)
- Willis, Barbara: "Footprints: A History of the Shire of Tallarook". (1988). (Kindly donated by Fay Boag.)

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Could everyone please note that Email Research Enquiries and other mail should now be directed to **sggs3953@gmail.com**

The old email account will remain active for a time, until people have had time to adjust.

Thank you.

Alison Marshall, Librarian.

Internet Sites and Snippets

NEW YORKSHIRE PARISH RECORDS

findmypast.co.uk has recently added 4,625 new parish records for Yorkshire.

Details of these records can be located at: <http://bit.ly/Pil1gk>

-Previously published in QFHS Newsletter, Aug. 2012.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET A GOOD RESULT FROM Ancestry.com?

This article explains about the inner workings of the Ancestry.com Search Engine.

Enjoy reading at: <http://bit.ly/N8HY5V>

-Previously published in QFHS Newsletter, Aug. 2012.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Many thanks to members who have contributed articles to this edition of our newsletter. Please keep them coming - you never know who else is out there reading the newsletter who may find they can be of assistance to you in your research.

Contributions may be typed, handwritten, saved on a memory stick or CD and left at the society's room, or mailed to:

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or preferably sent direct via email to:

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David Tattersall - mushroomcrafts@dcsi.net.au

Please make note of the deadlines for the coming editions of the newsletter.

David Tattersall.

COPY DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER

February meeting for the March newsletter

May meeting for the June newsletter

August meeting for the September newsletter

November meeting for the December newsletter.

SGGS MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Family Name being researched	Time period covered	Suburb/Town	State/County	Country
MEMBER: CORAL HUGHES				
White, Allan Henry	1907-1990	-	Victoria/South Australia	Australia
White, Franklyn		-	Victoria/South Australia	Australia
White, Henry		-	South Australia	Australia
MEMBER: HEATHER STONE				
Coats, Frederick	1916-2000	-	Victoria	Australia
McRae, Ralph	1893-2000	-	Queensland	Australia
McRae, Mary	1916-2000	-	Queensland	Australia
Coats, Charles	1850s-1950s	-	Victoria	Australia
Howard, Christina	1850s-1950s	-	Victoria	Australia

LORNA MAY DOWEL - A VALUED MEMBER

Lorna, the daughter of Francis Edward (Frank) Dowel and Eva Mary (Dolly) Miller, grew up on dairy farms in this area.

The family farmed at Blackwood Forest, where Lorna went to school, and then moved to Leongatha South. With a family to keep and a dairy farm to run, her parents were not able to let Lorna go on with her schooling after she had gained her Merit Certificate. She helped on the farm and also became a helper in other families. Knowledge of her willingness to do this work spread by word of mouth and led to her going to families in many Australian States and New Zealand, which she greatly enjoyed. She was a voracious reader, with strong interests in history, genealogy, native and garden plants and conservation.

Frank Dowel died in 1957, and in 1960 she and her mother moved into a house in the Leongatha township. Her mother died in 1976 and Lorna remained in the Young Street house for the rest of her life. Until her health deteriorated it was an easy walk to the shops and she tended her much-loved garden.

She was interested in plants and her garden had very little lawn, while the beds were crammed with many varieties. Lorna always had plants she had grown to give to friends, or sell at fund-raising stalls.

She was a keen member of both the Historical and Genealogical Societies and served them well. The Genealogical Society was formed in June 1981, with Lorna being one of the core group that joined in that first year. She helped with fund-raising and indexing of land grants and cemeteries.

Her greatest contribution began when she became Research Officer in 1983. She answered research queries from both local people and those from the wider community and overseas. For many years she dealt with letters of inquiry and was always interested in the families she researched. With her wide connections in the local district, she was often able to put people in touch with family members still living in the area.

Lorna regularly helped to staff the shared rooms on a Friday afternoon. As the Genealogical Society has always been a small group, some of whom worked, it was

TIME TO REVISIT FINDMYPAST.CO

Findmypast.co.uk has recently added over 2.2 million records to its database. Members can now search additional parish baptism, marriage and burial records from Wales, East London, Sheffield and Yorkshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Plymouth and West Devon from 1568 right the way up to 1999 to really add detail to their family story.

This is in combination with 2 million new Welsh records, meaning those with Welsh ancestry can now search almost 6 million parish entries from the following counties: Anglesey, Brecknockshire, Caernarvonshire, Cardiganshire, Carmarthenshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Glamorganshire, Merionethshire, Monmouthshire, Montgomeryshire, Pembrokeshire and Radnorshire.

For details of these and other recent additions, see: <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/content/news/2012>

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reassuring to know that Lorna would always be there to cover any queries made by visitors.

In the last couple of years of her life she was not in good health and was unable to continue with this commitment, or that of the Research Officer. She was sadly missed both there and at meetings, which she also felt unable to attend.

We all missed - and will continue to miss - her cheerful, intelligent and interesting company.

-Marg Pegler.

LEONGATHA LIBRARY'S REGIONAL, LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

Contributed by Librarian, Susan Hanson

The Library Corporation's Regional Local and Family History Centre is located at the Leongatha Library.

The centre is available during the library's opening hours, Monday-Saturday. There are over 1200 items in the Local and Family History Centre collection, two public access internet-enabled computers and an admittedly rather old microfiche reader. The collection is for reference use only (non borrowing), however there are generally borrowing copies of all items available through the library system.

Overall the Corporation has over 2,000 items in the Local History Reference collection, and 2,216 in the Local History borrowing collection.

As with all the public access computers in the library, Ancestry Library Edition can be accessed for free. The Corporation will also shortly be making Findmypast available on the library computers.

Unlike the general public access computers, the Local and Family History computers can be used for a maximum period of three hours in any day. Computers can be booked up to two days in advance.

The general purpose public access computers can also access Ancestry Library Edition and shortly Findmypast, however the session times on these computers is limited to 55 minutes with a maximum of 90 minutes per day. Printing from all the computers is limited to A4 paper and costs 20c per page.

The Local and Family History Centre holds full sets of all the Digger Births, Deaths and Marriages CDs for Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland; immigration to Victoria 1852-1897; and the Inquest Index 1840-1985. NSW and WA indexes can be accessed via our website.

VALE DOROTHY MORRIS

by Joan Lehmann

We have been saddened by the passing of Dorothy Morris in August and offer our sincere condolences to Ern and to their family. Dorothy, who was a former teacher, had a PhD in History. The articles she wrote for our newsletter and the one published in Ancestor were evidence of her sharp mind and meticulous research. Dorothy's contribution to our society has been greatly valued over the years.

MERCHANT NAVY ANCESTORS

by Simon Wills

Rewards

Seamen were commonly honoured because they put their own lives at risk to save others. The annually published Mercantile Navy List cited many awards made by foreign governments and private individuals between 1849 and 1865.

Many copies of the Mercantile Navy List can be viewed for free at www.maritimearchives.co.uk/mercantile-navy-list.html

National gallantry awards

The first British state medal specifically dedicated to bravery at sea was the Sea Gallantry Medal, instigated in 1856. The records for the early recipients have been lost, but all recipients after 1887 are listed at www.searlecanada.org/hemy/SGM001.html

A number of other medals for civilians could be granted to merchant seamen such as the Albert Medal and the British Empire Medal. When they were awarded they were reported in the London Gazette (www.london-gazette.co.uk)

There is a complete list of George Cross recipients at www.marionhebblethwaite.co.uk/gcindex.htm

Charities and organisations

Apart from state awards, several non-governmental bodies presented national awards or medals for courageous conduct that merchant seamen might receive.

The Royal Humane Society has honoured the saving of human life since 1774. The records of the society's medal recipients can be found at London Metropolitan Archives, but those awarded the bronze medal since 1837 are listed at www.lsars.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/rolls.htm

Charities which issue medals include the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society (www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk) the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society (www.liverpoolshipwreckandhumanesoc.org) and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (www.rnli.org.uk)

War time medals

World War I

All the records have been digitised and indexed and can be found at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/merchant-seamen-medals-ww1.htm

World War II

For a detailed description of the medals awarded go to www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/merchant-seamen-medals-ww2.htm

EPITAPH

From "Collection of epitaphs and monumental inscriptions, chiefly in Glasgow, Scotland." [1834]

KILSYTH. On a Dwarf.

Beneath this stone here lies a man,
Whose body was not full three span,
A boon companion, day and night.
Sir Thomas Henderson of Haystoun knight.

Adopted Children in the Family Tree

Contributed by Joan Lehmann

In the May 2012 edition of the Australian Family Tree Connections is an article dealing with adoption presentations in family histories. The writer, Leanne Grogan, writes from an adoptee's position.

Leanne considers herself 50% each of her genetic inheritance and of the environment in which she was nurtured. There is a sense of insult if the adopted child is not accepted as part of the adopting family.

She asks family historians to consider:

1. The adopted child is legally and morally a member of the adoptive family.
2. These children are "wanted".
3. Both the adopted child and the adoptive parents should feel the child is fully accepted as family.

Notes such as the following are suggested:

"Baby ____ was especially chosen by ____ and ____ to be part of the ____ family. The adoption became legal on ____ at ____."

In terms of researching "bloodlines", who can say that any ancestral "bloodline" is true? Prior to 1928, adoption as we know it today did not take place. Children were often 'given' or 'placed' with families without official paperwork or authority.

I can thoroughly recommend reading the entire article. The AFTC magazine can be found in one of the wallets which are available for borrowing.

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- Hang Out with Search Experts Video

The lessons are available as a video, in text, or as a slide show. "Power Searching with Google" is available at: <http://www.powersearchingwithgoogle.com/course>

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BDMs

Online search facility for South Australian BDMs 1836-1854. Also searchable are shipping and cemeteries. Go to: <http://www.familyhistorysa.info>

10 STEPS TO SUCCESS

by Jeremy Palmer in "Family Tree" magazine, September 2012

Investigating your family history can be a fascinating pastime but knowing where and how to start off can be difficult and often overwhelming.

1. Write down what you already know.

Your family history begins with you. Make a note of all the details you already know about yourself, your siblings, parents, aunts and uncles and grandparents and other assorted relatives. Even if you don't have exact details it is helpful to record things such as "Uncle Tom was born before WWI". Setting down details will help you clarify what you do know and help you highlight the areas where your knowledge is sketchy.

2. Talk to your relatives.

Other members of the family may have extra information to add to your knowledge. It is helpful to consult older relatives from previous generations if possible. Use the information you are provided with as a guide to research rather than the truth.

3. Look at family records.

As well as talking to family members, it is helpful to look at any family records they may have. They may possess copies of birth, marriage, death certification, letters, diaries, photos etc. Arrange for copies of these documents to be made. Examine all the documents for clues about your ancestors.

4. Plan your research.

Research needs to proceed in a local step-by-step fashion. Give some thought as to what you want to find out and how to go about it. Do you want to concentrate on one family line, or are you hoping to find information about all of your ancestors? Make sure that if you are looking at several families that you keep separate records for each of them.

5. Discover what records are available.

Many useful sources are now available online. The internet is a great resource for starting your investigations but you are unlikely to be able to do all of your research online. Find out what other family history sources are available.

6. Keep effective records.

Good research technique includes keeping useful and organised records. As well as noting positive results, you also need to record searches that do not find the right answers. You will be able to keep track of what you have looked at and what you haven't. Draw up a master family tree chart for each family line. This will help you keep up to date with your latest findings.

7. Birth, marriage and death records.

Most family historians begin their research by looking for relevant birth, marriage and death records.

These are the cornerstones to forming a good outline for your family tree.

8. Census records (not in Australia).

If researching in the UK, you can use the census records to help focus on your particular ancestral family. The census provides a snapshot of the family every 10 years from 1841-1911. Each census has been indexed and is available online.

The census is helpful in highlighting the existence of siblings at each generation and can help you track down family movements, change in occupation, and details of where people were said to be born.

9. Consider variations in name and recorded detail.

It is important to take into account the variations in the way the details about our ancestors are recorded. Prior to the 20th century there was no 'correct' way to spell a name and so you will sometimes find your ancestor's name recorded differently in different records. Information contained in some records need not always be 100 per cent correct. Always check a few years before and after what you believe to be the 'correct' date.

10. Delve into your ancestors' lives.

Using the birth, marriage, death and census records will give you a good framework, but you will want to find out a little more about the people you discover. Researching the local and social history of the time period and area in which your ancestors lived will help you understand their place in the local community. Visit the local history society in the area. Check out maps and plans to pinpoint where your ancestor lived and worked. Explore local churches and cemeteries. Check out online trade directories.

Your family history is unique and it is up to you how far you wish to immerse yourself in the details of your ancestors' lives. A wide range of records and sources can help you on your journey.

WANTED: AUSTRALIA'S MISSING NEWSPAPERS

What is the "Australian Newspaper Plan"? It is a collaborative project organised by the National Library of Australia in a bid to locate historical newspapers that are missing from their collection.

The Australian Newspaper Plan website (<http://www.nla.gov.au/anplan/>) puts it simply: Collect. Preserve. Access.

The aim is to collect the missing issues of papers from all around Australia. The next step is to digitise them and preserve the original, which is followed by making the digital images of the newspapers accessible to all through Trove (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>).

So the National Library of Australia is asking for help to locate missing editions of newspapers from around the country. It goes without saying that newspapers didn't just report the news. They told stories of their times, through ads, photographs, and even their design - stories that need to be saved for all Australians.

Check the list for each state, and even if you only have a few issues, it all helps to preserve our history.

<http://www.nla.gov.au/anplan/about/missingVIC.html>
(for other states substitute the abbreviations ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, or WA).

You can get in touch with the National Library of Australia by calling 1800 059 097 or by email at http://www.nla.gov.au/anplan/extras/contact_us.html

CELTIC ORIGINS?

Many people derive a certain amount of pride from what they believe are their Celtic origins. Here are two views on the subject:

One View:

How long have Celts lived in Britain?

The answer is not what you may think. On June 21, 1792 a group of London 'bards' staged an entirely invented ceremony on Primrose Hill in London, involving a stone circle made from pebbles, and claimed that they were reviving a ritual that stretched back to the ancient Celtic nation and its Druids.

Prior to this, there is no record of the word 'celt' having been used to describe the pre-Roman inhabitants of Britain or Ireland, and it was certainly never a term they used to describe themselves.

The use of 'celt' in English dates from the 17th century. A Welsh linguist living in Oxford called Edward Lhuyd noted the similarities between the languages spoken in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall and Brittany. He called these languages Celtic and the name stuck.

Most historians believe the language and culture we call Celtic spread by contact, not invasion. People 'became' Celtic by adopting the architecture, fashions and ways of speaking because they were useful or attractive, not because the people happened to belong to the same ethnic group.

- David Andreassen, from the

AIGS News and Events No. 24 September 2012.

Another View:

"To the classical writers the Celts were very real. The expanding Roman state confronted them in Italy as raiders, mercenaries and settlers throughout the fourth, third and early second centuries BC. In the Balkans they were an ever-present threat, which built to a climax in 279 BC, when a vast horde erupted in Greece, thrusting south to the sanctuary of Delphi.

"Later, in the middle of the first century BC, in an eight season campaign, Julius Caesar confronted the Celts of Gaul - and was responsible for the slaughter of about a million of them. The Mediterranean world was therefore well aware of the Celtic barbarians around their northern fringes."

- Barry Cunliffe, *Professor of European Archaeology, University of Oxford from 1972-2007, in his introductory chapter in Nora Chadwick's "The Celts", Penguin, 1971.*

In her book, Nora Chadwick shows that many Celts entered Britain as refugees escaping Julius Caesar as he pushed westward through Gaul in the first century BC.

LOST IN LONDON PODCAST

The British National Archives at Kew has released a podcast entitled "Lost in London". It is based on a 50 minute talk from Dave Annal and is essentially a catalogue on the various archival repositories in London which can help with research - particularly between 1801 and 1841.

The podcast can be obtained at: <http://bit.ly/MgU7Lf> or downloaded from iTunes.

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COPYRIGHT FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

The Australian Copyright Council provides an on-line document for family historians regarding copyright. You can download this eight-page information sheet (GO42v10) by entering the term "Family History & Copyright" into the Google search page. The Family Histories & Copyright information sheet also refers researchers to other information sheets on such issues as ownership of copyright and duration of copyright.

- Previously published in *Queensland Family Historian August 2012 Vol 33 No 3.*

New Zealand Wills and Probates Now Available

FamilySearch [1] has now made available the Wills and Probates from Blenheim, Canterbury, Hawkes Bay, Marlborough, Napier and Nelson. The images are browse only, by region and date range. Gisborne will be added in the near future.

To find: Log on FamilySearch [2] - under Records by Location, select New Zealand and Australia, under Collections select Probate & Court, and follow the prompts through.

-Source: *New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.*

FREE US HISTORIC RECORDS

FamilySearch recently announced 76 million much-anticipated state census, naturalisation, immigration, and vital records were added for the United States. In addition, more than 24 million images from Italy have been published and 4 million names have been made searchable on FamilySearch.org.

Millions more free records were published this week for Armenia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, and Switzerland.

Details of the new releases can be found at: <http://bit.ly/R33rTB>

You can search these and other records for free at: <https://familysearch.org/>

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VICTORIA'S LAND TITLES SOON TO BECOME AVAILABLE ONLINE

Contributed by Lorraine Standfield

Victoria's property history achieved a milestone this week when the first of 3.8 million paper land title records were transferred from Land Victoria to the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV).

Registrar of Titles at Land Victoria, Chris McRae said the transfer of historical titles covered mining leases, crown leases and freehold titles, and was one of the largest transfers to be made to PROV.

Mr McRae said almost 2.5 kilometres of storage space would be required to preserve the documents in PROV's state-of-the-art repository. He said for the past 12 months, staff at Land Victoria's Laverton storage facility had been preparing the historic documents for transfer to PROV in North Melbourne. He said all the documents would be moved over the next three years.

"All paper titles, survey information and registered plans were once held in a fortress-like building for security reasons, but they were converted to a secure digital form in the late 1990s for inclusion in the Victorian Online Titles System," Mr McRae said. "These fragile records are our history and will soon be available in an online format to genealogists, property researchers and those interested in discovering their own slice of history."

Mr McRae said the electronic records had now become the official records. He said administrative use of the paper records had concluded and they were rarely retrieved.

The electronic records would be available at PROV from early 2013.

Mr McRae officially transferred custody of the documents to the Director of the Public Record Office Victoria, Justine Heazlewood, on Tuesday (2 October, 2012).

GSV BOOKSHOP: Check to see what is available by visiting the GSV web site www.gsv.org.au.

TROVE NEWS

Discover all about life in the Sydney region through two newspapers that are now available through Trove: The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate, and The Nepean Times.

Go to: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

- *Previously published in QFHS Newsletter September 2012*

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BMDs

Volunteers from the family history societies within Cambridgeshire have worked with the Registration Service to allow access to indices for births, marriages and deaths within Cambridgeshire over the internet. This is an ongoing project. There are currently 988,270 birth entries, 708,750 marriage entries, and 355,720 death entries.

See <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/bmd/certificate/Camdex/>

- *Previously published in QFHS Newsletter September 2012*

IRISH NAMES EXPLAINED

In Ireland, family pride is as enduring as the mountains. This country puts family before everything else, and betraying your family name is never an option. If you have the privilege of an Irish surname, you'll know that name is built on a strong foundation of loyalty, courage, and a dedication to the family and its traditions.

Click on the link to take you to an infographic which explains 20 of the most popular Irish family names: <http://www.goireland.com/craic/irish-family-names.htm>

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Online Canterbury Collection

Working in association with Canterbury Cathedral Archives, findmypast recently added 128,000 images of Church of England parish baptisms, marriages, banns and burials for churches in the historic Archdeaconry of Canterbury. These images cover the period from 1538 to 2005.

You can find more information about the Canterbury Collection at: <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/content/canterbury-collection/about>

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DEATH

FORD - On the 19th September, 1919, at 69 Davies street, Brunswick, George, beloved husband of Eileen Ford, and loving father of Don, Susie, Eileen, Alan, Bernard and Adrian - aged 53 years. (Private interment)
At rest.

OBITUARY

The many friends of Mr George Ford, formerly of Leongatha, will regret to learn of his death, which took place at Brunswick on Friday last, after a week's illness, at the age of 53 years. Since disposing of his business locally six months back, he went into partnership with Mr Morris as opticians in Sydney Road, Brunswick.

He visited Leongatha every fortnight, where he had a good practice as an eye-sight specialist, having studied the profession in America. We received the following few lines from him, dated September 13th:-

"I am down with pleurisy, and will not be able to go to Leongatha on Thursday, 18th, but hope to be there on the 25th. D.V."

Pneumonia supervened, and as Mr Ford was not strong constitutionally, careful nursing and medical skill proved unavailing and he passed away on December 19th.

Deceased was one of the most highly respected men that has resided in Leongatha, being most honourable and straightforward in his dealings, and whose word was his bond. He took very little part in public matters, being content to look after his own affairs, and therefore made no enemies. He was of a genial disposition, and well liked by all with whom he came in contact. He was held in high esteem by the residents of the town, who will extend their sincerest sympathy to the bereaved widow and family of six in the loss they have sustained.

-(Source: *Great Southern Star*, 23 September 1919.)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY

- Online Resources - Part 1 -

(Due to the large number of online sites available, the list will be divided into several parts to be published in the next few newsletters)

The interest in Australian military history and research continues to grow at an astonishing rate, and with it comes the many resources which are available online. There are many small, but useful and fascinating military websites.

This list is not comprehensive but it will give a variety of links which may be useful when researching an Australian who was in the military.

Adelaide River War Graves

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

Adelaide River is a township lying 113 km south of Darwin, on the Stuart Highway, the main north-south road from Darwin to Alice Springs. During WW2, Adelaide River was the headquarters of a large base and the war cemetery was created especially for the burial of service personnel who died in this part of Australia.

It was used by Australian General Hospitals Nos 101 107, 119, 121 and 129 and after the war the Army Graves Service moved into it other graves from isolated sites, temporary military burial grounds, and from various civil cemeteries in the area.

Adopt a Digger Project

<http://www.adoptadigger.org/>

The purpose of the Adopt a Digger Project is to commemorate that centenary by honouring the men and women from the (current) Sunshine Coast region of South-east Queensland who fought in World War One. The aim of this website is to create a database which records each soldier's WW1 military history and a brief personal history.

This database will be a valuable source of reference for historians, researchers, descendants and school students, and will be a significant contribution to the historical military records of Australia, and particularly the Sunshine Coast region.

The AIF Project:

Australian Anzacs in the Great War 1914-1918

<http://www.aif.adfa.edu.au:8080/index.html>

The AIF Project's major activity is the construction of a database that draws on a wide range of sources to provide details on the 330,000 men and women who served overseas in the (First) Australian Imperial Force, 1914-1918.

ANZACs Online

<http://anzacsonline.net.au/>

ANZACs Online is an online military museum which displays photographs, diaries and letters, relating to the many Australians who served in the Australian Imperial Force during World War I. The goal is to try and find a picture of every WWI Australian serviceman and woman and have them all available in one location. The aim of this museum is to allow for these items of our Australian military history to be preserved and be made freely available as a shared resource, for current and future Australian generations alike.

Australia At War

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

This website contains a wealth of information. It just takes a bit to work your way through it all though, as there's no easy search function.

Australia's War 1939-1945

<http://www.wv2australia.gov.au/>

This site was created by the Information Services Branch of the Office of the Board of Studies NSW for the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs. Australia's War 1939-1945 is under progressive development. More detailed information and new stories relating to campaigns and themes will be added.

Australian Light Horse Association

<http://www.lighthorse.org.au/>

The website of the Australian Light Horse Association Ltd, a non-profit organisation, whose aim is to preserve the history and tradition of the Australian Light Horse and its predecessors.

The site is dedicated to the Australian Light Horse Regiments, and the Light Horsemen who served their country in both war and peace, and contains both historical and current information on famous regiments and famous battles, as well as information on both ordinary soldiers and commanders, existing Military Units, current Re-enactment Troops, and Light Horse Museums.

Boer War Memorial

<http://www.bwm.org.au/>

Australia's contribution was significant; we suffered casualty numbers which have only been exceeded by those of World Wars 1 and 2. In all, over 16,000 troops were engaged in the Australian contingents and another 7,000 Australians fought in other colonial and irregular units. Possibly 1,000 Australians lost their lives on service in South Africa during the Boer War. This site gives you the history of the war, details of existing memorials, the medals, battle honours, ancestor search, descendant database, the soldiers and much more.

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GLOSSARY OF ECCLESIASTICAL TERMS

ARCHDEACON: a senior clergyman, one stage below a bishop. His role was mostly administrative; his responsibilities included keeping an eye on the clergy of his archdeaconate (see VISITATIONS) and his court commonly dealt with a wide range of matters, including probate and matrimonial cases (mainly adultery and fornication).

ADVOWSON: the right of the PATRON (see below) to present a person to a living; became a marketable commodity.

BENEFICE: position usually as vicar or rector of a parish with income and/or property.

CHURCHWARDENS: commonly two for each parish, one appointed by the incumbent, the other by the parishioners. Their primary responsibility was to keep the church or chapel in good repair, make sure that services were properly conducted, and report any "misbehaviour" to the archdeacon at his visitation. They were also charged with the preparation of the Bishop's Transcripts. They had duties under civil law, including dealing with the payment of poor relief and keeping vermin under control. Churchwarden's Accounts, where they survive, can be an invaluable source of information on parish life.

CLERK/CLERK IN HOLY ORDERS: an ordained clergyman in the Anglican Church. Until the 19th century most Anglican clergymen attended either Cambridge or Oxford University and details of their parentage/careers (not always complete or accurate) can be found in Venn's Alumni Canterbrigienses or Foster's Alumni Oxonienses, available in various formats including book form (in libraries) on CD and online on a commercial website. A useful website when looking for a clergyman ancestor is www.theclergydatabase.org.uk.

CONSISTORY COURT: the bishop's court for the administration of ecclesiastical law within his own diocese.

CURATE: an assistant to the Rector, Vicar or Perpetual Curate.

EXCHEQUER COURT: existed only in the province of York; dealt with the majority of grants of probate.

INCUMBENT: in England may be a Rector, vicar or curate-in-charge of a parish.

LITERATE (MAN): a cleric admitted to Holy Orders (ordained) without a university degree. In the Diocese of York between 1750 and 1799 almost half of those ordained were literate men rather than graduates; between 1820 and 1825 the percentage rose to just over half. The practice occurred in other dioceses but not to the same extent.

LIVING: see Benefice.

MINISTER: clergyman (especially in Nonconformist and Presbyterian Churches).

NONCONFORMIST: person not conforming to the beliefs and practices of the Church of England. Generally refers to Baptists, Quakers, Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians; also sometimes used of Roman Catholics.

OFFICIATING MINISTER: clergyman taking services and performing marriages in a church where he was not the appointed incumbent.

PARSON: Properly refers to a Rector, but since the 18th century is often used to refer to any clergyman.

PATRON: historically the person on whose land the church was built. The Patron reserved the right to appoint the incumbent, subject to the approval of the bishop. The right of patronage could be bought and sold. Patrons include the Crown, Bishops, Cathedrals, University Colleges and individuals.

PERPETUAL CURATE: priest nominated by lay rector to serve a parish which had no vicarage. Once licensed by the bishop could not be removed without revocation of the licence (hence the name). Income not derived from tithes. Often referred to as vicar.

PLURALISM: the holding of more than one benefice at a time. The bishop's permission was needed if the benefices were more than 30 miles apart; many cases of pluralism involved adjoining parishes.

PRIEST: ordained minister. In Anglican Church has authority to administer sacraments.

RECTOR: clergyman originally entitled to the Great and Small Tithes.

RECUSANT: person refusing to attend Church of England services. Commonly used to refer to Roman Catholics but can be applied to any nonconformist.

RURAL DEAN: appointed by the bishop as head of a group of parishes in a given area.

TERRIER: (commonly called a glebe terrier), was a written survey or inventory of land or other property held by the incumbent for the support of himself and his church.

TITHES: originally one-tenth of the yearly produce of land payable by parishioners to the parish church to support it and its clergymen. In the early days much of the payment was in kind - hence the building of tithe barns. Tithes in kind were gradually replaced by money payments and the 1836 Tithe Commutation Act hastened the process.

VESTRY: OPEN VESTRY: a meeting of the parish ratepayers who were responsible for electing the parish officers - churchwardens, overseers of the poor, overseers of the highways, parish constable. They set the parish rate which raised money for the poor, the upkeep of roads and bridges and much more. **SELECT VESTRY:** in large and heavily populated parishes, a number of ratepayers (not more than 20 or less than 5) elected annually to deal with parish matters. Where Vestry Minutes survive, they may provide detailed information on the running of the parish.

VICAR: clergyman entitled to Small Tithes.

VISITATION: official visit of inspection to check on temporal and spiritual affairs principally carried out by archbishops, bishops, archdeacons and, in some areas, rural deans.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY?

New research shows we are more likely to die on our birthday than any other day of the year. Swiss researchers analysed the death records of 2.4 million people over almost 40 years and found people were 13.8 percent more likely to die on their birthday.

You can read the full article at:
<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=20222>

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Joseph Mumby - Huntingdonshire, UK, to St. Kilda

Contributed by Margaret Pegler

Joseph Mumby was an early arrival in Melbourne and we can follow his life in considerable detail because he appears in many newspaper articles. He was the son of James Mumby and Sarah, nee Knightly, born c. 1819, and he had at least one brother, James Edmund Mumby, born c.1824, who also came to Melbourne. At some time before 1840 he married Frances (Fanny) Hervey.

On the 1841 census Joseph, aged 20 and a pipe maker, is listed at Back Street, St.Ives, Huntingdonshire living with Fanny, 25 yrs, Frederick, 2 yrs, and James, 17 yrs. I couldn't find Joseph's parents on the census, but there is an entry in an 1839 Directory for Sarah Mumby, Melbourne Place, St. Ives, pipe maker.

The family, together with brother, James, migrated to Australia on board the "Asia", arriving in Melbourne on 25 March 1850. The passengers wrote a letter to the paper on 19 February 1850 praising the Commander and connections of the ship in glowing terms on their excellent management when they arrived in Adelaide and again, on 27 March, when they arrived in Melbourne. The Mumbys signed these letters. There was also a letter from the female passengers on 1 February when nearing Adelaide, also signed by Mrs Mumby.

However Frances was not happy and on 8 April, within two weeks of her arrival in Melbourne, she committed suicide. The inquest was reported in the "Argus" of 9 April in some detail. She was found in bed by her brother-in-law, James Mumby, with her throat cut. She was still alive and a doctor was called, but she only lived for a short time. In that time she said that she had planned the event and was glad to be able to say that no one else was involved. She also said that her husband had been kind to her and was not to blame. James deposed that Frances had been in a depressed state for the last four months. He also said that she had been in a similar condition two to three years ago.

On 25 September 1850, Joseph inserted a notice in the "Argus" advertising his business as a pipe maker in Richmond. He stated that he had just arrived in the Colony from England and that he had seventeen years of experience in this business in the mother country.

Joseph married again in St. Peter's Church of England in June 1851. His new wife was Frances Patrick, nee Kearly, the widow of Walter Patrick, a baker who died intestate in October 1849.

In March 1852 Joseph successfully claimed administration of his estate. A very late claim in 1898 for administration by Walter's children gave considerable detail. Walter had a lease of seven years on the premises in Swanston Street and Frances continued the business until she married Joseph in June 1851. Joseph then lived on the premises, paid Walter's debts, maintained all the family, and ran the business until the lease ran out. They then moved to Windsor and he continued business as a baker and maintained the children until they came of age or married.

In January 1856 Joseph advertised for a second-hand bread and biscuit maker and his address was Swanston Street. In 1856 he is on the Electoral Roll in Wellington Street, Prahran, as a baker with freehold land in Wellington

Street and Church Street, Richmond, and in March 1857 he is advertising for a baker in Prahran. After that his address continues to be Wellington Street, Prahran.

Between 1859 and 1869 he put several advertisements in the "Argus" on topics including disclaiming debts in his name, a reduction in bread prices, hiring an apprentice, selling a horse and assuring the public that he sells his bread at a uniform price. In September 1857 he applied to be granted administration of the estate of Edward Dunkley Clarke, baker of Collingwood. There is no mention of a relationship and this man's next-of-kin is his father in Lincolnshire, so I don't know what claim Joseph had on the estate.

On the Electoral Roll of 1903 Joseph is registered living at 21 Wellington Street, Prahran with independent means. The house is called "St Ives" on Clara's death notice.

Joseph died on 6 October 1908, aged 89 years, and was buried two days later at the St. Kilda Cemetery in the Baptist Compartment, Grave 017. This is the grave next to Frances, who had died on the 7 July 1883.

He had made his will on 16 April 1908, naming his grandson, Joseph of Cintra Ave, St. Kilda and a solicitor as executors. The beneficiaries were his three surviving children. Probate was granted on 25 November 1908 and the Estate was valued at £650. His house in Wellington Street was valued at £480 and is described as a very old weatherboard dwelling containing four rooms and outhouses. The personal estate of £170 consisted of Bank savings, furniture and a silver watch and chain.

DEATH

JONES - On the 2nd August at his residence, Canterbury, Edwin Bond Jones, 2nd Commissioner Victorian Railways, the dearly beloved brother of Mrs W. B. Irving, "Parkfield," Leongatha; Winnie and Florris (Camberwell) and E. A. Jones, (Minyip).

The Bulletin thus refers to the late E. B. Jones, who was the most prominent man in the Victorian railways service:-

"Flu robbed Victoria of a man it could not spare when it took Edward Bond Jones, the second Railway Commissioner. The son of a schoolmaster, he started in the service with no influence behind him; but his merits took him to the front, and would certainly have made him Chief Commissioner on Norman's retirement in a few months. It was in Mr Jones' interests that the Canadian Tait gave the Bowser Government one of the hardest smacks any Australian Ministry has had. Bowser appealed to the American, asking if he could recommend one of his countrymen for the Chief Commissionership. "There is no greater expert than you've got," replied Tait.

(Source: *Great Southern Star*, 12 August 1920.)



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