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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc.

SFHG Presidents Report AGM 2004:

The past year has been a good year for the Shepparton Family History Group and with our enthusiastic members progress has been made in many areas.

Support from the general public has been great throughout the year, which has meant growth in our financial position, allowing the group to purchase items to upgrade the materials for research.

Active membership has been a little disappointing but considering recent matters that could have seen the group closed, we must push on and encourage new members to join.

The income for the 2003-2004 year increased over the previous year and with wise expenditure, new computers, C.D.s, fiche and other items have been purchased for the library allowing research to be conducted on a wider scale than previously.

Publications are moving slowly although I do not see that as a problem as these are a long term project.

The contribution of the GMAGs group is well worth the effort put in by member volunteers and it should continue to expand in future years.

Finally I would like to thank all members who continue to do so much to make the SFHG such a worthwhile, efficient and enthusiastic group.

President Bruce Manson.

SFHG inc Office Bearers

The following positions were filled at the SFHG annual meeting.

President: Bruce Manson

Vice President: Garry Wallden

Secretary: Eileen Torney

Assistant Secretary: Kerry Betts

Treasurer: Bob Galt

Research: Betty Foster

Fees remain the same: \$5.00 joining fee (once only), plus \$25 per annum single or \$45 double.

Thank You:

The members of the Shepparton Family History Group wish to thank Margaret Eddy for the many years of service she has given to our group. Margaret was one of the founding members and also jointly responsible for our first newsletter published. Margaret is taking 12 months leave of absence, her work and friendly nature will be missed around the research rooms.

Coming Events

- **November Meeting** November 17th 8.00 pm at the Welsford st clubroom. Members and Guests Welcome.
- **Sunday Afternoon Research and Relaxation** December 12th from 1.00 pm at the Welsford st clubroom. A chance for our members who cannot attend our evening meetings to catch up with fellow SFHG members for afternoon tea and a talk. Please bring a plate.
- **Library Display** At the Shepparton Library in December the theme is "Churches"
- **Xmas Break Up** December 15th from 7.30 pm at the Welsford st club rooms.

Present and past members are asked to attend for a quick meeting, a talk from guest speaker Margaret Babidge, who has had a career in bush nursing, followed by supper and a chance to chat with past and present members. Past members have the chance to see how the club has grown and maybe even consider rejoining, present members can show off the additions to the SFHG in the past few years.

- **Bendigo Genealogy Expo** Coming up in March 2005. The SFHG will be conducting a stand. For further details available on web site soon or contact SFHG.
- **Further Suggestions for 2005**

Visit to Latter Day Saints at Mooroopna (possibly February)
Library display with Shepparton Historical Society (June 2005)
Public Records Office visit
Trip to one of the local Family History Groups

- **GMAGS EXPO (Goulburn and Murray Local and Family History Groups)**

The annual GMAGS Expo will once again be held at Mulwala Services Club, Melbourne Road Mulwala on Saturday 20th November, starting from 10.00 am through to 4.00 pm.

Stall holders will include GSV (Genealogy society of Victoria), Gould Books, Macbeth Genealogical Services, PRO (Public Records Office of Victoria), Scottish Ancestry, French Connections, Cornish Association, Vic Adoptions, Mildura Genealogy Group, Murrin Transcription Services and many more. All these plus the member groups which make up GMAGS (groups from Corryong to Echuca and Mansfield to Wagga Wagga) with a cross section of their own history records as well as items and books for sale.

Included in the \$10 admission price is the opportunity to listen to the following well known speakers in the Services Club Auditorium. Speakers will be available at their stands during the day.

- 10.30 am Joy Roy Scottish Resources on Line.
- 11.30 am Linda Houssay - That French Connection.
- 1.30 pm Fletcher Tame - Victorian Adoption and Former Wardship.
- 2.30 pm Michael Piggott - University of Melbourne Archives, Baillieu Library Collection.

A Raffle for \$200 worth of petrol will be drawn during the afternoon.

Raffle ticket books are available from the clubrooms.

Profits from the day are distributed to participating GMAGS groups (\$200 last year).

Come along

discover some history

meet other genealogists/historians

support your local family history group.

See the full list of exhibitors and other details at www.vicnet.net.au/~gmags

Members Items

H.M.S. Supply

I have a 1988 calendar with a picture of "H.M.S. Supply entering Port Jackson 25th Jan 1788". If anyone is interested in this calendar, please contact me. Kerry ph: 5821 6596.

Recent Additions to SFHG library:-

Coastal Passengers to Port Phillip 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1845 (FICHE)

Vicar General Marriage License Index 1800-1825, 1826-1850 (FICHE)

Queensland Federation Index 1890-1914 (CD)

Treble Almanac 1803 Wilson's Dublin Directory, English Registry of Lists, Watson's Gentlemen's and Citizens Almanac (FICHE)

My Ancestors Were in the Salvation Army, Ray Wiggins

Victorian Railway Employees 19th Century (FICHE)

Searching for Mary Ann: Researching Women Ancestors in Australia, Lenore Frost

Histories

Anniversary Souvenir of Victoria's 150th

Murchison; Cobram Municipal Brass Band ; Maryborough, Silvertown, Broken Hill, Nyah;

Squatting in Victoria ; Numurkah; The Almonds District; Turaton Music Company

Newspaper indexes

Numurkah Leader 1900; 2003

Shepparton Newspaper cuttings 1984 to 2002 (CD); April 1st to June 30th 2004; March 6th 1970 to December 29th 1980; 1981 to 2002

Newspaper articles Pastoral Times (Deniliquin) 1997-2000

Rolls

Shire of Yarrawonga for the year ending July 1880, Western Riding Shire of Yarrawonga for the year ending July 1884, Division of Bendigo 1992.

Cemetery records

Macquarie Park (CD); Yea (FICHE); Rookwood (CD); Berrigan; Jerilderie.

Information, registers or histories of schools

Geoffrey Burkart, Researching Australian School Records

Australian (Victorian) List of Teaches 1882-83

Katandra West; Murchison; Cosgrove; Mooroopna North; Shepparton East; St Colman's, Shepparton; Wunghnu.

Families

Early Pioneer Families of Victoria and Riverina: a Genealogical and Biographical Record, Alexander Henderson

Australian Families: a genealogical and biographical record, Alexander Henderson

Australian Local and Family Histories – consolidated Surname Index (FICHE)

Harry Joseph Argus, The Forgotten Pioneers of the Eastern Goldfields, Kalgoorlie 1999

The Internet

Web Pages of Interest

- Tasmanian Female Convicts Data Base www.utas.edu.au/femalefactorymuster/
- First Families (Victoria) Data Base funding by the State Library is ceasing at the end of 2004. Check it out before then at www.firstfamilies2001.net.au
- GSV online services at www.gsv.org.au

Searching with Google (www.google.com) the world's most used search engine.

Type into the google search window several words (upper or lower case is acceptable), on the subject you are looking for eg, (smith bootmaker shepparton) with enough words to narrow down the possible responses **but without** too many words which may eliminate your subject from the google search. Remember google will only return a "hit" if it locates a web page containing **all** the words you have entered. This means that if you had included say 1925, the year his business operated, and 1925 was not mentioned in the web page you are seeking then google will not return a result. Start off with a few words then add words, (if too many results are found) or remove words (if no results are found).

To be more specific in your search you can group words together by quotation marks if you think that they would be mentioned in that order on a web site: eg "Charles Smith" would eliminate all other

Smith's from the results. But once again if the wording is not mentioned on the web page exactly as you have typed it in the quotation marks, say he was mentioned as "Charles E Smith", then google will not return the result you are seeking. The asterisk (*) can be used to cover all variations of a word eg; "charles * smith" would find every charles smith with or without a middle name. A minus sign" –" before a word will eliminate all sites which include that word (put a space before the – sign).

Shepparton Cemetery

(An extract from "History of Shepparton" by W S James)

Early Burial Grounds

From the year 1853 to 1872, burial grounds were located in various parts of the district. The first burial ground was at the rear of where Darby's cordial factory is now situated, on the sand hills at the north of the concrete bridge. (*west of present war memorial*)*. In the years 1909 and 1910, whilst sand was being removed, remains were accidentally exhumed and this year whilst some High School boys were carting sand from the spot, another skeleton was discovered. It must be understood that this was a communal burying ground, and was not much used on the coming of steamers, which made this spot a place of mooring and freighting. Indeed at this period, the remains of some were removed to other cemeteries of an exclusive and official nature.

In addition to burial grounds at "Tallygaroopna" referred to in the previous chapter, there were small burial grounds at "Arcadia" and at "Pine Lodge" used by the squatters. One can visualise that in these early days mortality was a rare occurrence – the population being so small.

Before official burying grounds compelled by stature, the necropolis of Shepparton started in 1872 on its present site. This site, however, was gazetted in 1893 when Shepparton village settlement was established, and burials have taken place since at this spot. Mr D J Mitchell states that as a lad he came to North Mooroopna in 1873, and he well remembers the first burial from Mooroopna side of the river that took place at the Shepparton cemetery. This was at the occasion of the funeral of Bessie Hewitt in 1876, the corsage passing over the river on the punt.

One of the many stories of those interred at Shepparton Cemetery

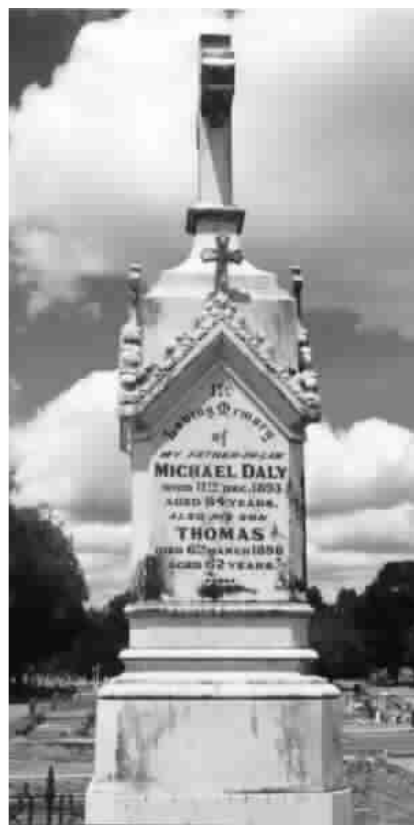
Shepparton News

Tuesday Morning March 8, 1898

OBITUARY- It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr Thomas Daly, a former resident of Bunbartha, and a brother of Mr E.J.Daly of Fryers St, who died at Wangaratta on Sunday last.

The deceased was one of those men who seem to get more than the ordinary measure of misfortune, as during seven years residence at Bunbartha he was flooded out three times, losing his crop on each occasion and after labouring hard for several years to make a fresh home in the Toombullup district the bush fires of a few weeks ago came along and destroyed his dwelling and all his movable possessions, the family escaping with their bare lives.

In journeying to Benalla after this calamity for the purpose of procuring provisions for his family Mr Daly lost his way in the ranges and during his wanderings contracted severe cold from the effects of which he died. Deceased was 62 years of age and has left a widow and eight children. His remains have been brought to Shepparton and will be interred today, the funeral starting from Mr E.J.Daly's residence at 2.30 pm.



Photo's of Shepparton Cemetery Headstones up to 1900 are available from the SFHG. Please send \$2.00 in stamps plus a SSAE. Register look-ups are also available.

SFHG Members Interest List 2004

The update to the SFHG Members' Interest List has been completed and the list can be seen on our website www.vicnet.net.au/~shepfh The contact address for enquiries on the names being researched is the SFHG postal address.

If anyone would like a paper copy of the list we are charging \$2 in fifty cent stamps, to cover printing costs. Please include a self addressed A5 envelope with a \$1 stamp for postage.

Please address all correspondence to SFHG, Members Interest List, P.O. Box 1529, Shepparton 3632. If you have any enquiries please contact Kerry on 5821 6596.

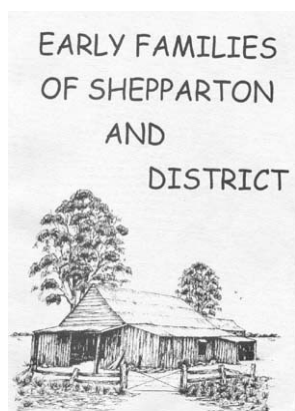
Research Requests

Recent research requests to the SFHG have included the following surnames:

Daish, Eddy, C of E Grammar School early 1900's, Darveniza, Doherty, Emanuelli, Godkins, Height, Kittle, Knight, Leahy, Leafe, Martin, McGregor, Millerick, Malone, Mitchell, Norman, Paul, Perna, Pinner, Strawhorn, Taig.

During the past six months more than 420 names were listed on the attendance register at the research rooms showing just how popular family history research has become in Shepparton. With the continuing purchase of records we are sure that even more people will visit in the future.

Books for Sale



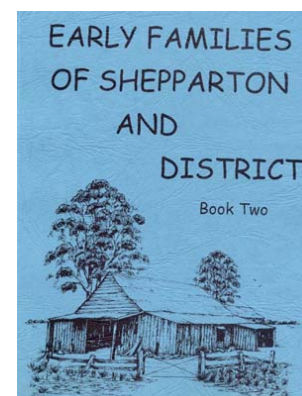
“Early Families of Shepparton and District “ Book 1 is available to purchase from the SFHG .There are 135 family stories from early days in the Goulburn Valley.

Price: \$25.00

Book 2 compiled by the SFHG contains 70 stories, over 50 photographs and also articles of historical value relating to the beginning of the irrigation scheme in the Shepparton area in the early 20th century. It is a valuable historical reference and social history of life in the Shepparton area prior to the 1930's .The index contains some 700 entries.

Price: \$20.00

P & P is \$7.50 for up to 3 books



Meeting and Research Times

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Meeting Times: 8.00pm Third Wednesday of each month at the SFHG Club Rooms

Research Times: Every Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Even Dated Sundays 1.00 to 4.00 pm.

Odd Dated Fridays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.