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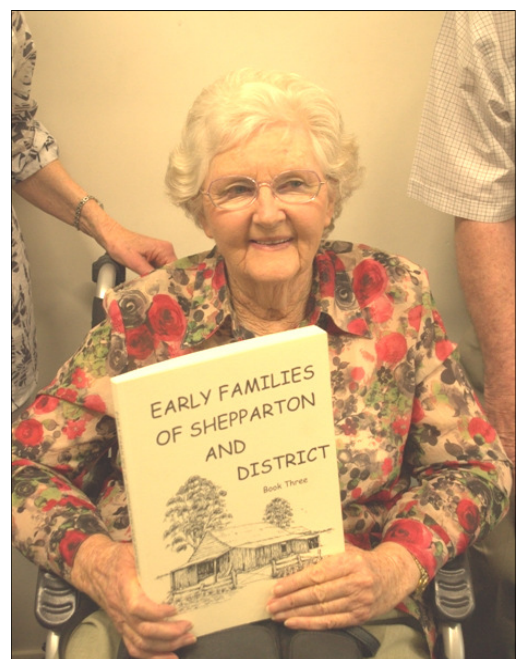
The highlight of the past six months for the Shepparton Family History Group has been the very successful launch on Sunday 9th November of book three of our very popular "Early Families of Shepparton and District". The launch, by State Member for Shepparton Jeanette Powell, was followed by book sales and a plentiful afternoon tea. Approximately 135 copies of book three were sold immediately after the launch together with nearly 30 copies of book one and book two.

The work put in by the four members of the book committee commenced in 2012 with the successful application for a "Local Histories" grant from the Public Records of Victoria. Advertising then commenced for individuals to contribute a story if their family lived in the Shepparton district before 1940. Many hours of collecting, collating, editing, typing, checking and compiling all the information received followed with the final copy going to the printer in September 2014.

Committee members Betty, Eileen, Kerry and Lorraine were well rewarded for their effort when a crowd of more than 110 interested people filled the former Mechanics Institute Hall to hear Shepparton Family History Group president, Bruce Manson, invite local Member for Shepparton, Jeanette Powell, to officially launch Book Three of "Early Families of Shepparton and District".



Jeanette Powell launches Book Three of
"Early Families of Shepparton and District"



Eileen Torney
Compiler of Book Three

Past Events

Book Launch

Book 3 "Families of Shepparton and District"
November 9th 2014.

See p4 for photographs.

Deniliquin Family History Genealogy Muster

24th and 25th October 2014

Shepparton Family History Group Inc were once again represented at Deniliquin for their second genealogy muster. Members Bruce, Bev, Jan and Garry manned our display for the two day expo.

As with the previous 2012 muster, Thursday evening was set aside for a welcome to all expo stall holders by means of a very pleasant meet and greet drinks and supper in the Deniliquin library.

The mayor Mr. Lindsay Randwick welcomed all the visitors to Deniliquin. Val Hardman then outlined the agenda for the following two days.

Friday saw a steady flow of enquiries to our table and several groups interested in purchasing copies of

Early Families of Shepparton and District Book 3.

Saturday was reasonably quiet, most groups being disappointed with the lack of people attending especially after the tremendous effort put in by the members of the Deniliquin Genealogy Society who worked non-stop for the duration of the expo.



The happy crew at Convict Connections



Would you buy a used car from these two salesmen?



The ideal venue at Deniliquin RSL Club

S.F.H.G. Library Display October 2014

Thanks again to Kerry for organizing a great library display. This year showcasing our three "Families of Shepparton and District" publications as well as several other books we have for sale.



Coming Events



SFHG Christmas Break Up

Please come along and join in afternoon tea and a chat on Sunday 14th December, from 1.00pm, to celebrate the end of another successful year for our club.

If you haven't been into the rooms for some time you may be surprised at the extra resources we have in the library, maybe some that will help you add to your family history story.

The research rooms will be closed after research on Wednesday 19th December and re-open on the 7th January 2015 giving some of the hard working regular members a well earned break.

To all our members and fellow genies we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bendigo Family and Local History Expo 25th Annual Expo

15th March 2015 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

- Over 60 specialist consultants
- New 30 minute talks by Scottish researcher Alex Glennie
- Many district area societies
- Resources to trace Pioneer Families
- Australian and Overseas Indexes
- Computer, Genealogy and Databases
- Light refreshments and lunches available
- Trading table
- Entry \$10

---Typist Required---

We have a member of the Group who is indexing the Parish Maps (Selection Maps) which we have in our library. We need someone with a little spare time who could type up her hand written lists onto an Excel spreadsheet.

The typing can be done at home or at the SFHG during opening hours. It involves about five to eight pages roughly every two to four weeks.

Please contact Kerry on 58216596 if you can assist us.

Coming events cont'd

The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc. (AFFHO) is the umbrella organisation for family history societies in the region and is the group under whose auspices the triennial Australasian Congresses on Genealogy and Heraldry are held.

The 14th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry to be held in Canberra 26th-30th March 2015.

For more information Google affho flyer 2015 or mail to: The Australasian Federation Of Family History Organisations Inc. P.O. Box 3012, Weston Creek, A.C.T. 2611. Australia

The National Library of Australia, in conjunction with the State Library of New South Wales, is working towards making a digitized version of the New South Wales Government Gazettes from 1832-2001 available through [Trove](#).

The Library conducted a short online user survey on the use of government gazette materials to help us better understand why and how people use government gazettes for information, so we can align with those needs.

Recent Library Additions

Local Heroes Vol 1 and 2. Special collectors edition. "Greater Shepparton The Foodbowl of Australia". Donated by Goulburn Valley Regional Library.

Burns to Milton by James Stott. Donated by John Bromlow.

Fryers St State School 1469. Compiled by Marlene Turner-Kuhn. Donated by Sue Lohse.

Smile Awhile

You know you are a committed genealogist when:

1. Your car brakes for libraries.
2. You hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
3. You would rather read census schedules than a good book.
4. You would rather browse a cemetery than a shopping mall.
5. You have traced your ancestors back to Adam and Eve but still will not quit.
6. All your letters start with "Dear Cousin".
7. You store your clothes under the bed because your wardrobe is full of books and documents.

Book Launch **Early Families of Shepparton and District Book Three**

Photographs by Shannen Reed



The big day — Eileen Torney and Jeanette Powell



SFHG members busy with the book sales



Now where is that story?



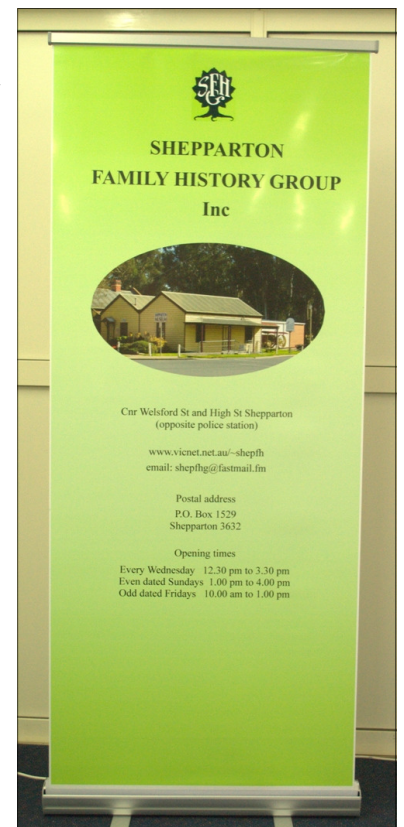
Book 3 on sale



Our new banner

Can't wait to see our family story in print

A most enjoyable afternoon tea



Families of Shepparton and District Book 3 "The Galt Story"

The author of "The Galt Story", Bob Galt, has been one of our very active members over the past 12 years but has recently been unable to attend our rooms because of health problems.



Bob Galt helping to digitise the
Rodney Shire Rate Books

In our May 2004 newsletter we included the following article:-

Member Profile: Bob Galt

Member of S.F.H.G for two years and also member of GSV for twelve months. My wife, Joan passed away just on three years ago and we have four children and ten grandchildren .

I am interested in descendants of George and Sarah (Phillips) Hewitt who came to Australia in the 1850's from Dublin and were around Bendigo. Also the Descendants of Robert Sutherland and Margaret (Harvey) Murray from Scotland around Aberdeen I think !-Isabella born in Sydney in 1839 - my great grandmother married Robert Hackney from Antrim Ireland - there are other Murray's and Hackney's I would love to hear about. There was a William Galt (not my grandfather) who lived in Rushworth in the 1870's - please let me have any material you may have on his family. Other family names are Craig-mile Duncan, Webber Horman, Shands ,Sharwood Gittens all of Victorian backgrounds.

Much information can be gleaned from the wills of our forefathers and these can be researched at the P.R.O.V where staff are very helpful.

I can be contacted via
SFHG email (shepfhg@fastmail.fm)

We are pleased, but not as pleased as Bob, to report that much of his research gleaned over the years has come to fruition and "The Galt Story" story is now published on page 64 of "Early Families of Shepparton and District".

Bob stated that he felt he had to compile this family history story because his ancestors lives deserved to be remembered in a permanent way.

Press Release

The National Library of Ireland Announces its
Most Significant Ever Digitisation Project for Irish
Genealogy

The project will see the National Libraries entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms made available online, for free, by mid 2015.

The records are considered the most important source of information of Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records.

Head of Special Collections at the National Library Ireland, Colette O'Flaherty said, "the information in the registers varies from parish to parish but typically includes the dates of the baptisms or marriages, and the names of the key people involved, including godparents or witnesses."

"The microfilms have been available to visitors to the NLI since the 1970's. However this project means that for the first time anyone who likes will be able to access these registers without having to travel to Dublin."

The 390,000 digital images due to be published by the NLI will be searchable by parish location only, they will not be indexed by the NLI and the images will be of the original registers which in some cases were in poor condition when the microfilming took place.

"Anyone who has traced their family history knows it can sometimes be frustrating due to illegible handwriting, unfortunately we do not have the resources to transcribe or index the images.

Recent Research Requests

Roche, William and Edith
Bollard, Samuel and Frederick Clarence. Katamatite
Bullock, John Percy. 1926 Shepparton
McDonald Family. settled at Ardmona
Dahlberg, Herbert Ernest. Shepparton
Norton, Ernest Albert.
Dennis, Neil. S.P.C. employee
Pick, Felix (John). S.P.C. lifer
Lemnos Football Club. history
Cottam family. Numurkah—Drumanure area
Longstaff, Sir John. Shepparton 1870's
Borghese, Edward. Shepparton 1915
McDonald, Alexander. Bunbartha
'The Story of Bunbartha 1841-1981'.
McNabb, Vivienne Muriel. 'Avalon' Ardmona
Currey and Balcarn families

Occupational Hazards

Many of our British ancestors living through the 19th and 20th centuries were involved in occupations which involved extremely dangerous materials or workplace hazards. Results of this can be seen on death certificates.

Seamen developed scurvy as a result of not having access to fresh fruit, vegetables and vitamin C, on long voyages. Added to this was the risk of hernias through heavy lifting, hauling and climbing. There was always the danger of infection from yellow fever and malaria in West Africa and South America as well as other contagious diseases.

Principals of diseases were not well understood and it was not until the late 19th century that bacteria was known to cause infection, so employers, workers and doctors alike did not know how to take precautions against the spread of many diseases.

Clergymen were at great risk during the bubonic plague era because of their involvement with the sick and dying.

Workers in the sewage industry were at extreme risk of contracting typhoid.

Woollen mill workers were exposed to anthrax when handling hides and wool from infected animals, this became known as woolsorter's disease.

Handling hazardous chemicals often caused illness in the work-force. Munitions workers in Victorian factories packing nitro-glycerine to make dynamite, complained of severe pounding headaches. This happened because exposure to the explosive can dilate blood vessels in the head. During the First World War 100,000 employees, mostly women, packed T.N.T. into shells for the war effort. The explosive stained their skin and hair yellow but more seriously caused stomach pain, loss of appetite, vomiting and constipation. This could progress to fatal jaundice.

Another factory workers' disease was called "Phossy Jaw". This arose from handling phosphorous for the manufacture of matches. Employers often chose the more toxic white phosphorous over the more expensive but less potent red. Inhaled phosphorous fumes penetrated the jaw, via rotten teeth, killing tissue, leading to infection, swelling and great pain. The only treatment was to have the jaw surgically removed, with devastating results.

The Industrial Revolution demanded the greater use of the heavy metal lead. Lead ore had to be smelted and white lead was manufactured to be used in water pipes, as a sweetener in food, in paint, cosmetics and as a glaze in the pottery industry. Workers involved in all these occupations were exposed to lead poisoning or "plumbism" resulting in abdominal pain, confusion, headache, anemia, irritability, and in severe cases, seizures, coma, and death.

Other occupational diseases involving chemicals included arsenic poisoning, amongst dyers and craftsmen using green pigments, and mercury poisoning in milliners (whose symptoms led to the phrase 'mad as a hatter').

Breathing difficulties are often associated with occupations involving working in particle-laden air. Workers in mines, cotton and flax mills, flour mills and malt houses were especially susceptible. A similar affliction awaited grinders, stonemasons and those who processed metal ores such as foundry workers.

Chronic lung diseases such as bronchitis, emphysema and tuberculosis were often the eventual outcome of excessive exposure to air born particles.

Employers were slow to implement change to working conditions and as a result family historians often find successive generations of one family dying from the same condition as each was employed in the same trade.

Earlier medical workers using x-rays soon discovered the hazards of radiation when many of them and their patients began to develop cancers.

Where to look for information

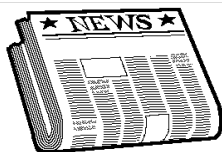
- Death certificates, if condition was fatal.
- Employers' records in local archives
- Workhouse records if the condition caused poverty or loss of employment
- Local newspapers reported accidents at work or industrial unrest arising from conditions at particular establishments.
- Social history books list conditions of employment for people in various occupations.
- Government reports, medical research and the work of charities may reveal the extent of work related ill health.

*Edited information from article by Dr Simon Wills 'Family Tree' (U.K.) May 2014 edition.
Author of 'How Our Ancestors Died'*

Further reading on this article can be found in the above edition available in our resources library.

The Shepparton Family History Group subscribe to this British magazine, many other interesting stories and information can be found in past and present copies.

Our Soldier Boys



Mrs. E. Smith, of McKinney Street, Shepparton, is in receipt of a later communication from Base Records, notifying that her son, Pte. Robert J. Smith, was admitted to the 3rd Canadian stationary hospital on 2nd August, suffering from gunshot wound in the back, also from an attack of shell gas. The wounds have been described as severe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jeffery, of Pine Lodge (Railway Station), have been informed by Base Records, Melbourne, that their third son, Private C. P. Jeffery has been wounded at the front, in France. Private Jeffery kept his 19th birthday in the Seymour camp, and his 20th in France. He has been about five months in the trenches. Two older brothers offered themselves for service but were rejected. A younger brother, who is a clerk in the Footscray branch of the National Bank, enlisted last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery have reason to be proud of their sons, and their own fine spirit of self-sacrifice is to be commended, and held up as an example to other parents.

The name appears in the list of missing, of Private B. Blight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blight, of Pine Lodge North.

Mr. H. T. Lanyon, Bank of Australasia, Fitzroy (late of Shepparton), has been notified by the Defence department that his son, Captain H. T. Lanyon, has been severely wounded. He was formerly a student at Wesley College, Melbourne, and a graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He is at present attached to the 6th Infantry Brigade, which has been in France since last March.

Trooper A. J. Mosdell, of the 4th Light Horse, who was one of the first to enlist in Shepparton, has resumed his employment with Mr. W. T. Lightfoot, who gave him a hearty welcome back. Trooper Mosdell was wounded by a shell. He was buried in the explosion which followed, but was rescued. Trooper Mosdell has received his discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. West have received a letter from their son, Sergeant Ray West, in which the writer briefly tells the story of his wound. It was on a day following heavy engagement (August 24) at Pozieres, when the British attacked. He came through that engagement all right, but on the 25th the Germans attacked. It was during the engagement that a bullet entered the nose on the left side, passing through the right eye, destroying the sight of it. The sight of the left eye is unimpaired. The cheery optimism of the writer, in spite of his injury, is a revelation. If it were only general throughout the community, it would help Australians to the right decision.

Sgt West is in a London Hospital. He speaks highly of the care and attention of the staff. In addition the patients, numbering some hundreds have their wants administered to by ladies who are mostly connected with the Red Cross movement.

Mrs. D. Anderson, of Benalla Road, has received news from the defence department, that Private A. O. Anderson, has been wounded in action, in France.

Letters received from 2nd Lieut. Roy Welshman, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Welshman, Nixon Street show that he is in England, and enjoying good health. He has sent a photo postcard of the captured German submarine now on view in the Thames. A feature of the photo, is the floating of the Royal Standard over the now deposed German flag.

Tech Tips

When filling out your address in online forms, use the tab key to jump into the next box. When it comes to filling in your state, instead of selecting your state from the list, just hit the first letter of your state until it appears.

Make text on your computer screen bigger or smaller by pressing Ctrl + or Ctrl - (If you're a Mac user, press the Command key instead of Ctrl).

When typing on your smart phone, instead of putting in the full stops yourself, finish the word and hit the space bar twice. This automatically puts in the full stop and starts a new sentence.

On your smart phone, to redial the last person you spoke to, you can simply hit the call button once and it will paste the last number you called into the box. Hit call again to dial.

You don't have to use online dictionaries. Use Google to search for word definitions by typing the word 'define' followed by the word you want to search. As you type, you'll notice that the definition will appear before you've even hit search.

Save time when highlighting. Instead of dragging the mouse across the piece of text you want to highlight, just double click the word you want to highlight and it will be selected. Once you've highlighted text you want to remove, you don't need to hit delete or backspace, just type over it.

When giving a power point slide presentation, audiences can easily be distracted from what you're saying by the images and text on your screen. Make them refocus on you by hitting the B or W keys to blackout or whiteout the screen until you've finished speaking. Hit the B or the W again to un-blank the screen.

Web Sites of Interest

- Frozen in Time Gallery. Many different subjects of historic photographs of days gone by, including WW1 & WW2.
www.frozentime.com.au
Note: frozentime (not frozenintime)
- The Place for Local and Family History on the Western Australian Goldfields
www.outbackfamilyhistory.com.au
- Deceased on Line . Central data base for U.K. burials and cremations. Search function
www.deceasedonline.com
- Convict Connections. Colonial era research
www.convictconnections.org.au
- Free access to England and Wales birth, marriage and death indexes. Links to free census data and parish registers.
www.freebmd.org.uk
- A research service into Australian military history
www.mostlyunsung.com.au
- New Zealand history online. A comprehensive site
www.nzhistory.net.nz
- Free resource for Australia and New Zealand genealogists to share Vital Records
www.ausbmd.org/

\$\$\$\$\$ Membership \$\$\$\$\$

Members please note that 2014/15 subs were due from July and payable to:
The Treasurer, P.O.Box 1529 Shepparton Vic 3632.
Current membership is: Single \$25.00. Couple \$45.00. New member joining fee \$5.00



Don't Forget

Members only research days.

The first odd dated Sunday of each month 1.00 to 4.00pm is set aside for research only by our members.

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General Meetings Third Wednesday **** 2.00 pm ****
Research Times Every Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.
Even Dated Sundays 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
Odd Dated Fridays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.
First odd dated Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm .(For SFHG members research only)

Shepparton Family History Group

2013-2014 Office Bearers

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