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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc

Shepparton Family History Group Inc report

S.F.H.G. Annual Meeting 2019



The annual meeting of the Shepparton Family History Group Inc. was held at our Welsford St rooms on Wednesday 8th September 2019.

It was agreed that general meetings will continue to be held 3 monthly. (see page 4 for dates).

See page 8 for details of office bearers, subscriptions and methods of payment.

Shepparton News article “Who Do You Think You Are”

A feature article in the Shepparton News on Tuesday 26th November 2019, highlighted the great research library we have accumulated over the past 35 years as well as some advice for prospective family history researchers.

Thanks very much to the Shepparton News for giving our small group of volunteers some recognition for the work they do and also for some great advertising for the Shepparton Family History Group Inc.

To everyone and especially our dedicated hard working members

we wish you all a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a very
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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Coming Events

SFHG Christmas Breakup

The Shepparton Family History Group Inc will hold their Christmas break-up on Wednesday 18th December from 12.30 to 3.30pm.

A general meeting will be held at 2.00 pm followed by afternoon tea. Everyone welcome.

Research will recommence after the New Year on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

Deniliquin 2020 FAMILY HISTORY EXPO

23rd, 24th & Workshop 25th October 2020

A great weekend come and enjoy.

More Info: denifhg@bordnet.com.au

Joint G.S.V. and R.H.S.V. Seminar

“Early Melbourne Suburbs” 1835 - 1880

Saturday 1st February 2020 10.00 am—4.00 pm

RHSV 239 A'Beckett St Melbourne 3000

Genealogical Society Victoria (G.S.V)

“Researching your ancestors who fought in the British armed services during the First World War”.

Wednesday 1st April 2020 10.30 am—12.00 pm

\$7.50 members, \$30 non members.

Bookings essential. www.gsv.org.au

New Library Additions

- Sands & McDougall P.O. Directory 1946, 1968 of Victoria (photocopy of the local area)
- City of Shepparton Voters' Roll for the Wilmot Ward of the City of Shepparton
- Rev H.W. Hughes, Visitation List Wesley Pastorate 1951, 1952, 1953 [indexed]
- Three booklets placed in a display folder with the title “Closer Settlement, Soldier Settlement and the Orchard Industry” – ‘Review of Closer Settlement in the Shepparton District, Relating to Fruit Growing, Orchard Practice and Marketing’. ‘Back to the Settlement August 31 – September 3 1956, Programme and story of the Settlement’. ‘The Northern Victorian Fruitgrower Vol.3, No.12, December 1967’. Plus supplement – ‘NVFA Orchard machinery and Gadget Field Day, April 18-19 1968’
- Irrigators Directory 1954 Edition. A Guide to all Irrigators in Shepparton. Ardmona District

Past Events



Library Display

One of our dedicated members, Kerry, once again organised our annual display in the Goulburn Valley Regional Library. The November 2019 display focused on records held by SFHG relating to the Pine Lodge district of the Goulburn Valley.

Donation

We have recently received a donation of a Microfiche Reader together with a number of local and overseas family history research microfiche.

To the donor who prefers to remain anonymous, thank you very much for these items.

Research Inquiries



- HURLEY / EARLY - Shepparton.
- CAVANAGH - James & Margt. Ire., Eng., Shepparton.
- BETTS & HOWELL families - Shepparton. Park.
- HARRISON - Kialla/ Pioneer of Nathalia.
- McNABB - Kialla West.
- RAFTERY - Kialla.
- HAYES - Margt. - Tatura / Violet Town/ Dookie.
- O'BRIEN - Jeremiah - Cosgrove / Dookie.
- BYRNE - Lewis & Gerald - Surveyors / Byrne side.
- ROWE - Adolphus & Sarah NORTH - Shepp / Katandra / Pine Lodge.
- CEDDIA - Antonio, Nicola & Tony - Shepp & District.
- SEARLE & DUNNE
- LINCOLN
- JOHNSON
- BARNETT

WE NEED YOU !

Volunteers are an essential part of every organisation, if you can help with indexing, newspaper cataloguing or even being on duty during our open days it will help to ease the workload on some of our overworked members and improve our club's resources.

Could you spare some time to learn about our resources and then help others with their research? If so we would love to hear from you. Please call at our rooms during opening hours.

PROV Vaccination Records

Early vaccination records for some regional Victorian towns have been digitised and are available to view on the PROV website. <http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/public>

PROV has online links to vaccinations in 42 regional centres in Victoria.

Some of the local districts documented were:

Shepparton (1897-1900) (290 names)

Rochester(1895 thru 1931)

Benalla (1908 thru 1916)

Waaia (1883/84/87)

Some of the names listed for Shepparton District in 1897:

Child Christian Name	Parent/s
Margaret	John & Mary Webster
Wm Henry	Annie Elizabeth Bond
Lizzie D.	Geo & Elizabeth Bishop
Edith Stewart	Susan & McLeary Stewart
Fred Gladstone	Wm & Mary Anstis *
Annie	John & Annie Mullins
Beatrice Louis	Geo & Isabelle Florence
Wm Harold	Hugh & Annie Boyd
Wm Vic	Wm & Annie Smith
Olive Unice	Geo & Louisa Howard
Minnie	John & Mary Robin
Edgar Francis	Hugh Gardiner
Cecil Seth	Wm & Alice Taylor
Elsie Catherine	Patrick & Bridget Duggan
John	Geo & Jean McLean
Isabell	Walter & Jane Berry
Kathleen	T.H & Helen Donnelly
Eva	James & Barbara Holland
Christopher	Joseph Thorn
Jessie	James & Grace Martin
Mary E	Edward & Annie Betts
Stella	Phillip& Elenor Howell
John R	John & Elizabeth Douglas
Hazel Violet	Elizabeth Lucas
Charles Henry	Christian & Sarah Spinks
Francis P.	Patrick & Sarah Bond
Gilbert	William & Mary Wright
Leslie Norman	William & Edith Castle

An Unfortunate Family *

Looking through the adjacent list of families listed on the immunisation files, the Anstis family story is one of extreme sadness.

The newspaper articles shown (see page 4) from Trove tell of Mr Anstis being fatally punched in 1914, the family farm being sold up in March 1915, a son killed at Galipoli in May 1915, and a daughter suddenly dying from illness in July 1915.

Numurkah Leader January 9 1914

Alleged Murder at Tallygaroopna.

FARMER W. H. ANSTIS THE VICTIM

A SATURDAY-NIGHT SQUABBLE

Apparently during an argument which took place at the Victoria hotel, Tallygaroopna, on Saturday night, shortly before the closing hour, Orville Byron Randall, as is alleged, struck William Henry Anstis, farmer, a blow under the jaw, sending him to the floor. After that Randall went away, and when taken by the police on Sunday morning and shown the body of Anstis, he exclaimed, horror stricken, "My God ! he's dead !"

Randall has been working for some time at Mr Thomas James Sandilands' sawmills at Tallygaroopna. He is stated to have belonged to the American fleet which arrived at Australia some years ago. He is a tall, powerfully-built man. On Saturday evening, while at the Victoria hotel, at Tallygaroopna, he was in the company of Mr Anstis, who, it is stated, was advising him to go home, and it was during the argument that followed that the fatal blow is said to have been struck. Anstis was removed to the gateway at the hostelry by some of the men who were there; and one of them, half-an-hour later, on going to see how he was getting on, found that he was dead. The body was then removed to the hotel premises ; and in response to a telephone message from Tallygaroopna post-office, Sub Inspector T. Corkhill and Constables .V. Thomas and Cantwell went out to make inquiries.

At the conclusion of this evidence, the inquest was adjourned till Tuesday, 2 p.m. at the Shepparton Court House.

Shepparton News February 12 1914

A TALLYGAROOPNA CASE. DEATH OF MR. W. H. ANSTIS. CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER. ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

In the Court of General Sessions this morning before Judge Box, a young, unmarried man named Orville Byron Randall was presented on a charge of manslaughter. Mr. J. Sutherland acted for the Crown prosecutor, and Mr. W. McAbernethy appeared for the accused, who pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was empanelled: Thomas Hookey, Shepparton, hotelkeeper (foreman); Joseph Cosgrove, Ardmona, orchardist; W. Robinson, Shepparton, farmer ; James Parker, Shepparton, farmer ; David Goodlet,

Shepparton, carpenter; John. T. Buckworth, Kialla, farmer ; Frank K. Howson, Shepparton, dealer ; Samuel James Orchard, Shepparton, farmer ; David Clark, Arcadia, farmer ; Jas. O'Connell, jun., Shepparton, agent; William Henry Clark, Shepparton, farmer; Joseph L. Quinlivan, Shepparton, farmer.

The acting Crown Prosecutor stated that accused was charged with killing one, William Henry Anstis, at Tallygaroopna on the night of 3rd January last. On that night the deceased, Anstis, with a friend, was at the Victoria Hotel, Tallygaroopna, and the accused was also there. About 11 o'clock that night Anstis left the hotel to go home. After going outside deceased was told there was a man (the accused) lying asleep against the wall of the hotel, and it was suggested that he should be seen home to his tent near the railway station. They roused the accused and set him on his feet. He resented interference, and deceased caught hold of him to assist him home. Accused struck a blow which knocked Anstis down. "The blow was somewhere on the head—about the jaw. Deceased fell and never rose again, subsequently dying from the effects of the blow. There was no suggestion of malice, otherwise the accused would have been charged with murder. He was charged with manslaughter, which, subject to his Honor's direction, was the unlawful killing of any person. The case for the Crown was that Anstis death was the direct result of the blow from the accused. Under the circumstances there was neither excuse nor justification for the blow.

The case for the Crown was supported in whole or in part by the evidence of the following witnesses:—John Inglis, hotelkeeper ; Alfred Bolger, laborer; Leslie James Chapman, Constable Vernon and Dr. J. H. Cook. The evidence in question has already been published in the News.

The jury, after a few minutes retirement, found a verdict of not guilty, and the accused was discharged. His Honor gave the young man a kindly admonition to keep away from drink, pointing out the narrow escape he had experienced.

Numurkah Leader 2 July 2 1915,

Quite a gloom was cast over the district when it became known that Nellie, the fourth daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Anstis, of Tallygaroopna, had died suddenly in the Women's Hospital, Sydney, on Friday June 1st, after a few hours illness, the cause of death being kidney trouble.

The deceased, who was only 29 years of age, was born in Clunes, and came to Congupna when only 12 months old. She was of a bright and cheerful disposition and loved by everyone. She was not one of the strongest, but had not been ailing very long. Feeling extra well she went to Sydney six weeks ago where the sad event took place. Her brothers and sisters received a letter from her only two days before her death, stating that she felt splendid. The remains were brought from Sydney and interred in the family grave at Shepparton. The deepest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved mother, brothers and sisters.

The Argus September 23 1915

SOLDIERS WHEREABOUTS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir -My brother, John Anstis left Australia with the first reinforcements, Sixth Battalion 2nd Brigade A. I. E. F., No 1108 When landing in Egypt he was transferred to the B Company Sixth Battalion. First A.I.E.F., No 2124. He was last seen in the trenches on May 7; and we have had no further word excepting the original information from the Defence department on June 23. If any of the returned soldiers could give me any information as to when last seen or what actually happened, I would be very pleased-

Yours &c.,

RICHARD ANSTIS.

Tallygaroopna P.O., Sept 20

WWI Nominal Roll (John Anstis No 1108)

No. 1108 ANSTIS J., 6th Battalion.

Killed in action 8/5/15 - D.O. 112/-
7525a dated 23/10/15, shewing "Rejoined from Unit 6/8/15"
is in error and will be deleted accordingly.

SFHG -- OPENING HOURS -- 2020

Every Wednesday 12.30 – 3.30pm

1st & 3rd Friday 9am – 12 noon

2nd & 4th Sunday 1 – 4pm

Members Only* 1st Sunday 1 – 4pm

Quarterly Meetings Wed 2pm;

Mar 18, Jun 17, Sep 16, Dec 16

Jan Wed 8, Sun 12; Wed 15, Fri 17; Wed 22, Sun 26; Wed 29.

Feb Sun 2*; Wed 5, Fri 7, Sun 9; Wed 12; Wed 19, Fri 21, Sun 23; Wed 26.

Mar Sun 1*; Wed 4, Fri 6, Sun 8; Wed 11; Wed 18, Fri 20, Sun 22; Wed 25.

Apr Wed 1, Fri 3, Sun 5*, Wed 8, Sun 12; Wed 15, Fri 17; Wed 22, Sun 26; Wed 29.

May Fri 1, Sun 3*; Wed 6, Sun 10; Wed 13, Fri 15; Wed 20, Sun 24; Wed 27.

Jun Wed 3, Fri 5, Sun 7*; Wed 10, Sun 14, Wed 17, Fri 19; Wed 24, Sun 28.

July Wed 1, Fri 3, Sun 5*; Wed 8, Sun 12; Wed 15, Fri 17, Wed 22, Sun 26; Wed 29.

Aug Sun 2*; Wed 5, Fri 7, Sun 9; Wed 12; Wed 19, Fri 21, Sun 23; Wed 26.

Sep Wed 2, Fri 4, Sun 6*; Wed 9, Sun 13; Wed 16, Fri 18; Wed 23, Sun 27; Wed 30.

Oct Fri 2, Sun 4*; Wed 7, Sun 11, Wed 14, Fri 16; Wed 21, Sun 25; Wed 28.

Nov Sun 1*; Wed 4, Fri 6, Sun 8; Wed 11; Wed 18, Fri 20, Sun 22; Wed 25.

Dec Wed 2, Fri 4, Sun 6*; Wed 9; Sun 13; Wed 16, Fri 18.

Part of an article by printed in the ANCESTOR, Winter 1986, page 2, (refers to the Victorian Indexes on Microfiche).

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

INTRODUCTION

The long awaited index of the birth, marriage and death records of the Government Statist have arrived.

Genealogists are now able to do their own researching for a name and upon production of the requisite folio number are able to obtain a certificate, thus avoiding the frustrating situation of receiving a "No record" from the Statist. This issue of "The Golden Age" is mainly devoted to the work of William Henry Archer whose persistence was responsible for Victoria having among the best Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates in the world.

If the father or mother was disabled or deceased, then the occupier of the house (or father, or mother) was to inform the Deputy Registrar *within sixty days* of the situation, to the best of his or her knowledge. Failure to do so brought a fine of ten pounds, and the applicant was warned of perjury.

The Law stated: 'After 60 days it shall not be lawful for the Deputy Registrar or the Chief Registrar to register a birth.' No wonder parents in remote areas missed out on registering their children!

There was only one small window of opportunity for a late registration. This allowed registration *after fifteen days but within six months* if a solemn declaration was made by the father or guardian or a person present at the birth, before the Deputy Registrar or the Chief Registrar (in Melbourne) and signed 'in the book', presumably the birth registration book.

Any attempt to register a birth after sixty days had passed, without making the declaration, carried a further fine of five pounds as did any attempt to register a child after twelve months.

Small wonder, then, that tardy parents avoided registering their children for fear of the fine, which was quite large compared with wages of the time.

Even if you had admitted your error and paid the fine, the child could not be registered after the six month period! One wonders how many parents went to Melbourne, perhaps to relatives, where they were unknown to the neighbours and registered their child as recently born, though several months old! (Though this, too, was perjury, which carried a fine and a prison term.)

COMPULSORY VACCINATION

From 1 January 1855 compulsory vaccination for smallpox was introduced. The legislation was retrospective, applying not only to the new born, but to any child born after 1 June 1840. On registering the birth, the parent received a vaccination certificate which had to be taken to a doctor designated as Public Vaccinator within three months, and the first vaccination was followed by an inspection on the following eighth day. The doctor's copy, duly signed on completion, was sent to the local Deputy Registrar of Births Deaths and Vaccinations, who recorded, in his vaccination book, the completion of the law's demand. The parent received a duplicate certificate.

Many of these vaccination books survive and some are in local collections kept with local rate books, Board of Health minutes, and the like. But some of the country vaccination books are in the Victorian Public Record Office (VPRO) as VPRS 3654, transferred from the Registrar General's office. If a parent registered their child, say, in Melbourne, and then returned to the family home town, the vaccination was completed in the home town, and in many of these registers, the column 'Where birth registered' was filled in to show that it was not a local registration.

The earliest surviving book in the VPRO is that of Amhurst, commencing 1858, and several: Bendigo, Clunes, Frankston, Rochester, Talbot, Somerville and Smythesdale are as late as 1930. However, there are only forty-one volumes in this series, so many hundreds are either kept locally or destroyed with time. Ten years ago I saw the Winchelsea vaccination books at Council premises, but with council amalgamation, who knows where they are now?

I mention these vaccination books because, in files of the Supreme Court (VPRS 259) which I have studied for this article, several parents claim to have registered their children, received their vaccination certificates to present to the vaccinator, and later found that their children had not been centrally registered by the local Deputy Registrar, for whatever reason. Indeed, some were so informed when they presented their child for vaccination! However, as vaccination was compulsory, the vaccination was carried out and would have been entered in the vaccination book. Some families have kept their copy of their vaccination certificates, so these are often in family papers.

The Deputy Registrar was required to inform parents within twenty days of the birth registration of their obligation to present their child for vaccination. This would be done if he had not already received a completed vaccination certificate for the child from the medical officer. This was to remind the parent that a fine of two pounds was demanded on the first complaint and, if the child was not subsequently vaccinated, the fine could be increased by a magistrate up to a maximum total of five pounds for each child if the law was not complied with.

Supreme Court files show that some fathers deliberately 'concealed the birth' because they did not want their children vaccinated. Thank goodness for our generation that most parents complied in the attempt to eradicate this killer disease, so that now worldwide, smallpox is a rare almost extinct disease, thanks to compulsory vaccination.

LATE REGISTRATION PROGRESSIVELY ALLOWED

After 1 June 1865 the time to register a child was extended from fifteen to *sixty days* though the fine was kept at ten pounds. Late registration accompanied by a solemn declaration, also still with a fine of five pounds, was now extended to *twelve months*.

A new feature was introduced in 1865 allowing parents, on presentation of a baptism certificate dated within twelve months of the birth, to have the already registered given names changed to the baptismal names without fee, though the original certificate was unchanged, the alteration being recorded in

the margins of the original entry and signed by the Registrar General.

LATE REGISTRATION 1890

The 1890 Act allowed late registration of a child *after twelve months, but within seven years*. However the evidence stipulated first, a statutory declaration of the father, supported by a baptism certificate, plus a statement from a midwife, nurse or doctor, or of an inmate of the house at the time. The Registrar General could demand further evidence. If approved, a fee of ten shillings was required.

REGISTRATION LIBERALISATION 1899

An order to authorise the late registration of a child *after seven years* could be obtained 'from a judge sitting in chambers in the Practice Court at the Supreme Court or a County Court'.

Shepparton News 17/6/1915



OBITUARY

MR. JOHN KITTLE

After an illness of about three months duration the death took place in Melbourne on Monday night of one of Shepparton's best known and respected residents in the person of Mr. John Kittle, aged 47 years. He had been under the care of some of the States most eminent specialists, and all that medical skill and efficient nursing could accomplish was done, but without avail. The deceased gentleman, who was the youngest son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Kittle, was a native of Whroo, near Rushworth, but was brought by his parents in his infancy to Shepparton, where he lived his useful though comparatively short life in the district, with the exception of two years which he spent in business in Finley, New South Wales. He subsequently entered into partnership as builder, etc, at Mooroopna, with his nephew, John Kittle, acquiring the business previously carried out by William Kittle, another nephew. He was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of the late Mr. W. F. Ford, J.P. of the Shepparton flour mills. His second wife, who survived him, was a daughter of the late Richard Flemming. He has left a family of three—all boys. His brothers are Thomas (Shepparton), Edwin and William (Queensland), and Charles (Cosgrove), whilst his sisters are Mrs, Horsburg and Mrs, Wells, both of Kensington,

The late Mr. Kittle was an active member of the Methodist Church, and was choir master for a period of 25 years. He was also an energetic Sunday School worker, and after a long interval of teaching, he was the superintendent, a position which his many amiable and worthy qualities enabled him to fill satisfactorily.

The funeral which took place yesterday afternoon at the Shepparton cemetery was a solemn function. The body, which had been enclosed in massive oak coffin with silver mountings, was brought from Melbourne by rail on the previous evening, and was conveyed to the Methodist church where suitable provision had been made for its reception.

The :Dead March: was played at the close of the address by Mr. F. C. Johns, church organist. The coffin containing the mortal remains was then borne to the waiting hearse outside in Maude Street by former brothers of deceased, who was a member of the Mooroopna Lodge of Freemasons, viz., W.M. Bros. H. Edwards ; Bros. J. Anselmi, E. Little, J. Knight, A. Stevens and W. Wilson. The pall bearers were those who had been associated with him as trustees of the church, viz., Messrs. C. Palling, Jas. Thorn, C. Norton, Geo. Thompson, Robt. Smith, and F. Hebbard. Among the numerous wreaths and globes deposited on the coffin were some beautiful ones from Mooroopna Methodist Church and Sunday School ; the Mooroopna Masonic Lodge, and the trustees of 'the Methodist Church at Shepparton. The service at the graveside was simple, but most impressive, and, as in the church many were moved to tears. Revs. E. Smith and H. P. Phillips officiated. Deceased was accorded a Masonic funeral, and the beautiful service of the Order was read by W.M. Bro. H. Edwards.

Shepparton News, 1/5/1916.

Memorial to John Kittle

A marble table commemorates John Kittle, a prominent worker in the church since its inception. John Kittle died in 1915.

A solemn and an affecting service took place last night at the Maude-street Methodist Church. It was the unveiling of a fine tablet in memory of the late Mr. John Kittle,



whose work in connection with the church will live long after his death, which took place nearly 12 months ago.

The ceremony of unveiling the tablet was unostentatiously performed last night by Mr. Ralph Longstaff, J.P., who, with his devoted partner in life, has been a prominent church worker since its inception in Shepparton. At the close of his sermon, which was of an appropriate nature, the Rev. Ernest Smith, circuit superintendent, invited Mr. Longstaff to perform the ceremony. Mr. Longstaff briefly said : I thank the trustees and officers of this church most heartily for conferring on me the honour of unveiling this beautiful marble tablet to the memory of one whom we all loved and respected for his high character, his beautiful life and his faithful services. The veil was then dropped and the tablet, speaking so eloquently of the virtues of the dead, was exposed to view for all time.

Local History Book Indexing

The Shepparton Family History Group has an ongoing project of indexing local history books that were published without an index.

Indexes are an invaluable tool for gaining easy access to specific information contained within a book. Indexing consists of locating the name of every person mentioned in a book and then compiling a list of names and reference to every page in the book where that name is mentioned. Prominent places or items may also be included in the index.

Individual Index Booklets are available for recently* indexed books and may be purchased for a small fee from the SFHG (see contact details page 8).

Local History Books Indexed

- Invergordon District Centenary of Education 1878 – 1978 compiled by Colin Cleary. Index by Lorraine Waldron.
- Dookie the next 25 years 1988 – 2013. Index by Lorraine Waldron.
- Celebrating One Hundred Years, Grahamvale Primary School No.3696, 1911-2011. Index by Linley Walker.
- Small Community Big Heart. The Invergordon Closer Settlement Story, compiled by Rosemary Kennett. Index by Lorraine Waldron
- Shepparton Technical School Silver Jubilee 1853-1978, edited by V. E. Vibert. Index by Linley Walker.
- 125 Years Shepparton East Primary School No.1713 1876 to 2011, Compiled by the Shepparton East Centenary School Committee. Index by Lorraine Waldron.

Booklets (*indexed by Kerry Betts*)

(These indexes have not been bound separately, but included in a cover with the booklet.)

- Toolamba Primary School 1874-1974.
- Arcadia Centenary May 1st 1877-1977.
- St Germain's State School No.1555, 1875-1975, by George M. Rathbone B.A.
- Ardmona School Centenary 1875-1975 November 29, 1975. Souvenir Programme.
- Tabilk a Brief History of State School No.951 and the Early District. School Centenary Souvenir 1868-1968, by John Head, Headmaster.
- A Short History of the Murchison Fire Brigade 1883-1983.

* A list of nearly 50 other local history book indexes can be seen in Newsletter No. 54, page 3. Newsletters can be viewed at www.vicnet.net.au/~shepfh or Google "shepparton family history".

Finding Missing Baptisms

Parish church registers are really useful records, particularly for taking you back before civil registration began, but it is not all plain sailing.

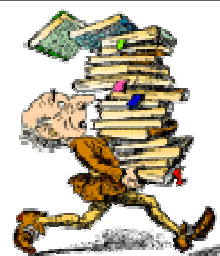
When hunting for any elusive record of a family event, it's good practice to consider five points.

- **Perhaps the event in question never happened.**
It was common practice to charge for baptisms, possibly unaffordable for poorer families
- **It may have happened at a different date to that anticipated.**
Many of our ancestors did not know their own age, guessed it or lied about it.
- **The ancestor's name in the records may not be the same as the one you are looking for.**
A number of reasons for this:
Incorrect spelling.
A single mother may have used her surname for baptism and later remarried.
Adopted children often took on the surname of the new family.
- **The event could have happened somewhere you haven't expected.**
Search neighbouring parishes to expected one.
Check parishes where grandparents lived.
Born at sea or abroad?
- **It may have been recorded wrongly at the time or transcribed incorrectly later.**
Priests made mistakes in recording baptisms.
Transcribers make mistakes.
Scanning programmes can miss pages.

Information from article in Family Tree U.K. July 2019 by Simon Wills.

10 Sins of Genealogist

1. Assuming everything is online.
2. Not making research notes.
3. Not going beyond BMD records.
4. Trying to do everything yourself.
5. Adopting the Scatter gun approach.
6. Not checking previous work.
7. Trying to achieve everything online.
8. Neglecting to explore.
9. Inflexibility on names.
10. Me, Me, Me—All those volunteers that put countless hours into transcriptions, etc. There are various ways of putting something back into Family History Societies.



From: Family Tree publication June 2019

Web Sites of Interest

Monuments of Australia

www.monumentaustralia.org.au

The Monument Australia website is a historical and educational research site which records the public monuments and memorials in all Australian States and Territories under various themes. Historical plaques which do not commemorate an event are not recorded.

The themes covered are Conflict, Culture, Disaster, Government, Landscape, People and Technology.

The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc

<http://affho.org/>

Download "Our Australian Really Useful Information Leaflet" with very many hints and links for researching your family history.

Ireland Genealogy Projects

www.igp-web.com

The Irish **Genealogical Project** was established in the late 1980s and the Ulster Historical Foundation was chosen as the official IGP centre for counties Antrim and Down (including the city of Belfast). This **project** involved the digitising of records relating to family history for these counties.

- 32 counties included so far (more being added)
- Over 150,000 headstones photographed and inscriptions noted.
- Tips for headstone photography

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

Members please note that 2019/20 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

Renewal subscriptions can now be paid by direct deposit to our bank account. Please ensure that you include your surname and the word "subs" in the banking details box to help our treasurer identify the deposit.

National Bank Wyndham St Shepparton, BSB: 083894 Acc No: 03832 8159



Don't Forget

Members only research days.

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

Shepparton Family History Group inc

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Internet: www.vicnet.net.au/~shepfh email: shepfhg@fastmail.fm

General Meetings Third Wednesday in March, June, September (annual) & December **** 2.00 pm ****

Research Times Every Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

2nd and 4th Sundays 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

1st and 3rd Fridays 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

First Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm (For SFHG members research only)

Shepparton Family History Group

- Bruce Manson (President)
- Peter Matthews (Secretary)
- Kerry Betts (Treasurer)

2019-2020 Office Bearers

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- Lorraine Waldron (Research Officer)
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