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MEREN'S MUSINGS

Welcome back from the Christmas break to 2008. I am looking forward to this year and I hope that you all have lots of luck this year in being able to find that elusive piece of information now that the new computer system is up and running properly.

Please take time to learn how easy it is to search the new menu, and be patient as the disc opens up. Library monitors are there to assist if you encounter issues, but things seem to be operating smoothly. The "problem book" is there to write down any issues you have with the library operations and equipment, or suggestions about what our next purchases might be for the library. I will address them in time, if the issue is urgent please contact myself or Sue Hill. The old computer system remains in the library to operate the

IGI discs and any others that are unable to be operated on XP. I am quite excited at the operational success of the system and believe that more of our CDs will be used in the new format, which will open more doors and answer questions to your research.

We will be having a Computer Users Group operating in 2008, covering issues from the basics in computer use, to how to operate some of the indexes available in our library, to what is expected of a Library monitor, to how do you answer those

hard to find information questions from the library visitors. Hope to see everyone attend at least one of these, stay tuned for more information.

I hope you have all been watching the SBS program : "Who Do You Think You Are", the first 6 shows being English and now the Australian version. They have been very informative not only on the people being researched but useful with ideas about where to look next, although a little deceiving that it can all be achieved in half an hour.

It is with sorrow I bid my ever faithful Secretary good bye this year as Leonie and husband Doug head for the city whence they came. Thank you for everything you have helped achieve in your two years of office and your dedication to the Group. I wish you both all the best in your future ventures and hope to see you again soon. If anyone would like to have a go at being Secretary, on a whole or in partial role, please see me as soon as possible so that we can get Leonie to show you the ropes.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting on Thursday February 28th 2008.

Meren

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD: WHO BUILT IT?

The year 2007 saw the 75th Anniversary of the opening of the Great Ocean Road, and marked with many celebrations as befitted this iconic road.

Many speeches were given, as were thanks to the ex-servicemen and others whose toil, sweat, blisters, hardships, heat, cold and adversity resulted in such an astonishing memorial to those who fought for Australia during World War One..

Commenced in August 1919, the 400 kilometre stretch of road from Lorne in the east of Victoria, to Allansford in the west, it was not until 29th November 1932 that the road was officially opened by Victoria's Lieutenant Governor, Sir William Irvine.

During the intervening years some 2400 ex-servicemen and 600 civilians laboured on this massive project, initially earning 10 shillings and sixpence a day in sustenance payments. This was shortened to "susso" and was the forerunner of the "Dole" as we know it today.

The men lived a life of hardship in tent cities situated along the length of the road.

Most records of the Great Ocean Road Trust were destroyed deliberately during World War Two leaving historians with absolutely no idea who formed to workforce that built the road. Who bent their backs to earn their "susso?" Who built the bridges? Who engineered the roads that hug the hills? Who surveyed the trackless wastes to forge ahead and open up the land to farmers and graziers? Who supplied this army of men with their daily provisions? The Salvation Army was of course there to support the men as they had in wartime, but

who else supplied pastoral and other care? Who supplied the nursing that injured men might need? Who provided the entertainment in the camps at night, as men parted from their loved ones yet again, sought relaxation and succour?



Was your grand-dad, father, uncle, or brother, a worker on the road? Did an aunt, great grandma, mother, or sister assist with the feeding, cooking and other care for these men?

Portland Family History Group is currently attempting to compile as complete a list as is humanly possible of those who had a connection with the road. We would appreciate any and all information about your relatives or friends that you may be able to supply, like names, age, where from, service in the armed forces, how long employed on the road, which camp they were allocated to, copies of photos, in fact even the smallest piece of information would be of assistance in collating a list before this important knowledge is lost to all of us forever.

Portland Family History Group can be contacted on 03-55222266, or historyhouse@glenelg.vic.gov.au, or PO Box 409, Portland. Or I can be contacted directly at iagrant@datafast.net.au Please be assured that every care will be taken to ensure the list as complete as possible. Please pass this on to any others persons or organisations who may be able to assist.

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THE ANABAPTIST WHO BECAME A JEWESS - TEMPORARILY

This story goes back to the time when an off the cuff remark was made to me during a visit to the UK in 1989. It went something like this - 'You know that Granny Jackson was a Jewess don't you?'. Well, no I didn't know but I wasn't about to let the matter rest there. I was subsequently shown a photo of, the purported Granny Jackson and on further examination it appeared to be a black and white photo which had been coloured-in in the colours of what I imagined had been a painting of the lady in question. Not very skillfully done at all but an indication at least of the colours in the clothing she wore for the painting. The conversation ended with the following comment - 'the painting was done by a friend of Williamson the Sculptor to Queen Victoria, they were family friends you know'. A very British remark I thought at the time.

I examined the lady carefully and I was intrigued by her nose. A Jewish type of nose it certainly was not, in fact it was an identical nose to my own and I am definitely not of the Jewish faith. We have some members of the family with a very Jewish type nose so I guess some could have been excused for blaming poor 'Granny Jackson' for their appendages.

Roll on to the mid 1990's when the owner of the photo passed away and a very non family history family member gains the ownership of the photo album. I request via mail if it would be possible for me to have the original photo sent out to me. It duly arrived and I was stunned to read on the back GRANMA TIBBS AGED 28 YEARS. What

a can of worms that opened, who had got the story so wrong I wondered.

If in fact this information was correct then the photo was of one Dinah Philp born 1814 at Hammersmith into a very strict Non-Conformist family and the painting must have been done around 1842. By then Dinah was married to Joseph Tibbs and was the mother of at least 4 daughters. How could the wife of a lowly Cooper manage to get a painting of some substance done, maybe Williamson was in fact a family friend as I had been told and the painting was done as a favour with no money changing hands, my imagination ran riot.

Dinah came from a family of some substance. Her father was a timber merchant with quite substantial property both on and near the Thames and could have quite been able to afford to pay so the story seemed to ring true, at least until further checking could be done. I am now into this Philp family in a big way, their folder is growing by the week and the family have a lot more meat on their bones than many other branches. Dinah appears to have moved house far more than seemed normal, I felt they were probably on the run from landlords - there goes my imagination again. Each census finds them moved many miles from the last and each move seems to have seen them going to a poorer area than before. They started their married life in Regents Park and ended their days in Mile End - enough said.

After much checking and re-checking the story now appears to be complete. Joseph Tibbs had a sister Mary who married

Edward Smith. Their daughter Elizabeth Smith married one Francis J. Williamson, occupation Sculptor, the same fellow who later in life did in fact do many busts etc. of Queen Victoria and was one of her favourite artisans.

But the ironic part of the story is that the Tibbs family, poor Coopers that they were without even a Will left by any generation to distribute their meagre possessions were in fact the connection which led to the painting being done not the moneyed Philp family one would have expected to have been responsible. Whilst my imagination had solved a number of mysteries I certainly didn't expect the outcome to have been as it turned out.

Conclusion: never believe 100% of what you are told but never discard the story, in there somewhere there might be a smidgin of truth you need.

This article was written by my cousin Merle Black of the Queensland Sunshine Coast Genealogical Society. I have her permission to publish it.

June Harvey.

WGGS Library Opening Hours

Wednesday to Friday	10 - 2pm
Second Saturday of month	10 - 3pm
Last Sunday of month	1 - 4pm
Meeting nights fourth	
Thursday of month	6 - 7:30pm

Visitors welcome.

TREMBATH DIARIES

Submitted by Brian Brewer.

Thirteen years after the death of William Henry, Henry lost his beloved wife in October 1883. He returned to Cornwall (England) for a holiday. It was on the boat on the return voyage to Australia that Henry met and fell in love with another lady. They were married in Australia. Henry, then aged 69, and his new wife settled down in Walhalla. The great gold rush was in progress and Walhalla soon became one of Victoria's premier towns. Henry was quite wealthy and when he died in Walhalla on December 8th 1883 his family, by his first marriage, expected some of the spoils. This was not to be the case! Soon after Henry's death the family were at the Walhalla coach stop to see off Henry's widow. The family was keen to find out what was to become of Henry's wealth. Henry's widow boarded the coach and as it pulled off she stuck her head out the window. "Good-bye and bugger the lot of you", she yelled. Her name is unknown and it is believed that she returned to England.

When James lost his wife, Fanny, in 1909 he was left to care for his two young sons. Leslie was aged 4 and Norman only 2. Four years after the death of Fanny, James re-married. He was married to Lavinia Mitchell in

Rosedale (Victoria). After the wedding Lavinia, everyone called her Ninny, and James returned to Walhalla.

In Walhalla business was booming for the two brothers. In the beginning Bill (William) and Jim (James) had been given 50 pound by their father Michael to be put towards their business. He told them, "You can either make a success of it or not." The two brothers never looked back from that day.

Bill went on to become an extremely wealthy man. As well as being a partner in the Corner Store he also managed a goldmine in Walhalla. His wealth included large areas of land in the Frankston

(Victoria) area and a large amount in solid gold. Bill was a very secretive man and never told anyone, not even his family, where he

had hidden the wealth of which he often boasted. He died a sudden and unexpected death and to this day the whereabouts of his wealth and personal documents remain a mystery. Fourteen years after Bill's death it appeared his son, also William or Bill, would uncover the secret hiding place of the Trembath treasure. Two youths had found a pile of ancient documents under the floor of the Trembath store at Walhalla. The search that followed proved to be fruitless. The famous Trembath treasure remains hidden somewhere beneath the hills at Walhalla!

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THOUGHTS of the old, rich gold diggings at Walhalla were stirred yesterday by two St. Kilda boys who brought in their own "find" from there—a bundle of letters, maps, reports and promissory notes, located under the flooring of an old shack.

The boys, Desmond McCibber and ex Arthur, like to spend their holidays nosing around old diggings and gold fields. They have, they said, quite a collection of stuff now including some valuable early Victorian pre-Federation stamps.

A little panning and luck on the diggings pays for the holiday, they said.

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DESMOND was stacked with Walhalla lore, and spoke with some authority on the Long Tunnel mine, which he produced a map.

This showed that the reef was 3 ft. thick when it was lost, a fault in the earth had broken it, and its continuation was never located.

The boys found the stuff under the floor of what seemed to have been M. Trembath's store. They had looked in there when Stringer's creek, normally a trickle, flooded them out.

It sounds a fascinating way for boys to spend their holidays.

ABOVE; The article from the Argus that revived the search for the hidden treasure. The treasure lays hidden till this day.

The next day the following article was printed in the Argus.

Weekend search

'Hidden Gold' the lure for Morwell man

The son of a wealthy goldmine manager expects to unearth a fortune of "buried gold" at Walhalla this week.

Mr. W. Trembath, of Morwell, said yesterday his father had died suddenly without being able to tell him where he had buried his documents and gold.

"My father was always a secretive man, and used to boast about his 'hidden assets,'" Mr. Trembath said.

"But thanks to *The Argus* my family and I are within sight of unearthing the treasure of which he so often boasted.

"But for its investigations over the last few days I would never have put on its track."

Mr. Trembath was traced after two youths had reported finding a huge pile of ancient documents at Walhalla.

Hints

The documents were addressed to "Willie" Trembath, a storekeeper and gold mine manager. They hinted at possible gold reef discoveries.

The two youths who discovered the documents are Rex Arthur, 17, of Dalgety St., St. Kilda; and Desmond McKibbin, 14, of Louise St., city.

Mr. Trembath met the boys yesterday and arranged to take them to Walhalla at the weekend so they could help uncover the "treasure chest."

"They will be well rewarded if I find my father's treasure," said Mr. Trembath. "I know we will find many things of great value."

"One of the things we expect to establish is our right to a large section of unclaimed land at Frankston.

"We also expect to find a complete history

of Victorian goldmining hidden under the floor of the shack or nearby buildings," he added.

"There is no doubt the treasure is there somewhere, because my father was a wealthy goldmine manager, and had a large share of the Eureka goldfields yet when he died suddenly 14 years ago there was no sign of the money or gold he had accumulated."

Mr. G. Lee, of Waverley Rd., Malvern, phoned *The Argus* yesterday to say he had bought out Mr. Trembath's store at Walhalla many years ago and he also had found many strange and interesting documents of historical importance.

To be continued next newsletter

It's all relative on the web

FAMILY -tree fanatics whose ancestors emigrated from Britain by ship can now look up their relatives, life changing journeys on the internet.

Details of 30 million passengers who sailed out of Britain from 1890 - 1960 to destinations such as Australia, South Africa, North America and India are now **w e n t o n l i n e a t** www.ancestorsonboard.com.

The 1.5 million pages of passenger lists were previously available at the National Archives in Kew, southwest London.

As well as names, departure dates and destinations of each passenger, the records may also include address, age, marital status and occupation.

Visit the Society's

Web site

www.vicnet.net.au/~wggs



**BUTCHER SHOP
IN BLOOMFIELD IN 1900
OWNED BY GEORGE LONSDALE**

Submitted by Irene Wilson



A recipe from George Lonsdale to John Lonsdale

Sausage Seasoning

7 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds of Salt

2 pounds of White Pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of Thyme

$\frac{3}{4}$ pounds Preservative

4 ounces Mace

$\frac{1}{2}$ pound Margaram

Mix well together and put into calico bag. (mix this thoroughly before weighing out). Weigh all meat, put $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of this seasoning to every pound of meat.

Say 40 pounds of Sausage meat, use 6 pounds of Flour or Rice Meal which is best. You get it from Cordon & Co. We never use bread of late years as it has a tendency to go sour in summer.

Now this is a good seasoning. Not many butchers know of it. I got it from an old mason family, he told me to keep it for myself only as I am giving it to you. He gave 8 pounds of salt, but I thought it a bit too much so I reduced it to $\frac{1}{4}$ less (7 $\frac{3}{4}$) which I think you will find enough salt – Now if you think not salty enough use 8 pounds.

German sausage recipe

40 pounds of meat, cut up small pieces weigh $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of salt petre to every 10 pounds of meat, about 1 ounce salt put in barrel over night or longer, no matter, then for 40 pounds of meat

2 ounces Nutmeg

2 ounces Mace

2 ounces Kyane Pepper

2 pounds Sugar dissolved in water (2 pints to 40 pounds of meat)

2 ounces Pepper Corns put through small plate after 1st time through big plate.

2 pound bacon fat

After all meat has been seasoned, mix well

You can put about 2 pounds flour to the 40 pounds of meat, it will bind this well. Fill all meat tight into the skins. No air in skins at all.

Boil copper water, colour with $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon or less with Bromarth Brown.

Simmer for 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours 180 thermometer.

Boil the water first then put colouring in, take nearly all the fire from under the copper, just leave enough to keep hot, if no thermometer, keep hot, do not let water boil when germans are in it otherwise you will break the skin.

If you want to make Garlic Sausages, put about 4 little knobs of Garlic. Only 4 little knobs into same seasoning.

You will find this alright.

G. Lonsdale.

Recent Library Acquisitions

Cat No	Title	Author	Medium
3.103 CD	Police Gazette : Victorian Compendium 1886 - 1890		CD
3.103 CD	Police Gazette : Victorian Compendium 1871 - 1875		CD
8.7	The Australian Women's Weekly Book of Family Memories (Donated by member Kaye Williams)	Price, Bob	Book
3.445 CD	Index to Newspaper Deaths in Victoria 1988 to 1992	Kearins, Terry	CD
0.88	Warragul High School 30 Year Reunion Commemorative book 2007 (donation)		Book
29.16 CD	New Zealand Electoral Roll 1893	New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.	CD
23.42	The Catholics of New South Wales 1788 - 1820 & their Families	Donohoe, James Hugh	Book
17.87	Trafalgar & District Historical Society Gazette (11 early copies donated by the society, subscription commenced with issue 59 December 2007)	Trafalgar & District Historical Society	Newsletter
8.8	The Routledge Atlas of British History 4th ed.	Gilbert, Martin	Book
1.183	Writers : copyright & moral rights	Australian Copyright Council	Book
3.446	Pioneer Profiles Volume Five : a Port Phillip Pioneers Group Project		Book

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT by Sue Hill

Welcome to another year of, hopefully, successful research in our Library. We have had some changes amongst our Library monitors for this year and unfortunately have lost some very experienced monitors. Thank you to Beryl Goodridge, Cheryl Kerr, Christine Mason and Margaret Mills who, for various reasons, are unable to continue as monitors this year.

On a happier note we welcome new monitors Sue Kishta and Kaye Williams and hope that they enjoy working in our Library. We still have some gaps in our roster for Sundays later in the year, but will hopefully be able to fill them in the future. We are always looking for new monitors, and will provide training, so please consider helping the Society in this way.

A friendly reminder that, in fairness to all members, books, newsletters and journals borrowed from our Library should be returned within two weeks.

Sue Hill

Librarian

NEWSPAPER PROJECT

The National Library of Australia in collaboration with each Australian State and Territory library, has embarked on a plan to digitize out of copyright newspapers. The aim is to build a service that will provide free online access from the first Australian newspaper published in 1803 through to 1954 newspapers.

The newspaper digitization project will vastly improve access for all Australians to one of the most valuable research resources on Australian history and culture.

The total cost, funded by the National Library, is expected to be more than \$8 million.

It is part of a collaborative plan of Australia's State and Territory's libraries to locate, collect and preserve every newspaper ever published in Australia, with the intention of guaranteeing public access to these important historical records.

A project Officer has been engaged and an initial pilot phase will result in 50,000 pages being digitized by August 2007.

PROGRAM for 2008

February	28	WW1 Local Returned Soldiers	Noel Erbs
March	27	"2 Tell a Tale" Murder Research	John Hughes
April	24	Gippsland Shipping	Don Love
May	22	AGM	
June	26	TBA	
July	24	TBA	
August	28	TBA	
September	25	TBA	
October	23	TBA	
November	27	TBA	

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