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MEREN'S MUSINGS

As 2007 draws to a close, we as a group can look back on what has been an exciting year.

Looking back on the events of the last half of the year, I feel we have shared some good information and learned about fellow members research in our group.

In June we share the exciting news of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, when Elder and Sister Webb from America visited and told us of the new computer program and how it was going to assist in family history research.

July saw us joined by our friend, Anne Burrows of the State Library who shared the latest and greatest new from the Victorian State Library and their new on-line data bases which are now accessible to all Victorians from their own home.

In August our members shared "Successes and Brick Walls" (more of the later), I do not believe we solved anything significant but good discussions and suggestions were exchanged, and I hope those who took the time to submit a discussion topic got some ideas of where to go looking next.

We also held "An Introduction to Family History" for the wider public. This was well attended and I thank those from our group who took the time to help with examples of their own research and to talk with our guests. The day proved successful with many of our guests joining our group as members.

September our guests were Jean Waddell, Shirley Ward and Shirley's daughter Cheryl. Jean and Shirley shared with us their early life experiences and how they had come to record and then publish them in their books. Group Member Bruce Johns followed with his 20 year search of his mother-in-law. The 'highs' of finally finding her and then the 'lows' of having had only a few hours to talk together before she passed from this world.

We also have a new arrangement of the furniture in the library, this has made a more usable and efficient working space as a result. Hopefully this will make the library more user friendly when we finally get our main computer (server) back from the IT programmer. As a result of this reorganization we have several computer items, (mice, printers, computer screens, leads etc) and microfiche readers which are now of no use to the society. If anyone is interested in these items, please contact me for details.

Lastly I wish you and your families all a Happy and Safe Festive Season.

Meren Perry

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

463	Brian Clarke	464	Vivienne Clarke	465	Michelle Ikin	466	Joan McGrath
467	Marion Denniss	468	Gwen Talbot	469	Graham Edgelow	470	Wendy Edgelow
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475	Dennis Meiners	476	Bonnie Meiners	477	Elizabeth Curtain	478	Raelene Cheetham

A convict in the family ?

By Mark Allen.

I suspect it is a hope of most Australian family historians to find a convict among their ancestors. After four years of searching it seems that none of my forebears came to Australia as convicts, although a great, great grandfather, James Connell was the master of the convict transport 'Australasia', which carried two hundred female convicts from Dublin to Hobart in 1849.

We have also been researching my wife Linda's family, but came to a brick wall with her great, great, great grandparents, George and Eliza (nee Green) Godfrey. They were married at Mulgannia (near Bathurst) on 6' February 1865, but unfortunately their marriage certificate did not indicate ages, places of birth, parents names or occupations.

George died at Euabalong, N.S.W in 1913, but on his death certificate it stated that Eliza's maiden name was Greening, and not Green as it was on the marriage certificate, and the birth (1881) and death (1903) certificates of her daughter Martha (Linda's great, great grandmother). Martha's birth certificate did tell us that Eliza Green/Greening was born in Bathurst in c 1842. There were a number of possible entries, but we needed her parents names to make a connection.

We needed to find a death certificate for Eliza in the hope that we could pinpoint a birth. There were a number of Eliza/Elizabeth Godfrey entries that were possible matches, but after purchasing three incorrect certificates we gave up on her, for a while at least. Whilst researching one of my ancestors, we came across the website for the Griffith Genealogical and Historical Society, and for a small fee they could conduct a surname search of their cemetery database. We applied for all the Godfrey burials and their database had three listed for Euabalong, Martha (1903), George (1913) and a Jane Eliza (1922). Was this 'our' Eliza? After checking the N.S.W BDM index we purchased the death certificate for Jane E Godfrey. Bingo, we had found the correct lady. The certificate gave her birth as in

Bathurst c 1846, father was Joseph Greening, labourer, mother unknown. We found an entry for 1847 in Bathurst, father Joseph and mother Elizabeth. Other children with the same named parents in Bathurst included Mary Ann, Joseph, Martha, and Elizabeth. These were all names that George and Eliza had named some of their own children.

Three more certificates filled in a lot of information, including all the above mentioned children were Eliza's siblings. Interestingly Joseph Jnr, like Eliza also married under the surname Green, but his children were registered as Greening.

Joseph Greening had married Elizabeth Wer in Bathurst on 14th March 1845, with the consent of his excellency the governor. Eliza was their second child and was born on 28' April 1847. It now looked very much like either Joseph or Elizabeth were convicts. We then contacted the Bathurst Family History group, and again for a small fee, they supplied us with more important information. They found on the applications for marriage an entry for this couple. Joseph Greening was 32, a ticket of leave man who had been sentenced to life, and was transported aboard the 'Hive'. Elizabeth was 22, came free possibly on the 'Bussorah Merchant'.

We have much more to find out about 'our' convict Joseph Greening, but have so far found that he was born c 1812 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and was sentenced to transportation for life at the Gloucester assizes on 10' August 1833. The 'Hive' arrived in Sydney on 11th June 1834. He was then sent to Norfolk Island. Norfolk Island was reserved for the worst convicts

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.

RIPPLEBROOK RECREATIONAL RESERVE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Ripplebrook Recreational Reserve Committee are erecting a memorial plaque into the cemetery early next year and would like to con ct family and friends of the pioneering families who settled in this district. The Committee would like to hear from any one who has an association to the district and in particular from any of the families that are listed below as known to be resting in our cemetery.

Please contact Ron Kemp on 56 276 274.

RIPPLEBROOK CEMETERY

1878 Child of J & E George	1897 Cecil Mallett (4 days)
1880 Francis Joseph Mapleson (55 yrs)	1897 Child of C & S Coster (0 days)
1880 Joan Simmonds (34yrs) Child of R B & M George	1898 James McGee (14 yrs)
1882 Jessie Lye (2 yrs) Pearson (2vrs)	1901 Son of G & M Gray (0 days)
1884 Susanna Mapleston (66 yrs) John Jagoe (1 mth)	1901 Edith Myrtle McGee (11 mths)
1886 M Copeland (50 yrs)	1902 Norman McIntyre McGee (3 yrs)
1887 Malichi Grey (9 y rs) Fensen	1902 John Benjamine Chaffey (7 days)
1890 Edwin Lee Glover (7 weeks)	1902 Son of G & M Gray (0 days)
1891 John Gray (17 years) Unknown	1903 Edith May Lineham (20 min)
1895 Child of J & H Jagoe (0 days)	1903 James Handley (8 hrs)
1896 Maggie Doris McGee (3 yrs)	1903 Mary Gray (1 day)
1896 Edward Jennings (51 yrs)	1903 Child of J & L Brown (0 days)
	1905 Sarah Black (83 yrs)
	1906 Child of C & S Coster (0 days)
	1907 Child of G & M Gray (0 days)
	1911 Emma Watts (32yrs)
	1914 Leslie Gray (1 day)

Committee

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TREMBATH DIARIES

Submitted by Brian Brewer.

It was in the large, well-kept, Walhalla Hospital on the nineteenth day of March 1905 that a boy child was born to proud parents James and Fanny Trembath. They named the healthy child Leslie Alfred James. A couple of days after the birth Leslie was allowed home.

James and Fanny lived in a modest weatherboard home in the small community of Maiden Town. The garden contained some large pines and eucalypts. A small orchard was located next to the house and the land in front of the house was often sown with oats.

Possoms were quite often a problem around the house. They had the perfect haven in the large trees and they fed on the fruit from the orchard. One cold winter morning Fanny was scolding a large pot of milk on the wood stove when a large Brush-tailed Possum came scurrying down the stone chimney. The possum made a terrific mess of the house before it was successfully chased out of the house and up the tree from whence it had probably came!

Two years after the birth of Leslie, Fanny gave birth to the couples second child, Norman Ernest. It is believed that the couple had one more child, a girl, who was born some time between 1902 and 1905. She died soon after birth and James always blamed the doctor for the death. James actually confronted the doctor, whom had been negligent, and hit him! He was not known to be a violent man.

On May 16 1909 Fanny passed away aged a mere thirty-two years of age. She died of Pulmonary Phthisis which was a common cause of death in early Victoria. This disease is better known today as tuberculosis. She was buried in the Walhalla Cemetery on May 18 1909. The service was conducted by F. H. Butcher who was the Methodist Minister in Walhalla.

Her grave lies next to two other graves bearing the Trembath name. The three gravestones read;

In loving memory of

FANNY

beloved wife of

JAMES TREMBATH

who died 16th May 1909

aged 32 years

Asleep in Jesus, oh how sweet to be for
such a slumber meet

With holy confidence to sing that death
has lost its painfull sting

Asleep in Jesus! Peaceful rest whose
waking is supremely blest-

No fear. No woe shall dim that hour
That manifests the saviours power.

To the sacred memory of

ELIZABETH TREMBATH

who departed this life

17th April 1892

aged 47 years

She is gone but not forgotten,

Never shall her memory fade,

Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger,
around my darling mothers grave.

also

MICHAEL TREMBATH

who departed this life

April 28 1898

in his 51st year

Asleep in Jesus peacefull rest
Whose waking is serenely blest

No fear, no foe shall dim the hour
That manifests the saviours power
Only goodnight beloved not farewell.

Sacred
to
the memory of
HENRY TREMBATH
who departed this life
on the 8th Dec. 1893
aged 77 years
also
of his beloved wife
MARGARET
who departed this life
on the 8th Oct. 1883
aged 71 years
also
of their beloved son
WILLIAM HENRY
who departed this life
on the 5th Sep. 1870
aged 28 years

The Henry and Margaret (maiden name was Tringo) that are buried at Walhalla are the parents of Michael and therefor are the grandparents of James. They must have migrated from England soon after the letter printed earlier was written. Maybe the letter was not sent because they arrived on the doorstep before it was posted!

The William Henry that is buried in the family grave is Henry and Margaret's son. He was born in Cornwall and was killed at Walhalla. It is unknown why the inscription on the grave mentions that he died on the 5th of September yet in the following article that appeared in the Walhalla Chronicle of

September 17th it appears that he died about a week later. The following is a transcript of that article.

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(Saturday September 17th, 1870)

#### FRIGHTFUL CASUALTY ON THE NEW ROAD

An accident which is apprehended must terminate fatally, happened yesterday morning to a young man named William Henry Trembath. He was engaged chopping some firewood for Mr Richard Davis who occupies a house on the sideling track leading out of the township, when a stone of several pounds weight, which it is believed had been uprooted by some swine on the slaughter-yard hill above him, came bounding down the precipitous sideling with fearful velocity, gathering impetus as it proceeded, and struck him on the right side of the head, fracturing the skull and actually forcing the fragments of the bone into the brain. The sufferer was instantly taken into the dwelling, while a messenger was speedily despatched for Dr McDonald. The doctor arrived with commendable promptitude, and upon proceeding to examine the patient found the scalp terribly torn, and the skull literally battered in, indeed with the aid of his surgical instruments he succeeded in removing several particles of bone varying from the size of a shilling downwards, which had been embedded nearly an inch deep in the convolutions of the brain, and yet marvelous to relate, the unfortunate sufferer although totally insensible to pain retained his consciousness throughout the whole operation.

Upon enquiry at a late hour last night, we learned that Trembath had sunk into a comatose state.

To be continued next newsletter

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**[www.vicnet.net.au/~wggs](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~wggs)**

## **CROLE, CROWL(E), CROLL, CROAL or ???????**

Sometimes researching an unusual or uncommon name can be easier than other names, but this has not been so with our difficult Crole family with all the possible spellings of the name coupled with a probable name change in the early 1800's.

We have established fairly conclusively that there are very few families in England with the spelling of the name as CROLE. Till recently, we would have said that all Croles in Australia were connected to us, but we now know of at least one who is not.

Our problem began in 1810 when James Crole married Mary Moore at St George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey. We were unable to trace James any further back as family belief is that the name was changed to CROLE just prior to this marriage, and James was deceased before the 1841 census. The Parish Register marriage entry was not helpful saying only that both were of this parish, which simply meant that they had lived in the parish for at least one month. The only other clue on the Parish Register entry was that one of the witnesses was Daniel Moore (the other a "Professional" witness). We have looked for a Mary Moore with a father or brother Daniel and have found only one in St George in the East, Middlesex with a brother Daniel. They are Daniel baptised 1790 to James and Elizabeth Moore and Mary baptised 1795 also to James and Elizabeth Moore. This would have meant that Mary would only have been at the most 15 years old when she married in 1810.

Now Moor(e) is about the 27th most common name in England and when the baptismal name was Mary there would have been many Mary Moores in any relatively small area.

We have not found a Mary CROLE on either the 1841 or 1851 census who could have married in 1810.

A Mary CROLE arrived in Australia in 1854 on the same ship as Ellen Crole who was the wife of William Crole. As these were the only CROLES on the Immigration Indexes we believe this Mary was Ellen's mother-in-law. A Mary Crole married in 1858 James Edwards in Richmond, Victoria. This Mary said her parents were William Moore and Sarah Cooper. The only William Moore with wife Sarah Cooper that we have found to have a daughter Mary, was one in Eckington, Worcestershire who had a Mary baptised in 1802. This cannot be the one who married in 1810. We believe that Mary Edwards who died in Melbourne in 1871, aged 70, is the Mary who married in 1858. This age is closest to the Mary baptised in 1802 in Eckington.

We have found at least 8 children born to a James and Mary Crole:

1 Alexander, baptised in 1811, Bermondsey, Surrey. There are a large number of descendants from him but those contacted know little of the early Crole history.

2 James, born 1813, baptised Bermondsey 1815 as CROLEY, who later became a policeman then a soldier, but cannot be found on a Census. His wife, Ann (nee Curry) was with her family in both the 1841 and 1851 Censuses

3 Mary Ann born and baptised Bermondsey 1815 as CROLEY. Nothing further known of her.

4 Thomas, born c1817. Baptism not found. Those of his descendants contacted also know little of the early Crole history

No further children were found until 4 were baptised on the same day in 1833 at Philpott Street Independent Chapel in Stepney, Middlesex. These were also children of a James and Mary CROLE;

5 Kezia, born 1824, deceased 1848 in Surrey as Kezia Tuffill. No descendants.

6 Ann, born 1826, came to Australia in 1852. Dot Winterton's g.grandmother.

7 George, born 1829, came to Australia in 1852, then went to New Zealand the same year. After that has disappeared off the face of the earth.

8 William Ebenezer, born 1831, g.grandfather of June Harvey. He came to Australia with George in 1852 and eventually settled in Warragul.

We have proved Ann and Thomas are brother and sister (1851 Census). Kezia is not on the 1841 Census as Kezia CROLE but we have found a CASIAH COLE with mother Mary COLE living in Lambeth, Surrey on the 1841 Census.

Our problems are these:

1 How do we find out which of the many Mary Moores married James Crole in 1810?

2 Because of the long gap between Thomas and Kezia we think there may have been a second marriage also to a Mary Moore as on the death certificates for both William and Ann their mother is given as Mary Moore. No death of the first Mary Crole or marriage to a second has been found, if in fact one occurred.

3 What happened to George ?????

If there is anyone who is connected into these families who can help us solve any of these problems we would love to hear from you. Someone somewhere may have lost (?) a branch of their family when the name was changed and hopefully someone is researching the family of Mary Moore who married in 1810 who may be able to help us.

Dorothy Winterton and June Harvey

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# Recent Library Acquisitions

| Cat No   | Title                                                                                                                     | Author                     | Medium     |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 3.441 CD | Municipal Petitions Index 1856 - 1863                                                                                     | McAdie, Marion             | CD         |
| 3.78 CD  | Annual Member Societies and Services Groups' Meeting 26 May 2007 : reports from Societies and Groups                      | GSV                        | CD         |
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| 2.194a   | West Gippsland Pioneers and Settlers Pre 1900 Vol 2                                                                       |                            | Book       |
| 2.228    | The Spirit of Strzelecki                                                                                                  |                            | Book       |
| 2.194b   | West Gippsland Early Settlers 1900-1925                                                                                   |                            | Book       |
| 1.182    | Discovering your Family History (donated by Ron Sutton)                                                                   | Steel, Don                 | Book       |
| 22.53    | Soldiers Settlers and Bushrangers (supplement to The Examiner Nov.9, 2004) Donation                                       | The Examiner               | Folder     |
| 22.52    | Pioneers of Burnie : sesquicentenary publication 1827 - 1977 (donated by Alan Grayson)                                    | Pike, Richard              | Book       |
| 15.0     | Scottish Ancestry Group Members' Research Directory 2006                                                                  | Scottish Ancestry Group    | Book       |
| 2.81a    | From the Dawning 1878 -1978 (donated by Alan Grayson)                                                                     | Back to Yarragon Committee | Book       |
| 17.86    | The Thorp(e) Society and its Variants Newsletter March 1989 - March 1991 (donated by Denis Metcalfe)                      |                            | Newsletter |
| 3.442    | Tooradin : a history of a sportsman's paradise and the first 100 years of State School no. 1503 (donated by Alan Grayson) |                            | Book       |
| 8.6      | 1001 Life Story Questions                                                                                                 | Mitchell, Bob              | Book       |
| 6.72     | A Drift of Derwent Ducks (donated by member Mark Allen)                                                                   | Cowley, Trudy Mae          | Book       |
| 3.443    | People Places & Things of the North East (donated by Alan Grayson)                                                        | Jones, Graham              | Book       |
| 3.444 CD | Index to the South Bourke & Mornington Journal 1877 - 1886                                                                |                            | CD         |
| 0.87     | No Ordinary Days : St Paul's Anglican Grammar School 1982 - 2006 (donation)                                               | Pepper, Laele              | Book       |
| 0.85     | Bona Vista Primary School 1909-1984 (donated by Alan Grayson)                                                             |                            | Book       |
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| 9.57     | The Journal of One Name Studies October 1989 - January 1990 (donated by Denis Metcalfe)                                   |                            | Journal    |
| 8.7      | The Australian Women's Weekly Book of Family Memories (Donated by member Kaye Williams)                                   | Price, Bob                 | Book       |
| 4.99     | My Young Life on the Tap Tap Plain and Beyond Rev. ed. (Donated by member Kaye Williams)                                  | Finlay, Stanley J.         | Book       |

## Library Monitors Required for 2008

I will soon be drawing up the roster for Library duty for 2008. Could current monitors please advise me (by email [sp\\_hill@dcsi.net.au](mailto:sp_hill@dcsi.net.au) or phone 56 231703) as to whether or not you will be available for Library Duty next year and, if so, whether you would like to do duty on the same day as this year?

New monitors are always welcome, so please consider joining our team of monitors next year. Training is available so don't worry if you have no experience at being a monitor.

Sue Hill

Librarian

# ***PROGRAM for 2007***

|           |    |                                              |                                    |
|-----------|----|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| February  | 22 | Scottish Research                            | Susan McLean                       |
| March     | 22 | Police Historical Research                   | Gary Presland                      |
| April     | 26 | TBA                                          |                                    |
| May       | 24 | State Library                                | Anne Burrows AGM                   |
| June      | 28 | Elder Webb                                   | Changes to family search web site  |
| July      | 26 | Anne Burrows                                 | State Library Genealogical section |
| August    | 23 | Members problem night                        | (See advert page 3)                |
| September | 27 | Jean Waddell, Eleanor Hatswell, Shirley Ward | Local Authors night                |
| October   | 25 | Charlie Farugia                              | PRO                                |
| November  | 22 | Members night                                | Treasures from the past.           |

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