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BRUCE'S BRIEFING

Since the July edition of Kith'n'Kin our Society has experienced a winter period of enjoyable and interesting Guest Speakers at our monthly meeting nights. These speakers have all given excellent talks on their chosen subjects

New members and visitors are attending these nights and whilst I endeavour to greet them personally, time may not always permit me to do so. Therefore I

have endeavoured to provide members from the Committee to act as hosts on meeting nights, to help all new members and guests to have an enjoyable night with us.

The past months have seen our Book Committee hard at work, with our next books coming along at a steady pace.

With members now coming back from winter holidays in warmer places our Library will become busier over the next couple of months, before our Christmas break.

Over the past months I have endeavoured to visit our Library on a weekly basis; my aim being to become computer literate, after twenty years of research. So, with encouragement from both my daughter and Society members I have taken up the challenge!

For someone who has always been mechanically minded it has been a learning curve, unlike any I have undertaken before, to learn all the little quirks that make a computer function and, when it won't work, that patience is a virtue. Being an old Technical

School boy, the typing skills of those who attended High School are to be admired! One of my first hurdles to get over must surely be finding those elusive letters on the keyboard! I must, at this time, thank those monitors and members who have been present during my visits for their assistance and laughs along the way.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate our member Leonie Freeman on her winning entry in the Janet Reakes Memorial Award competition, our congratulations on a great result.

As this is our final newsletter for 2004 I would like to thank all our members who have contributed to the running of our Society during the year. Without your input and commitment we would not be able to enjoy and share in what we have.

I hope you have all had some success with your research and enjoyed the fellowship within our Society during the year.

In concluding may I, on behalf of the Committee Members and myself, wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas period with your families and friends.

Bruce Johns, President

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BUSINESS ARISING.....

Guest speaker at our July Meeting was Jenny Harkness, kindly filling in for Lesle Berry who was ill.

Jenny gave us a very informative talk on the history behind the LDS holdings and advice on searching LDS records.

Founded in 1894, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Library, in Salt Lake City Utah, has the largest collection of genealogical holdings in the world. Prior to World War II microfiche technology was developed and the Church took on board the task of filming records of genealogical interest throughout the world. The purpose of this was two fold:- 1. to preserve records and 2. to give access to records for members wishing to research their family history. By the 1950s the microfilming project was being undertaken in every continent. In the 1960s Family History Centres were established worldwide. There are now 120 in Australia, of which 30 are located in Victoria. Many of the centres specialise in the type of records they hold. For example:- Wantirna, Irish records; Braeside, Scottish; Heidelberg and Fairfield, English; Croydon, Tasmanian and Blackburn, Australian.

The second half of Jenny's talk dealt with the variety of LDS records and how to access them. The IGI (International Genealogical Index), although one of the most frequently used resources, was not originally created for genealogists. It should always be treated as a secondary source. The same advice applies to the Ancestral File, as the information found there has been submitted by an individual and is only as good as the person who did the research.

Those LDS Family History Centres with Internet access are now able to offer free access to Ancestry.com. Great news for those wishing to view the 1901 UK Census and other records!

Book Update

We have had an overwhelming response to our request for submissions for inclusion in the next publication on the Pioneers and Early Settlers in the Gippsland area up to 1925. Over 1000 submissions have been received.

This number of entries will necessitate the publication of two books; one a companion book to our first publication, *West Gippsland Pioneers and Settlers Pre 1900* and the other covering the period 1900-1925.

Entries have now officially closed and work is progressing on the preparation of the material for publication. As can be imagined, an enormous amount of work is involved in doing this.

It is now apparent that we will not be able to achieve our original publication date of 2004, but are hopeful that the books will be available sometime during the first half of 2005. Further details will be given as they become available.

June Harvey

Book Committee

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Web site

www.vicnet.net.au/~wggs

Victorian Archives Centre Archival Support Program

Preservation and Conservation: Paper and Books

On Saturday 19th June, Iris Maxfield and I went to the Victorian Archives Centre to attend the session on preservation and conservation of paper and books.

The first speaker was Sally Kneebone from National Archives of Australia who gave an introduction on NAA and the types of materials that have been archived. She also spoke on the ideal conditions archival storage should be maintained at.

Ideal conditions:

50 ± 5% RH

22°C ±



Minimal fluctuations

The second speaker was Libby Melzer also of NAA. Libby presented a power-point presentation on the types of materials that could be in a family collection and how it can deteriorate if not looked after correctly. Libby showed us the types of degradation that can affect our collections:

Foxing – brown spots on photos and paper that is caused from metal filings that have been imbedded during the processing of photos or printed pages, that are then exposed to moisture and create a chemical reaction of acid and metal filings.

Mildew – In the process of paper making, starch was added to strengthen the paper. This paper if exposed to moisture can become a feeding ground for parasitic fungus that deposits a whitish or discoloured coating called mildew.

Fading – Exposing materials to Ultra-Violet light (sunlight).

Tears and Folds – Paper material if handled constantly may develop tearing on the edges because of the weakened fibre, this also can happen when paper is folded and the fibres are stretched then become brittle and break.

Sally Kneebone then spoke on the best way to store, handle and display items.

Ideal storage materials:

- Acid free paper and cardboard
- Plastic made from polyethylene, polypropylene and polyester NOT polyvinylchloride (PVC)

A handy hint: to minimise the stress on the spine of old books being opened out, use a pillowcase filled with foam beads as a support.

Some informative websites on how to best archive materials can be found at:

- Image Permeance Institute
www.climatenotebook.org/games/storedalive
www.rit.edu/ipi/
- National Archives of Australia
www.naa.gov.au/recordkeeping/preservation/advice/preservation
- Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials
www.aiccm.org.au
- Australian Museums and Galleries Online
- www.amol.org.au/recollections
- Canadian Conservation Institute
www.cci-icc.gc.ca/
- Library of Congress
www.loc.gov/i



Digital Preservation

Andrew Waugh, who works at Public Record Office of Victoria, spoke on Digital Preservation. The ideal is to have hardcopies of digital images and then use the digital copy for access but not for preservation. The electronic medium is changing rapidly and if we do not keep up with updating to current file storage methods we will eventually have files that can no longer be accessed.

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To store archival photos the best file storage is as a TIFF file, because it is a widely used format and does not remove information when compressing. A JPEG file is ideal for sending images to friends and family, as it is saved in compact file size compared to a TIFF file, but you must be aware that JPEG files lose information in compression when saved and, if constantly opened and saved, will eventually become a poor quality image.

Another good storage file for non photographic images such as certificates, is to save as a GIF file.

All in all it was a very informative and interesting day. I know I have certainly learnt a lot about looking after my collection of photos and documents so that future generations will be able to have access to their family history.

In the next newsletter I will submit information from Archives Advice notes on protecting documents, caring for your family archives and protecting and handling photographs.

Teresa Mitchell

Member 210

SUTHERLAND REUNION

A date for your diary :

Saturday, 19 March 2005 at 1.15 pm

Place:

The Scots' Church Hall

99 Russell Street, Melbourne, Victoria

The Reunion of descendants of four Sutherland Brothers, three of whom came from Scotland to Victoria. They were John and Alexander Grant Sutherland in the 1830s, James Sutherland in the mid 1850s, and a daughter of the fourth brother, Peter Sutherland, in the late 1850s.

Who were the Sutherland Brothers?

They came from Banffshire in Scotland.

John and Alexander Grant Sutherland were prominent builders in the colony of Port Phillip, as Victoria was called before Separation from NSW in 1851. Alexander Sutherland built the first bridge, a wooden one, over the Yarra River. Both brothers bought blocks in the second Melbourne Land Sale in 1837. Alexander's daughter, Sina, married **Thomas Greenaway** and their daughter, Alice, married **Leslie Hastings**.

In 1854 James Sutherland arrived with his family from Scotland and joined his brothers in Melbourne. Then in 1859 a daughter of Peter Sutherland, a shipbuilder in Liverpool, came to Victoria.

Descendants of these four brothers are now living around Australia and overseas.

Planning for the Reunion is in its early stages. A charge will be made to cover the cost of organizing the event, afternoon tea and public risk insurance, etc.

A Reunion booklet is planned and will be a separate charge. *We will be requesting information on each family for the booklet.* To establish the print run size, orders will need to be in by 18 February 2005.

On the afternoon of Sunday 20 March there will be a visit to the graves of the three Sutherland brothers.

We are preparing a mailing list to keep descendants up to date on what is planned for 19 and 20 March 2005.

So: please send your postal and email addresses to:

John Henwood

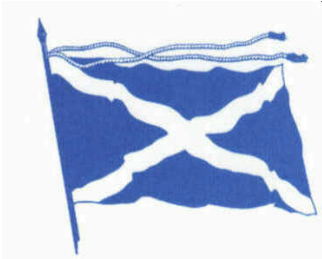
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DID YOUR RELATIVES GO ON THE 1928 AUSTRALIAN SCOTTISH DELEGATION?



Is there anyone associated with the Victorian Scottish Union who has a relative or friend who went on the Australian Scottish Delegation of 1928? If you do I would be delighted to hear from you, as I am researching its history.

The Australian Scottish Delegation was a major public relations effort by Scots in Australia and their descendants. Since it took place in 1928 there has been nothing to equal it. The 623 Scots and their descendants travelled from this country to Scotland on the "Hobson's Bay" to promote Australian products and to encourage the migration of Scots.

Delegation members boarded the "Hobson's Bay" at various ports, starting with Brisbane, departing on the 27th March. The "Hobson's Bay" then went on to Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide and Fremantle; where the rest of the members boarded the ship.

Looking through the list of the 266 passengers who boarded in Melbourne it is surprising to see the range of occupations; from barrister to farm labourer. "The Times" described them as the rank and file from Australia, who had come to talk to the rank and file of Great Britain.

On the 11th April 1928 one of the largest crowds ever seen at Prince's Pier, Melbourne farewelled the "Hobson's Bay." "The Age" estimate was 6,000 people, while "The Argus" and "The Herald" put the crowd at 8,000. Take your choice!

It all began at Bunyip, Gippsland in October 1925, where the VSU held their 20th Annual Meeting. The idea of a delegation was put forward by the retiring President, J.D. MacInnes of Horsham. The Conference supported the resolution, but its practicality was questioned. The Delegation was still in the concept stage in early 1927. By December that year there were 507 bookings and 600 were expected. The number grew to 623 by the time the Delegation left Australia.



The Delegation arrived in Plymouth on 18th May 1928. There were brief stops at Salisbury and Exeter, a longer one in London followed by Newcastle. Then came Scotland's major cities Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Elgin, Aberdeen and finally Inverness, where officially the delegation ended on the 17th June. At times the Delegation split into smaller groups and visited burghs like Keith or Stonehaven.

The delegates were warmly welcomed at each location when they arrived in the two trains, which were organized to transport them around the country. For example, in Edinburgh thousands greeted them on their arrival, but the best welcome of all was at Inverness. At each centre they were given civic receptions and entertained by businesses, community groups and individuals.

Editor's Note:

John was Guest Speaker at our August Meeting.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you have a relative or friend who went on the 1928 Delegation contact:

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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.

A Gippsland Union : the Victorian Coal Miners' Association 1893-1915

This synopsis of the book has been supplied to us by its author, P.D. Gardner.

The book is about the Miners' Union from its earliest inception to its joining the Australian Coal and Shale Employees Federation in 1915. It covers the booming coal mining period of the towns of Outtrim, Jumbunna and Korumburra, and the early period of the State Coal Mine at Wonthaggi.

Of particular interest is the great strike or lock-out of 1903/4. The men were locked out in January 1903 and the dispute was not declared over by the union until May 1904 – the stoppage being for a duration of over 70 weeks. During the strike heavy police presence protected strike breakers and a number of instances occurred with the firing of revolvers in the towns; numerous charges, including those of assault, besetting a house, and abusive language were heard in the courts. In all, well over 1000 men and boys stopped work, of which less than a handful returned to work during the stoppage.

Even after the 'strike' was called off the companies refused to employ any of the men and a desperate winter followed. Large numbers of the strikers left the district, never to return. Most of the union activists were black banned by the companies and had to seek work elsewhere. In particular the radical miners were dispersed to north and southern NSW, Collie, in WA, and the mining towns of New Zealand.

As the union secretary left Outtrim his effigy was burned, causing much anger. Wilson became secretary of the Collie Miners' Union and the Labour member for Collie in the WA Assembly. Others to go to Collie include Gregory, McCulloch, Galloway and a number of miners from the Dawes family. At least fifty families are thought to have gone to Collie.

Miners to go to NSW included the Bird brothers, Arthur Teese, Charles James, Andrew Gray, Liversage, Poland, Albert Burns and George Neilly. Several

hundred miners are thought to have gone to NSW and a much smaller number to New Zealand, including Robert Semple; later secretary of the New Zealand Federation of Labour.

The VCMA was disbanded and those men remaining signed back on as non union, or sort work in the co-operatives. A Royal Commission was called in 1906 and the following year a Parliamentary Enquiry was held. The Union reformed and was battling the employers in the courts in the famous Jumbunna case. When the State Coal Mine opened during the 'Peter Bowling strike' the miners on the Powlett River were strongly union and quickly became the most powerful lodge of the union.

The book is illustrated with many previously unpublished photos.

The index lists over 500 names and is a valuable tool for genealogists searching for their relatives in the coal towns.

'A Gippsland Union' is available for \$32, post paid, direct from the publisher Ngarak Press PO Box 18 Ensay 3895.



Genealogical Codicil For a Will

This article appeared in "The Certified Copy" Vol. 30, No. 3, Fall 2001, p. 76, published by Cleveland Genealogical Society, Cleveland Ohio and has also been circulated on internet mailing lists.

Why see your life's work and interest go to the dump. The editor of the publication suggested the following when asked what one might do if there is no family interested in the research we might leave behind.

A Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children or guardian.

Upon my demise it is requested that you **DO NOT** dispose of any or all of my Genealogical records, books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years

During this time period please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various Genealogical organisations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organisations and addresses at bottom].

Please remember that my genealogical endeavours consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore please do not ignore my requests.

Signature	Date
Witness	Date
Witness	Date

The Janet Reakes Memorial Award

This award is held annually to remember Janet Reakes who was possibly one of the most renowned genealogists Australia has produced.

When she passed away in November 2002, some of her friends decided to hold a yearly competition, open to all genealogists. This involves writing a referenced research essay, with a maximum length of 2000 words, which is judged by members of the genealogical community. The winner receives a prize and trophy, whilst two runners up receive certificates and prizes.

The topic chosen for this year was "Births, Deaths and Marriages at Sea" and the closing date was June 30th. If you were not aware of this competition watch for it next year in our GSV "Ancestor" or access on the Internet by searching on keywords "Janet Reakes".

I found that deciding to enter actually forced me to sit down and begin writing up some of my research that has been on hold for years.

Leonie Freeman

Member 405

STOP PRESS!!

Congratulations to Leonie, who we have just learnt has won this year's competition. Names of placegetters are listed in the September edition of Australian Family Tree Connections and her essay will feature in a future edition.



Royal Humane Society Medals awarded to local Gippslanders.

Two Warragul families have links with people who have been awarded Royal Humane Society Medals.

The first occurred with a report by the "Mercury" dated 15th December 1885 that details a trip by the steamer "Tanjil" from Sale to Bairnsdale. A young boy, approximately 12 years old, was in a small boat which was loading the "Tanjil" when it was swamped. The mate of the steamer (John Gallienne) jumped into the water, clothes and all, to try and save the boy.

Peter Synan, in his book "Highways of Water: how shipping on the Lakes shaped Gippsland", gives this account of the rescue on pages 92, 120 and 130.

"[John] swam after the boy, whom he overtook in about a quarter of a mile, some 20 feet from the swamped boat, which was then keel up. He just caught the boy in time, he having sunk twice, and

swum with him to the boat, righted her and placed the boy in her, and kept swimming round and keeping the boat in position until the Tanjil's boat, which had been lowered with all speed," arrived. "

A passenger, A.K. Smith, organised a collection and a presentation was made to John Gallienne in appreciation of his efforts. John Gallienne duly received his Victorian Humane Society Bronze Medal.

John Phillip Gallienne had arrived in Australia on the "Formosa" in September 1873 from Jersey, Channel Islands. He married Mary Margarine Elizabeth Luce, who had also been born in Jersey, in Melbourne in 1880.

As a Captain John Phillip Gallienne sailed between Australia and India and died off New Zealand when he stayed on his sinking vessel, after ensuring all his crew had departed safely.

His descendant John Gallienne of Warragul proudly has this medal in his possession.

James Wyeth, the second Gippslander to be awarded a medal, has ties with the Freeman and Sanders family of Warragul and Korumburra.

James, 20 years, and John Graham, 19 years, both of Inverloch, were each awarded the Royal Humane Society of Australia Certificate of Merit for saving Frederick Sanders, 5 years, and Walter Sanders, 7 years, from being washed out to sea at Inverloch on July 15th, 1905.

The children were playing in a boat on the beach off Anderson's Inlet when the boat got into the current which was carrying them out to sea. Wyeth and Graham jumped into a boat with one rowlock and rowed out with some difficulty to rescue the boys and bring them back to shore.

The Sanders family figured in the early days of Korumburra. A Mr. Sanders led a deputation to Melbourne for improvement to the area and the local Agricultural and Pastoral Society was founded in 1893, with H. Sanders as President.

*L. Freeman
Member 405*



11th Australasian Congress
on Genealogy and Heraldry

Family History - the access revolution

Darwin 28 June to 2 July 2006

This theme was chosen so that the speaker program can be developed around the phenomenal records now available to the family historian.

All fellow family historians are invited to attend.

The call for Papers closes on 1 December 2004. If you wish to submit a paper or the outline for a Workshop

- full details and a draft program are available on our website or by contacting the Society.

Congress fees will not be known until early-mid 2005.

We are committed to keeping this Congress at a reasonable cost. Early Bird registrations will close on 28 February 2006 and delegates may pay in full or in three part payments, September and November 2005 and the final payment by 28 February 2006.

Register your interest now and be kept up-to-date with the latest Congress information.

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Recent Library Acquisitions



Cat No.	Title	Author	Medium
1.45a	Family History for Beginners and Beyond. Pub. 2004. Ed. Eunice Fletcher 4.	Heraldry & Genealogy Soc. of Canberra Inc.	Book
1.173	Victorian GUM Inc. 20th Anniversary Conference: Internet, Images, Imagination Conference Proceedings. Beechworth Victoria 23-25 July, 2004.	Roy, Joy	Book
10.179	City Livery Companies & Related Organisations: Guildhall Library Research Guide 3. Pub. 1989.	Genealogical Society of Victoria	Book
13.29	Inducements and Agents. German, Northern European and Scandinavian Recruitment to Tasmania 1855 - 1887. Pub. 2003.	Hargraves, Marita	Book
23.39	Early History of the Upper Murray. Pub. 2003. Donated by John Henwood.	Henwood, John & Swann, Margaret	Book
3.2a	Victorian Municipal Directory 1978. Donated by member Beryl Goodridge.		Book
3.407	Family History Research in the Central Goldfields of Victoria. Pub. 2004.	Wickham, Dorothy	Book
3.408	A Place to Lay My Head: Immigrant Shelters of Nineteenth Century Victoria. Pub. 2003.	Pescod, Keith	Book
3.409	Frankston - Resort to City. Pub. 1989. Donated by Mornington Peninsula Family History Society Inc.	Jones, Michael	Book
4.82	In the Shadow of the Tiers: the Story of Andrew Greig Wilson & his family. Pub. 1996. (pages of family charts). Donated by Avon Ballantyne.	Henderson, Verna E.	Book
4.83	The Marriott Family in Australia 1871-1986. Pub. 1986.	Marriott Committee	Book
6.67	Descendants of Swing Rioters: Conference Papers 1999. Melbourne, Australia.		Book
2.212	Drouin in 1944: A Small Town at War. Taken from Australian Book Review May 2004. Photos and some text.	West Gippsland Regional Library	Booklet
2.213	Voters' Roll for the South Riding of the Shire of Buln Buln 1882. Donation.		Booklet
23.38	Archives of New South Wales Information Kit (Sheets in White Ring Folder) & Index to sheets. Donation.		Booklet
10.148	National Burial Index for England and Wales. 1538 to 2000. 1st ed. 2nd ed. 1538/2003.	Federation of Family History Societies	C D
2.214	Historic Narracan: History of Narracan-Thorpdale district from the beginning of settlement in 1873 to the 1920s. Pub. May 2004.	Savage, Walter (comp.)	C D
22.5	Tasmanian Pioneer Index 1803-1899. Pub. MacBeth 2004.		C D
9.26a	Victorian Historical Magazine Index. Vols. 26 - 38. Donation.		Journal
9.26b	Victorian Historical Journal - Index.		Journal
9.26c	Victorian Historical Journal. Index Vols. 61-70. Donation.		Journal
9.53	Ancestors: Family History from the Experts (New Journal - 2/7/2004). The National Archives & Family Records Centre, UK.		Journal



Library News



Library Users

A plea from our Library users. Please don't be tempted to change any of the desktop icons on the Library computers. It does make it difficult for the next person using the computer, especially if he/she is not a particularly confident user.

Please Note: Our Library will close for the Christmas break at 3pm on Saturday December 11th 2004 & re-open on Wednesday January 12th 2005.

Monitors

Christine is currently working on the Library roster for 2005. If you wish to change your day of the week for doing duty to a different day for next year, please let her know by 18th November, so that she can hand out the roster lists at our November meeting.

PROGRAM for 2004

February	26	"Have you hit a 'Brick Wall'?"	Members' Night
March	25	Revisiting research	Margaret Rowe - Keys
April	22	History of the Channel Islands	Adele Brown
May	27	European research	Yvonne Izatt AGM
June	24	"Single & Free"	Elisabeth Rushden
July	22	LDS Sources	Mrs Leslie Berry
August	26	Australian-Scottish Delegation	Mr John Henwood
September	23	Indexes etc.	Mornington Peninsula FHS
October	28	Convicts	Members' Night
November	25	Early Days of Gippsland	Rev Ted Gibson Supper

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