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Two new seminars are announced in this issue - 'Poverty & the Poor Laws of England, Scotland & Ireland' will take place in August and 'Free online databases at the GSV: Australia' in July. Early booking is advised as our seminars are very popular and there is a limit of 45 participants.

Our articles this month embrace a broad range of topics, from early settlers to the practicalities of dealing with 'things'. Ann Brown describes the contrasting fortunes of two of Melbourne's early settlers while Clive Davies follows the fortunes of some Welsh settlers on the Victorian goldfields. An unexpected twist in what was expected to be a straightforward probate application is the theme of Janine Wood's article. Susie Zada probes the claim of United Service Home inmate Jeremiah Brown to have been the last living Waterloo veteran and Judy Rochow traces the adventurous expatriate life of Marjorie Patience (Pat) Shaw (née Coates) in the mid twentieth century. If you've ever wondered what to do with all those family history objects, Bill Barlow's article gives sound practical advice, while relating his experiences with his own collection of memorabilia. 'Objects' is also the theme of this month's 'Getting it Write' which gives two examples of how objects can be a starting point for writing about family.

If you have an ancestor who was in the British Merchant Navy you will appreciate Linley Hooper's 'Research Corner', which details the online records you can research, while Irene Fullarton's 'Genies on the Web' gives a wealth of information on Victorian records of all sorts.



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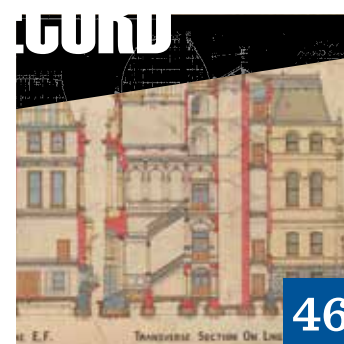
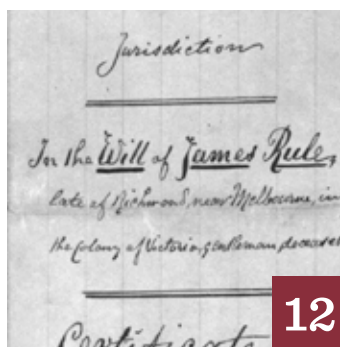
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Jeremiah Brown: Waterloo Veteran?

by Susie Zada

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In 2012 The Bellarine Historical Society commenced research into the former residents of the United Service Home in Drysdale. Jeremiah BROWN was the first name on the list of the residents when the home opened on 2 July 1891.

The Home (Image 1) had been set up through the efforts of Major-General Alexander Bruce TULLOCH. When he arrived in Victoria as commander of the Victorian military forces in 1890, he was appalled to discover that a number of old soldiers and sailors of the Imperial forces were, through no fault of their own, homeless and

destitute in Melbourne. Many were imprisoned for vagrancy. He voiced concern and demanded action for 'the soldier or sailor [who] had done good or gallant service, and ... had also done good work as a colonist in Victoria, but was by reason of age or infirmity incapable of earning a living'. TULLOCH formed an executive committee to build the United Service Home. Funds raised were to be used for two classes of pensioners: those requiring a little financial assistance, and those so destitute they required somewhere to live.

When Major-General TULLOCH opened the home on Wednesday 2 July 1891, the first eight residents 'were attired in the scarlet Chelsea [pensioners'] uniform and wearing three-cornered hats (Image 2). The veteran who was not so dressed was an old sailor, who insisted upon wearing the naval blue jacket.' They were Jeremiah BROWN, William R COLTHURST, Andrew DESMOND, Thomas FINNEAN, John Alexander HICKS, Hugh PATTERSON, Luke READ [Royal Navy], and James THOMPSON. The early residents were said to be veterans of Waterloo, the Crimean, the Indian Mutiny and the New Zealand (1860 and 1864), China, Egyptian, Afghan, Indian frontier and South African wars.

Jeremiah Brown claimed he was a veteran of Waterloo.

In November 1889 Jeremiah BROWN, then an inmate of the Ovens District Benevolent Asylum, was reported to be a destitute 97 year-old veteran of the battle of Waterloo, 1815. Life seemed to improve for Jeremiah when the owners of the recently opened Waterloo Cyclorama (Image 3) in Melbourne arranged for him to come to Melbourne and feature for a short time in their exhibit. Cycloramas were hugely popular entertainments, and, at this 360 degree painting of the Battle of Waterloo in its own circular building in Victoria Parade, Jeremiah would have been a centre of attention.

A cabinet card photograph of Jeremiah c.1889



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appears to have been an advertisement for, or souvenir of, the Melbourne Cyclorama – the caption reads:

Corporal Jeremiah BROWN, 'The Waterloo Veteran' Born Inniskillen, Mar. 14th, 1792. Late 6th Inniskillen Dragoons 91st & 22nd Foot Regiments. Now at the Melbourne Cyclorama – Battle of Waterloo.

The Waterloo Roll Call added 'fought at Waterloo and in Kaffir, Sepoy, and Maori wars' and 'living at Melbourne, Australia, in 1891'. Jeremiah was not mentioned in the first edition of the book - he only appeared in the 1904 second edition. Perhaps the information was provided by the Waterloo Cyclorama owners.

Jeremiah's army service was reported in detail in an interview in December 1889. A cynic reading the 2,000 word article might suggest that it was an advertorial, especially as from 2 December 1889 until 1 November 1890 Jeremiah appeared in more than 50 advertisements for the Waterloo Cyclorama. Advertisements from 10 November 1890 onwards did not include any reference to Jeremiah BROWN. Nothing more was heard of him until June 1891 when the *Argus* reported that he was 'to be one of the first inmates of the [United Service Home] institution.' It appeared that once again Jeremiah was destitute and homeless.

When Jeremiah BROWN celebrated his 100th birthday in March 1892, the *Argus* reported that he was the 'sole survivor of Waterloo in Australia, and perhaps in the world'. He was granted his wish to travel to Melbourne to visit the Waterloo Cyclorama in Victoria Parade.

Was Jeremiah really 100 years old or was he nearly 20 years younger?

A New Zealand connection was mentioned by the *Geelong Times* at Jeremiah's 100th birthday celebrations, as well as a daughter, grand-daughters and great grandchildren. The New Zealand Fencible Society records show Jeremiah BROWN arriving on the ship *Oriental Queen* in 1849. As a Fencible, he was required to be a retired soldier, aged less than 48 years with a minimum of 15 years military service. This would imply a birth date after 1801.

The *Otago Daily* was one of many newspapers in Jeremiah's former home of New Zealand which carried stories of the 'truth' – that 'he was only four years old at the time of Waterloo, and did not join the army until 1829'. Jeremiah claimed to have been born in 1792, however further research uncovered his service documents which showed

his year of birth as 1811 and confirmed the reports that he had never been at Waterloo. There is no doubt that these records belong to the right Jeremiah

BROWN as they referred to correspondence from Major-General TULLOCH in April 1892. The reply to TULLOCH dated 16 May 1892 included the statement 'with true facts.'

The *Geelong Times* reported in 1893 that when TULLOCH had earlier 'sought to obtain for him [BROWN] a liberal pension from the Imperial authorities, it was discovered that the cunning old soldier was not what he represented himself to have been. Finding that he was no longer a source of wonder and general respect Jeremiah became unruly, and eventually left the home to wander about the streets of Melbourne'.

In 1893 Jeremiah BROWN was charged with vagrancy in Melbourne and Geelong on three occasions. Prisoner records show that he was 5 ft. 9 in. tall, fresh complexion, grey hair, blue eyes, born in Ireland in 1792, a soldier, Roman Catholic and could read and write. He had a broken nose, was deaf, and had a dislocated collar bone. He said he had arrived in 1847 on the ship *Ancient Queen* as a free man – possibly referring to the *Oriental Queen* on which he arrived in New ►►

► Image 2: *First eight residents of United Service Home, inc. Jeremiah Brown [front row centre] c.1891*



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▲ Image 3: Waterloo Cyclorama, Victoria Parade, c 1889

Zealand. Most of these details match his service documents – all except for his age and therefore his service at Waterloo.

The first vagrancy charge was on 9 August 1893 when he was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment. Two further convictions, on 8 and 16 November 1893, resulted in 14 days and six months imprisonment respectively. He appeared in the Petty Sessions Court in Geelong and was imprisoned in Geelong Gaol. The final entry reads ‘7th March 1894 died in gaol’.

The United Service Home was created to be a haven from the vagrancy charges which afflicted

many of the veterans in Melbourne – it is ironic that in leaving this haven Jeremiah ended up suffering precisely the fate that the home was set up to avoid.

This is just a small part of the life of Jeremiah BROWN – imagine the stories that are waiting to be uncovered for the other 102 residents of the United Service Home! ■

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An Adventurous Woman

by Judy Rochow

When I started looking into my family history more than 20 years ago, it was microfiche and print only. In 1993 I got my first home computer and launched into the web. I even remember the first website I looked at, **familysearch.org**. I am always astounded by the sheer volume of information now available through the web and through the digitisation of records. A case in point is the first wife of my husband's great uncle, Roy SHAW. The following information took me a little over a week to amass.

When I started looking into this particular couple I was told by Roy's niece (my mother-in-law) that Roy's first wife's name was Pat. The niece said that they married in New Guinea (Image 1 and 2), that Pat had been married twice before and that she had died in the 1960s. Roy then married again and died in 1976. This, of course, is enough to get anyone started.

I was able to locate the 'Index to Australians and other expatriates in Papua New Guinea' CD at the State Library of Victoria. This told me that Roy SHAW and Marjorie Patience HITCHCOCK were married on 13 August 1959 in Port Moresby. I knew that Pat had died before Roy remarried in 1975, so I did a search on the NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages, Online Historical Indexes (NSW BDM Online). There I found the death of Marjorie Patience SHAW in 1967. I also searched the Ryerson Newspaper Index website which listed the death notice of Marjorie Patience SHAW, died 29 October 1967. Another trip to the State Library to consult the newspaper on microfiche told me that Marjorie was the wife of Roy SHAW and listed her siblings including her brother's surname, COATES. Bingo, I had her maiden name, COATES. I then checked out the Trove, Digitised Newspapers through the National Library of Australia website. I searched for Marjorie COATES and out popped an article about the marriage of Marjorie Patience COATES to Cecil John MASON. The same sisters as in the death notice were listed as bridesmaids. Husband number one found. The marriage was confirmed

by NSW BDM online. I searched for Cecil's death in the NSW BDM online up to and including 1959. No luck. Tried the *Trove* website for a divorce as these were reported in the daily newspapers. A bit of salacious gossip has always been popular. Again no luck.

Then inspiration. His age suggested that he would have been eligible for service in the Second World War. I looked at the Second World War Nominal Roll and found one Cecil John Trevelyan MASON in the RAAF, next of kin, Marjorie MASON and date of death, 8 October 1942. ►►

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My next step was to check the record search on the National Archives of Australia website for Cecil MASON's Service record. Unfortunately it was not digitised, however, there was another file that was digitised that had his name on it. So of course I opened it up and found a wealth of information. Cecil MASON was a Pilot Officer serving with 20 Squadron in Townsville when he was seconded to Naval Intelligence for the Coast Watcher service. He volunteered to gather

intelligence from Feni (also known as Anir) Island. He was landed by American submarine on 23 July 1942. He talked to some natives who told him of a coast watcher who needed to be rescued. Cecil let it be known to those on the submarine that he was going to find the man and bring him back with him. He did not succeed in meeting the submarine as arranged for the following four nights. Nothing more was known until after the war ended.

Meanwhile in Australia, on 14 August 1942, Marjorie received notification that her husband was missing. They did not tell her the circumstances for quite some time and requested that she tell only relatives that he was missing in case he was in hiding from the Japanese. There is even a 'SECRET' stamp on the letter. Nothing was certain and the Japanese were not very diligent about advising who was and was not their prisoner.

Marjorie's letters to the RAAF bear testament to her distress as to her husband's fate. In a letter written in 1942 she tells the RAAF, 'I am, naturally desperately anxious for further news, or even some enlightenment as to the probable whereabouts, for having shared some eight years of his tropical life I have some knowledge of conditions, territory, etc. & would treat with the utmost confidence any further information'. This letter told me that they had lived most of their married life in the Solomon Islands.

In October of 1942 she was told a few details of his mission: 'He volunteered to make a trip by motor launch to a small island in the enemy occupied area, but believed to be free from Japanese, in order to rescue a wounded marine who was stranded ... It was believed that he might have encountered a Japanese outpost and been forced into hiding while awaiting an opportunity to leave


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◀ Image 1 & 2: Pat and Roy Shaw on their wedding day in Port Moresby, 1959

the island.'

In February 1943 captured documents gave some indication of the fate of Cecil MASON and Pat was informed that he was 'missing as a result of enemy action and believed prisoner of war'. In June of 1943 Pat was able to get the Secretary of the Australian Prisoners of War Relatives' Association to enquire on her behalf but it did no good as the authorities did not know any more. The RAAF replied to a further letter from Pat begging for information with: 'It is felt that unless your husband unhappily lost his life, he was very probably taken prisoner. In the latter event, of course, he would undoubtedly be removed to an internment camp which might be either in Japan or any other enemy occupied territory'.

In May of 1943 Pat requested her husband's personal effects, however the RAAF were unable to locate any. In January of 1945 she was told, 'The Japanese have consistently refused to release full lists of prisoners of war captured by them, and in view of this refusal it has been impossible to determine your husband's fate'.

In December 1944 an AGNAU patrol went to Anir Island and talked to natives who told them of the capture of Cecil MASON and Leading Telephonist WOODROOFE, the coast watcher whom MASON was trying to rescue. It appears that when MASON found WOODROOFE they made at least one attempt to meet the submarine but they returned to the island tired and wet. They were both captured that day. This information was conveyed to Pat in February of 1945 together with information on how to contact the Red Cross. Pat replied, 'After a silence of almost three years it is indeed welcome news, & I await anxiously further news from Japan . . . Thanking you for your precious communications & consideration & sympathy.'

After the war the Department of Defence made inquiries and it turned out that Cecil and his companion were captured by the Japanese and placed in a POW camp near Rabaul, New Guinea. They were there until 8 October 1942 when a captive priest recorded that they were taken away in the company of four downed American air crew by the Japanese to work on an air field. They did not return but some of their possessions were returned to the camp. The presumption made by those in the camp was that they had been killed or worked to death. Eyewitness accounts by natives recalled the six being killed and buried in a mass grave near Rabaul. The remains were exhumed and examined. Cecil's companion, WOODROOFE, was positively identified because

of a ring his mother had given him that he never took off. The body beside him was presumed to be Cecil. All this was not confirmed until late in 1947.

In a letter in mid 1947 Pat states that she knows in her own mind that he is dead as he had not yet returned. She had to repeatedly ask the RAAF to declare him dead so she could wind up his affairs. Five years must have been a long time to be in limbo.

In one of her last letters she states, 'I have had an offer of marriage which entails my going to Africa, & so I have taken the opportunity of a passage in October'. Mr HITCHCOCK I presume. I then searched the NSW BDM online and the Trove website but I could not find a marriage for Marjorie Patience MASON to a Mr HITCHCOCK between 1942 and 1959. I did however find the death of a Stanley Walter HITCHCOCK in Brisbane in 1952 whose wife was Marjorie P. HITCHCOCK. This is probably them as Pat signed herself Marjorie P MASON when writing to the RAAF about her first husband.

Marjorie appears to have been an adventurous woman. She seems to have spent most of her first married life as an expat in the Solomon Islands. She went off to Africa to marry a second time in 1948 and then in 1959 was back in New Guinea to marry for a third time. There is also a tantalising entry for HITCHCOCK, Mrs M P - Clerical Assistant - Papua and New Guinea on the National Archives of Australia website that will probably explain how she got back to New Guinea. There is still more to this story to be told.

I was so lucky to be able to gather so much information about these people in such a very short time. Thank you to all those kind people who have given up their time and effort to make these resources available. What would I do without you? And thank you to those who gave their life so that we might enjoy the Australia that we live in. Especially thank you Cecil John Trevelyan MASON who has no known descendants. ■

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He Fell Off His Horse

by Janine Wood

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Great grandmother Catherine was born on 16 November 1853 in what is now Portarlington, approximately 20 miles from Geelong. Land sales in the area had just begun and her father had snapped up a town property plus forty acres on the road between the town and Geelong.

Her parents, Mary and Tom McGRATH, had her baptised in the new Saint Mary of the Angels Catholic Church on 5 December 1853. They had been in the colony since 1840, briefly in Melbourne then Irishtown (Geelong) before moving to their farm, where a succession of babies was born.

How a poor, illiterate farm labourer, such as Tom (and dairymaid Mary) from poverty stricken Wexford could afford to become a land owner and, as *The Argus* reported, 'well-off' within twelve or thirteen years, probably will never be known. My father used to tell us the story that Tom ran a sly grog shop on the Ballarat diggings, in the very early days. Perhaps he didand perhaps you will think it highly likely too, as you keep reading.

On 1 September 1855, two months before Catherine turned two, and with another baby, Ellen, in the family, Tom and Mary held a party at their property. Tom, being a good Irishman, full of conviviality, and to be sure, much strong liquor, when it came time for some of the guests to return to Geelong, jumped on his horse to accompany them part of the way.

When he didn't return home that night Mary put the children to bed and went to sleep alone, no doubt aware of the dark and rainy night. Next

morning, early, she received news that Tom had fallen off his horse and had been lying all night in the middle of the road. Hardly the road that takes us to Portarlington these days though: more like a rough track, dusty and difficult in summer, a mass of mud and slush in winter.

Mary asked James GORDON, a neighbour, to get his dray and she leapt on board to go with him to tend Tom. They found him lying near the fire at the McANDREWS shack, where he had been taken by David BETT, the blacksmith. He later explained that Tom was unconscious when he moved him, although where he fell the ground was soft with no stones.

Mary immediately called for the doctor. Dr KING later recalled that Tom certainly appeared to be suffering from the effects of a fall, with his black left eye, difficulty breathing, paralysed side, swelling of the face and brain injury.

James GORDON told how when he brought him home with Mary, Tom's left eye was black and he was spitting up blood. Tom said that he had been struck with a riding whip. The day before he died Tom asked James to go to the bank and get his money for Mary, and to look after the farm. At the inquest it emerged that on the night of the party Tom had dropped into the Water Holes Inn at about 9 o'clock leaving an Aboriginal woman and someone else outside. Bridget PARROT, inn-keeper, claimed that the woman had called him away, then cracked the whip, presumably across his face, as Tom exclaimed to her, 'Briddy, did you see the black woman trying to cut the eye out of me?' After the others left, Tom sent for some beer, drinking three glasses, although he had obviously had many more previously. Briddy thought he left at about 10.30pm, and her husband thought he was heading on to McKENZIE's for another drink.

It is not too difficult to put ourselves in Mary's position when Tom died five days later. There she is with a baby she is still breastfeeding, plus a two, three, five, seven and nine-year-old. But at least they have some ready cash, a town block, plus the farm, so perhaps she will be able to raise the children herself and not suffer too much.

Although we can grasp something of Mary's desperate situation we would all find her first

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actions mystifying: she had Tom buried in the backyard (with no service and obviously, no priest). Clearly, she considered him little better than a dog or cat to be shoved into the backyard. I can almost hear her (in her Irish brogue of course) declaring that the *likes of 'im don't deserve a Christian burial!*

Then she took herself off to a lawyer to be granted the Letters of Administration, as Tom's widow. Mary could not read or write, but she was making darned sure that she was taking the correct measures to ensure the future of her family. Well she knew that there was no welfare handout awaiting them. Survive she must under her own steam. And, naturally, all appeared to be completely straightforward. She could even see the positive side – no more babies and a life without Tom's hard drinking, and nights out with a mistress.

But Mary's positivity was short lived. Five months later a scratchy, difficult to decipher communication appeared that changed everything. A Catherine McGRATH was challenging her right to be granted the Letters of Administration, as she was asserting that she, not Mary, was Tom's lawful widow.

So who was this Catherine McGRATH who suddenly appeared on the scene? Mary certainly knew who she was, although she had very deliberately wiped her from her life and memory – even to the extent of calling her own daughter, my great-grandmother, Catherine. Quite clearly, Mary never expected to see Catherine again. She had not seen her for at least eighteen years, when she first moved to Geelong. In fact, she hardly knew her as Catherine at all.....however, she knew her extremely well as Auntie Kitty!

Auntie Kitty was claiming not only that she was Tom's legal wife, but that Mary was not who she claimed, but was actually Mary HOARE.

Accordingly, the case was taken to the Supreme Court of Victoria in April 1856. The court was informed that Tom, 24 years old, emigrated from Ireland in 1840 with two females, Kitty, 34 years old and Mary, 19. Witnesses gave differing evidence about whom he treated as his wife, but it gradually unfolded that he sailed with Kitty as his wife, and Mary as her niece. Kitty had many details about the date of sailing and the name of the ship incorrect, so it is difficult to know if she was accurate when she claimed that she married Tom at Theman, near Fermoy, in Wexford in 1839. Mary, however, claimed that she married Tom in Plymouth in 1840 just before sailing.

When they arrived at Port Phillip in June 1840, they first settled in a tent on Batman's Swamp (approximately where the Southern Cross Railway Station is now), but a few months later Mary and Tom left Kitty there and decamped to Geelong. In Geelong they raised a large family and presented themselves in the Irish community as a married couple.

Not surprisingly, the jury was very undecided and informed the judge that there was no prospect of agreeing but eventually, after six hours further deliberation, the verdict was that Catherine McGRATH was the lawful widow of the deceased Thomas McGRATH. So Mary had lost everything and even had to pay the considerable court costs of Kitty.

However, Catherine McGRATH was now Catherine JACKSON! The case of Thomas McGRATH, deceased, was held in August 1856, but Kitty had married Thomas JACKSON on 2 April 1856 at St Mary's Church, Prahran. She signed with an X as she could read, but not write. Neither had children by previous marriages, but... who knows?

When I first located Mary's grave (Image 1) I was greatly amused to find a dollar sign carved into the headstone. I thought it was a delicious irony placed there by my forebears to reflect upon all that stress over Tom's money. However the explanation is that it is the first three letters of the name of Jesus in the Greek script superimposed on each other, and was frequently used on Roman Catholic headstones.

Mary lived on in Portarlington for many years raising her children, and died on 8 January 1909 at the age of 91 years. The headstone erected by her children indicates a great deal of love and affection: 'Fond memory of our dear mother MARY McGRATH who died 8 Jan'y, 1909 aged 91 years. RIP Erected by her loving son John, and daughters Margaret, Catherine & Ellen.'

Mary had learnt from the death of Tom. She made sure that she had a will with everything set out very clearly, and she signed with a cross because, as she commented, 'Nobody taught me how to read and write.' ■

▼ Image 1: Gravestone of Mary McGrath



Image courtesy of Janine Wood

Sources:

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'St Mary's Geelong: Its Founding Community' by Bettina M. Blackall
Geelong Family History Group

Early arrivals now forgotten

by Ann Brown

Once Fawknor and Batman had managed to establish the first permanent white settlement in the Melbourne area there was an influx of people and animals, many of whom, if not all, arrived from Tasmania. Among those arriving were two men who were reasonably well known at the time, but have since been forgotten. They were William OVERTON and James RULE.

The earliest arrival was William OVERTON who had been born in 1812 at Wrangle, Lincolnshire, the fourth child and second son born to Thomas and Mary nee LAURENCE. Wrangle is a small village on the eastern side of the county near the coast and its population in 1801 was just 732 persons. Lincolnshire at the time was an important agricultural county, one of the largest counties in England, but also one of the most sparsely populated, at less than one hundred persons per square mile. According to William his parents died when their children were quite young, leaving him to be looked after by a farmer.¹ As is often found in the history of migration to Victoria, William later arranged for his older sister Mary Ann to migrate to Victoria with her husband James CLOUGH and children, and her story will be discussed later.

While Mary Ann and James were living in Friskney, Lincolnshire, William had left the farm and run away to sea. He states that this occurred because his father had died, and he did not like the farmer who was looking after him. After nearly being drowned when his ship ran onto a reef near Goole in the River Humber, he joined another ship in London and sailed for Tasmania. He arrived in August or September 1832 in Hobart, where he left the ship. Whether he deserted his ship is unknown. After spending some years in Hobart during which time he learned the trade of baker and made the acquaintance of Elizabeth James RULE, he decided to walk to Launceston and catch a ship to Port Phillip. So it was in Hobart that the RULE family and William OVERTON became acquainted and later when James RULE held a licence for land in the Westernport area between May 1842 and November 1843² William and Elizabeth were the occupiers of that land. They had been married at the Congregational Church in Melbourne in 1838.

William and Elizabeth are both listed in the 1838

census of Melbourne, and on one of the earliest maps of Melbourne his bakery and confectionery shop is shown.³ He had started this business, the first such in Melbourne with a Mr HILL, who died rather early in the piece leaving William as the sole proprietor. With no competition his business flourished, although there was a conviction recorded against him in 1840 for exacting 'extortionate prices'. On 22 February 1840 he supplied the food and drinks for a ladies picnic on the hill overlooking Flemington, the first such held at that locale. He entered into the public life of the infant colony, signing the welcome to Governor LA TROBE in 1839, and serving on the building committee of the Wesleyan Church in 1841. He was to state later that he had become a Wesleyan while living in Hobart after having been brought up in the tradition of the Church of England. His business faltered in the recession of 1843 and he was declared insolvent and his goods and effects divided between his creditors. In October of that same year his fortunes seemed to have taken a turn for the better, asking that he be allowed to resume business dealings. In 1850 he was listed as an exhibitor at the first exhibition of the Victorian Horticultural Society as was James RULE, his father-in-law.⁴ However, he was not listed in subsequent exhibitions.

In 1854, William moved his allegiance from the Wesleyan Church to the Society of Friends (commonly known as Quakers), joining in November of that year, lending his property in Swanston Street to the group for meetings, and in 1857 signed a petition for a Melbourne meeting house, and was a main contributor to funds for its establishment.⁵ During 1860 he is listed as having an office at 41 Swanston Street, so he was still in a prominent position within the city. Between 1871 and 1874 he appears to be living with his son Henry on a Caulfield farm, then in Emerald Hill in 1875, Brunswick in 1883, Clifton Hill in 1889 and in North Fitzroy in 1892 when Elizabeth died. He died at the Northcote Convent in 1898, possibly because of a lack of funds, or nowhere else to live when frail – he was after all aged eighty-five at the time of death. Both he and his wife Elizabeth are buried in the Quaker section of the Melbourne General Cemetery. There is no tombstone on the grave nor was any estate left for probate from either, which is rather surprising given his prosperous early start

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in the colony. 'Reading between the lines' of his memoirs however, he appears to have been a part of many early ideas, but lacked the foresight to see potential in them. He also appears to have made non-profitable investments in mining shares. His nine children had mixed fortunes, with the first born son suffering dementia and disablement, and the second son seeming to have committed suicide. Later sons purchased land in the Wandin area, which brought them and their children much better fortunes. The last two children died as infants.

William OVERTON had arrived in the colony of Port Phillip in its very earliest years, had participated fully in the early life of Melbourne, but had slipped from view as an early colonist. He had his image included in the photograph commemorating the Jubilee of Melbourne, and he was mentioned in Garryowen's Early Melbourne but there was no lasting reminder of his time here. No plaque in Collins Street saying that the first bakery in Melbourne was on this site, or that the first use of gas for lighting occurred at 41 Swanston Street (now the Nicholas Building). Lacking the political and economic skills of his father-in-law James RULE or later arrivals, his contribution the early life of Melbourne has been mainly overlooked. It is his own memoirs preserved by one of his sons and grandson that tell us most about his life.

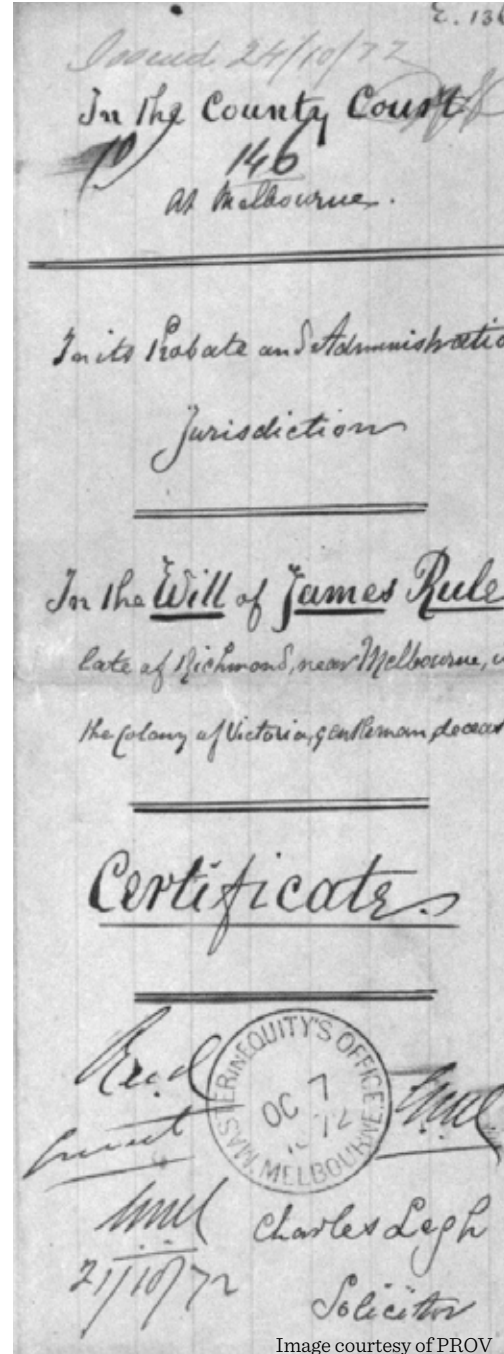
As mentioned before, William OVERTON had arranged in 1854 for his elder sister Mary Ann, her husband James CLOUGH and family to migrate to Victoria, providing them with a house in Brunswick as well as a stipend of 100 pounds for six months. James promptly used some of this money to pay for an entry in the book by Sunderland⁶ - the only person connected with our families to do so. Their family did not receive any benefit from this entry however, both parents dying without property, and of their nine children only two spouses held property at the time of their deaths. Their grandchildren, of which there were a total of thirty-eight, did not fare well in financial terms either, with only five of them leaving any property or funds at the time of their deaths. Scattered throughout the history of this family are deaths in institutions, senility, thieving, and illiteracy. The one thing that stands out is the ability to have many children.

The other early arrival in Melbourne was James RULE, his wife and family. James RULE was born and married in Cornwall, and arrived with his wife Mary May nee GLEDDEN in Hobart on board on 29 November 1835, from Buenos Aires with their four children: Jane born 1821;

Elizabeth James born 1822; John James born 1831; and James Henry born 1833. There was also another daughter Marguerite with the family. Their youngest son Oliver was baptised in Hobart in December 1835. The RULE family were among the earliest residents of Melbourne, being involved along with daughter Elizabeth and her husband William OVERTON with raising money for the establishment of the Wesleyan Church in Melbourne in 1842, and living in Flinders Street in 1847. In 1850, James was listed as an exhibitor at the first exhibition of the Victorian Horticultural Society as was his son-in-law William. James and his son John RULE were both participants in the second and third exhibitions, James receiving a gold medal for floral contributions in 1850 with silver in vegetables to son John. By the third exhibition James RULE was a judge for the fruit submissions and their flowers received a prize as well. It was the fourth exhibition with its impressive vegetable exhibits that was seen by William HOWITT on 28 September 1852.⁷

When James died in 1872 at Richmond, he left a considerable estate, although some of his property was owned under mortgage. He had been granted pasturage licences at Westernport during the 1840s and been granted two acres at Sebastopol in 1863. After deducting expenses and mortgages, the estate balance was £858 16s 5d. He left the estate to be invested in trust for children and grandchildren although not to son James or son-in-law William. He owned property in Richmond, Flinders Street and Flinders Lane, although under mortgage. He arranged for an annual payment of £50 to be paid to his wife Mary who died just five years later in 1877.

The children and grandchildren did receive much benefit from this estate. The eldest daughter Jane, who had married in 1843, died before her father and her children received one quarter of the estate upon reaching the age of 21 years. Second daughter Elizabeth had married William OVERTON and therefore did not receive any bequest. First born son John James also was banned from receiving benefits, although he ►►



▲ Image 1: The will of James Rule, d. 1872

did act as joint executor. Second son James Henry received one quarter of his father's estate, and also after his death his children received a one-fifth share of his brother Oliver's estate in 1926. Oliver had extensive real estate holdings included his house in Orrong Rd, Caulfield since converted to flats. His estate was valued at a total of £9,358 which was shared between the family members as he had no children of his own. Youngest child Marguerite had married in 1850 and appears to have moved interstate.

The history of the RULE family shows that they were a prosperous family well into the lives of the

grandchildren, but because the sons either had no children, or only daughters, the family name was lost. This could explain why RULE is an unknown name in the history of Melbourne in contrast to those such as BAILLIEU and MYER for instance. So the history of these families shows the usual variability in fortunes, from James RULE with his prosperous start, but without male grandchildren to carry on his name; William OVERTON being prominent in the early life of Melbourne, leaving no physical trace apart from his diaries to his sister Mary Ann, but having many descendants and little else. ■

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What to do with Things?

by Bill Barlow

As a family historian I have never said 'no' to the folders of paperwork, unsorted photos, and bric-a-brac left homeless upon the death of my aunties, uncles, mother and father. With each sorting of the belongings, siblings shook their heads when faced with the pile of menus saved from a sea trip, old photo albums, amateur paintings and a battered tin trunk. What was the story, now only dimly recalled, of how those carved oars came to the family? Were they from New Guinea? What should I do with this accumulating stuff?

Documents are simple enough to deal with. They can be filed or digitised and the information transcribed. Photos also can be reasonably managed. But objects, especially large ones, present more difficulty. Do they go 'straight to the poolroom', the op shop, the museum or the bin? Objects I have inherited recently include carved figurines, non-working watches, badges, wartime uniforms, old lace, great grandfather's chisels,

travel chests, and a six-foot, handmade, reflecting telescope! Letters and books, for example old bibles or book-plated copies of otherwise valueless books, should be evaluated as objects as much as documents.

What can objects tell us, and how do we extract and record this? Once the information is gleaned from an item does it need to be kept – and if so, by whom?

A recent book illustrates how history can be elicited through the story of objects. Edmund de Waal's *The Hare with Amber Eyes* (2010) is a biography of his Ephrussi family, told through the passage of 264 *netsuke* – very small Japanese carvings – over five generations from Paris to Vienna, Tokyo and London. De Waal writes of his quest:

There are 264 netsuke in this collection. It is a very big collection of very small objects. I

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pick up one and turn it round in my fingers, weigh it in the palm of my hand. If it is wood, chestnut or elm, it is even lighter than the ivory. You see the patina more easily on these wooden ones: there is a faint shine on the spine of the brindled wolf and on the tumbling acrobats locked in their embrace. The ivory ones come in shades of cream, every colour, in fact, but white. A few have inlaid eyes of amber or horn. Some of the older ones are slightly worn away: the haunch of the faun resting on leaves has lost its markings. There is a slight split, an almost imperceptible fault line on the cicada. Who dropped it? Where and when? ... I need to find a way of unravelling its story. Owning this netsuke – inheriting them all – means I have been handed a responsibility to them and to the people who have owned them ... I want to know whose hands it has been in, and what they felt about it – if they thought about it.

Carefully considering our inherited objects may give us insights into the people who have owned them, about what they valued, and certainly give us much pleasure. Incorporating a description of a personal object and its significance can illuminate a life when writing family history.

A collection of migration objects

Often there is an undue haste to throw out objects after a family death. This urge should be resisted and sorting should wait. With the death of my mother-in-law we inherited battered tin trunks, books on nursing and chemistry, travel diaries, letters, luggage labels, ship menus, and other things from her family's emigration to Australia under the *Bring out a Briton* scheme in the 1960s. As my father was on the church committee that sponsored them I had also inherited related minute books, photos, house plans, etc. So I had material from both sides of the story. I could see the significance of these objects taken together, but how to capture their story and should I keep all these items?

Cataloguing objects

Often after a death we hear family members ask each other questions such as, 'Was this teapot left to mum by her grandmother or did she just pick it up at an op shop?' Family objects should be catalogued much as would be done in a small museum. Documenting an object gives it meaning and context and enhances its value in understanding history. The object may also be a catalyst for eliciting oral history. At the very least objects should be listed, described and labelled in a way that avoids damage. Their provenance and significance needs to be recorded. This

information should be documented before any decision is made about whether to keep an object, how to store it, or how and to whom it should be transferred.

A register of family objects should be established. This can be a simple spreadsheet (MS Excel) with columns for:

- **Item control number** – a unique number, e.g. a sortable compound number comprising the related person's initials followed by a three-digit number, in registration order.
- **Title**: a short phrase to identify the item. A generally accepted thesaurus can be useful for this, such as the Australian Pictorial Thesaurus (APT), which is web-based and searchable (www.picturethesaurus.gov.au).
- **Description**: a description of the physical aspects and nature of the object; full title of any publication, shape, dimensions, materials, colours, inscriptions, damage. A photograph or a link could be provided.
- **Date**: the creation date – actual or estimated range, using a sortable format.
- **Provenance**: names of previous owners and dates.
- **Date of accessioning**: the date of recording the item in the collection.
- **Comments**: record of related items, scans or photographs.

For large collections a column to record an item's present location is useful, especially when objects are held by different family members.

Useful guidance for this procedure can be found in *The Small Museums Cataloguing Manual* (Museums Australia Victoria 2009), available free at www.museumsaustralia.org.au

Items may also be recorded on existing digital archives such as Museum Victoria's *Collectish* (<http://collectish.com>). This website allows anyone to record images and information about any object and to sort and catalogue them. You may choose to keep your collection private or make it ▶▶



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▲ Image 1: Some items kept by the Ward family from their emigration journey to Australia, 1961



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Images 2 & 3: Delivery of the Ward-Barlow items to Museum Victoria. Marita Dyson, Asst. Collections Manager, Dr Moya McFadzean, Senior Curator Migration, Museum Victoria and the donor, Jen Barlow (Ward), February 2012.

publicly viewable. For security you should adopt a 'nom de web'.

Your collecting policy – are you going to keep everything?

Having registered your family objects, are you going to keep them? If so, where, and for how long? Will you lend them to others? Are they valuable and needing to be secured? Are they fragile and needing protection, or are they dangerous (a gun)? Would your children appreciate inheriting these objects? Are the objects beautiful, useful or interesting in their own right? Should you sell them? Are they of wider community significance and so should they be donated to a public museum? Would family members be upset if you disposed of the item? Have you got the space? Or the time! This calls for consideration of your collecting policy. The National Archives of Australia publication *Keep it for the future!* (2007), for small community archives, provides useful guidance on these issues (GSV Bookshop \$5).

My own archive policy based on *Keep it for the future!* defines the:

- Objective
- Collection manager
- Acquisition criteria
- Registration rules, numbering system, etc.
- Adopted thesaurus
- Retention criteria; unique and highly relevant items, secondary copies.
- Disaster recovery
- Disposal
- Future of the collection.

Other than items kept for their intrinsic beauty

or usefulness, my collection objective is to secure and retain items only to enable the recording of their family-related history, and then to arrange for their succession or donation to other suitable archives.

Donating a collection to the museum

My *Bring out a Briton* material of almost 300 items seemed likely to be of interest for Museum Victoria's immigration collection. Having catalogued the items, scanned and photographed them and written a monograph of the emigration story for the family, *The voyage out* (2010), I wrote offering the items to the Museum. I also volunteered to assist with accessioning. The Museum's acquisitions committee considered the collection to be of interest. 'Did we have any more objects', they asked, 'like equipment or books they brought out that would show what they thought important for a new life?' We did have, but books on nursing and chemistry had been taken to the op shop and these un-saleable items had been consigned to 'book heaven'. After delivering the items in the Museum basement, I was amused to see them instantly become items of cultural value, being lifted carefully with gloves, wrapped in plastic bags, and then put in a freezer for two weeks to kill mould or bugs. The material was found to be contaminated and has had to be treated before any work could begin. This has taken most of a year. A project has now been formulated and two students enlisted to document the material. This year, I am working one day a week at the Museum on 'this important collection of 1960s material relating to the *Bring Out a Briton* campaign' – The Story of Two Families and a Post War Migrant Scheme. ■

Pen of the President



John Blackwood

Projects Group

One of the active groups behind the scenes in our society is our projects group, a team of volunteers who work mainly on indexing, photographing and scanning of records, the results of which are made available to members through our library collections, and sometimes on CD for external sale as fundraisers.

One recently completed project was the transcripts of the memorial inscriptions of the Boroondara Cemetery, Kew, with an index of names, and each name hyperlinked to a page of the transcripts. The Port Phillip Pioneers' Group carried out the transcriptions, and two volunteers from the GSV worked for about twelve months on the indexing. The results are available on computer in the library, and a CD version has been produced for general sale through our bookshop.

Now underway is a project to photograph the headstones at Fawkner cemetery. This is a large undertaking, and at present the project team is concentrating on the older areas in the cemetery. There are nine volunteer indexers, most working from home, and the aim is to produce a CD with names hyperlinked to the relevant headstone.

Also in hand is a project digitally scanning over one thousand family tree charts drawn up thirty years ago by the now defunct 1850's Group. These charts were produced to prove the descendancy of group members from settlers who arrived in Victoria in the 1850's. The names of the settlers are being indexed and will be hyperlinked to an image of the relevant chart. The intention is that these names will be added to GIN (Genealogical Index of Names) and LINX on the members online resources.

eResearch (or free lookup and advice)

One of the benefits of membership of the society is our free lookup service for members who are not in a position to come in to our library to do their own research. This service allows members to email in a short request or lookup which one of the volunteers in our research team can complete within half an hour's work. A link to the request form is in the members area on our web site.

Effects of recent government legislation

Two recent pieces of legislation will have an impact on societies such as ourselves. These are:

- The Victorian Associations *Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, and
- The commencement of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission*

Apart from compliance requirements which council is addressing, the Reform Act enables us to modernise some of the Rules of the society.

A working group has been set up to examine our present Rules and recommend any changes needed as a result of the legislation, and to take this opportunity to update our Rules. Once council has accepted the draft revised Rules they will be made available for members to review prior to submission as a special resolution to the October 2013 Annual General Meeting for approval.

Most of the society's Bye-laws also need updating, and that task will follow on once the revised Rules are approved.

Until now, the Rules and Bye-laws of the society could only be viewed by visiting our premises. In view of the impending changes, council has decided to post these on the members area of our web site. Any serious and considered comments regarding the present Rules would be welcomed and should be addressed to the Secretary at the GSV's address by 30th June 2013.

Annual General Meeting

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Society, to be held on Saturday 5th October 2013, can be found on pg 37 of this issue of *Ancestor*.

Nominations close at 4.00 pm Monday 5 August 2013 for the positions of one Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Councillors. ■

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To submit a request by email, see the Research & Resources page online at www.gsv.org.au

To submit a request by mail download and complete the Postal Research Request

Form located on the website, or collect one from the GSV. Submit with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Prints are \$0.25 per A4 page – a quotation can be provided on request.

Extended Research*

The Research Team at the GSV can spend time researching a family or topic of your choice.

Per hour: Members \$25.00 / Non-members \$40.00

Includes most copying and postal charges.

Members residing more than 100km from Melbourne are offered one annual session of complimentary research taking up to two hours.

Special Consultations

Stuck with your research? Arrange a consultation to get you back on track. Consultations are for one hour.

Members \$25.00 / Non-members \$40.00

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Early documents such as wills, deeds and marriage licences can be transcribed. Latin translations are also available.

Per hour: Members \$25.00 / Non-members \$40.00

Victorian Probate Papers 1841–2000*

Victorian Inquest Papers 1840–1985*

Obtain copies from Public Records Office Victoria (PROV).

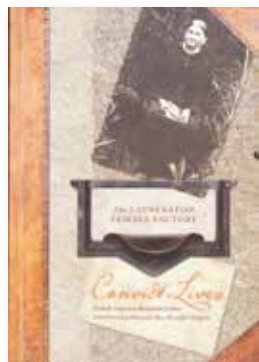
Members: \$30.00 / Non-members: \$43.00

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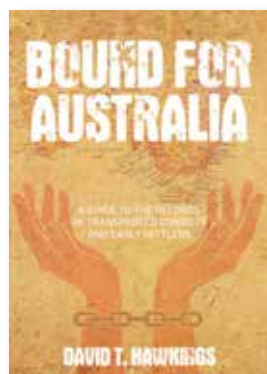


The Launceston Female Factory \$30.00 / **Members \$27.00**

Ed: Lucy Frost & Alice Meredith Hodgson
Pub. 2013 by Convict Women's Press
ISBN 9780987144348 272 page softcover

The authors provide rich historical details about how the women who entered through the grim gates of the Launceston Female Factory negotiated their lives as convicts during the assignment and probation systems in Van Diemen's Land.

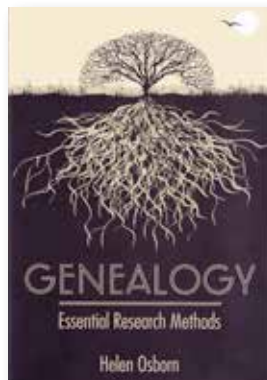
Third title in the Convict Lives series



Bound For Australia-A Guide to the Records of Transported Convicts and Early Settlers \$40.00 / **Members \$36.00**

Author: David T Hawkings
Pub. 2012 by The History Press
ISBN 9780752460185 406 page softcover

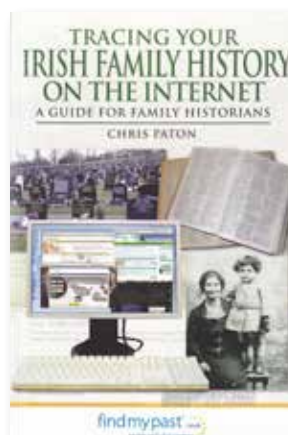
First published in 1987 but now completely revised and expanded to include new research, Bound for Australia is an essential guide to the available records.



Genealogy-Essential Research Methods \$35.00 / **Members \$31.50**

Author: Helen Osborn
Pub. 2012 by Hale
ISBN 9780709091974 265 page hardcover

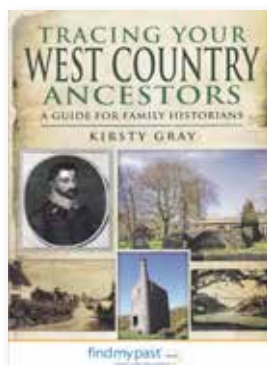
This book provides advice and inspiration on methods and problem-solving and helps the amateur family historian understand what successful professionals do to get results. Using examples from her own family history the author demonstrates how to get the most from documents, analyse problems and build research plans, how to organise information and present findings.



Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet \$35.00 / **Members \$31.50**

Author: Chris Paton
Pub. 2013 by Pen & Sword
ISBN 9781781591840 158 page softcover

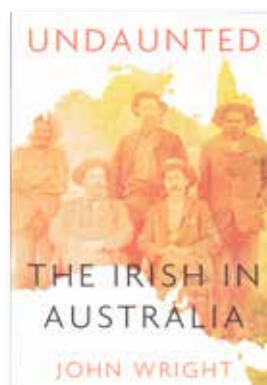
'As well as providing an in depth exploration of the various categories of records that the family historian can turn to, the author explored holdings from both the north and the south, but equally points out what has yet to be made available online, as well as problems found within some of the material that is online. In addition he demonstrates the value of resources for Irish research to be found in Britain, and from within the worldwide diaspora, from Argentina to Australia.' from *Irish Lives Remembered*



Tracing Your West Country Ancestors-A Guide For Family Historians \$35.00 / **Members \$31.50**

Author: Kirsty Gray
Pub. 2013 by Pen & Sword
ISBN 9781848847835 175 page softcover

This title is an essential handbook for those researching their ancestry in the counties of Cornwall, Devon and Somerset and the City of Bristol. It begins with an introduction to the identity of the 'West Country, its geography and history over the centuries. It then guides family historians through the wealth of historical records available both online and in archives and libraries.



Undaunted-The Irish in Australia \$35.00 / **Members \$31.50**

Author: John Wright
Pub. 2012 by The History Press Ireland
ISBN 9781845887629 249 page softcover

Undaunted is a collection of true stories about Irish men and women who travelled to Australia in search of a better life, and battled against the odds in a remote and harsh world. From 1788 when the first convict ships landed to the mid-twentieth century, these true stories about settlers, convicts and their descendants highlight the best and worst of human behavior in the kinds of dilemma that faced the newly arrived.

COURSE



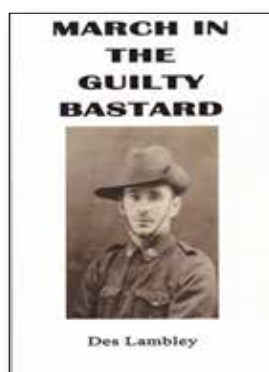
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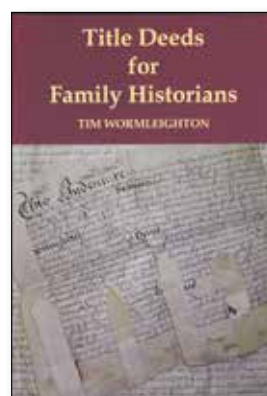
GSV Library Donation

Available from the publisher

Author: Des Lambley
Published 2012 by Zeus Publications
ISBN: 97819219534
347 page

This interesting publication tackles the records of a large group of men serving in the AIF who were court-

martialled during World War I. The first 60 pages are devoted to an analysis of why people came up for trial, the crimes they committed and the sentences they received. Chapter two, which includes a quantitative review of the courts-martial, provides some of the most interesting research on the topic. Of equal interest are the case studies, including those of five VC winners, which highlight the way in which the stresses and strains of war on the battle front wore the men down. The rest of the three hundred or so pages contain a mine of information for the family historian. An alphabetical list of all those men included in the National Archives of Australia database of court-martialled soldiers for 1915-1918 includes name and any gallantry award, rank, regimental number, unit name and date of court-martial for thousands of men. The volume is completed by a comprehensive list of sources used for the research.



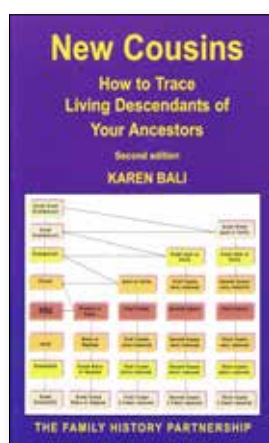
Title Deeds for Family Historians

Available from the GSV Bookshop

\$15 / Members \$13.50

Author: Tim Wormleighton
Published 2012 by The Family History Partnership
ISBN 9781906280352
32 page

Land, and the documentation associated with it, is one of the most accurate ways of tracing the history of a family. Certainly in medieval family history "chasing the land", rather than trying to follow the changeable nature of the names being used, is the most satisfactory way to go. This little book is a helpful and very readable introduction to the topic of title deeds. It covers the difficult medieval period with great clarity and then continues into the modern period, tracing the history of the various forms of deeds and what one might find in them. The photographs provide additional enlightenment. This really is one of those brief guides that anyone with an interest in English genealogy should purchase and have readily to hand.



New Cousins. How to trace living descendants of your ancestors

Available from the GSV Bookshop

\$15 / Members \$13.50

Author: Karen Bali
Published 2012 by The Family History Partnership
ISBN 9781906280369 (2nd ed.)
32 page

This small book gives guidance on descendant tracing – finding relatives who are also descendants of the same ancestors. The first

part provides excellent information for the English scene on which resources might provide the necessary information. Census records, the GRO, electoral registers and a myriad of directories are discussed. There are also very helpful sections on using the Internet. Part Two provides some intelligent approaches to making contact with distant relatives. Page 28 and the cover include a really helpful diagram to explain the connection to that 'third cousin twice removed'! This publication is very English in focus but could provide some useful clues for Australians trying to make contact with fellow descendants.



The Home Front, 1939-1940; a guide for family historians.

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Order through the Bookshop

Author: Stuart A. Raymond
Published 2012 by The Family History Partnership
ISBN 9781906280376
63 page

The TV series Dad's Army has made many very familiar with the activities of the Home Guard, both humorous and otherwise, during World War II. Raymond's new guide to the Home Front goes much further, featuring the Home Guard as well as such disparate groups as the Royal Observer Corps, and Conscientious Objectors, not to mention policemen, firemen, farmers, civil servants, railwaymen, ARP personnel and many more. Women seem to feature mainly under volunteer organisations. A particularly useful aspect of the information given is the brief description of the work carried out by each group. The sources mentioned include archival records, published monographs, museum collections, research theses, newspaper articles etc. Some fascinating photographs (a chook pen in a London square caught my eye!) round off a very useful guide. For those with parents or grandparents who were in the Britain through the war this is a valuable resource.

Research Corner

Linley Hooper, FGSV

British Merchant Navy sailors & maritime trades

With so many record groups becoming available online via commercial databases, it is increasingly hard to know who holds what. This is a summary (at 23 March 2013) of seamen's records readily available to GSV members. Remember if you cannot visit the GSV library you are welcome to request a free Members' eResearch look-up of the relevant record if you can provide sufficient information to identify a person.

This issue covers the Merchant Navy with Royal Navy records next.

Ancestry offers:

Masters and Mates Certificates, 1850-1927. The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Documents issued by the Board of Trade to merchant seamen qualifying as masters or mates aboard merchant ships. Records include certificates of competency and service, examination applications, and other documents. Forms vary but may include:

- certificate number
- birth date
- birthplace
- issue port
- issue date
- address
- examination date
- history of service (dates, vessels, occupations, years in service)

Some information is on the back of certificates, and some documents in a seaman's folder are not indexed, so use the arrows to browse surrounding documents. You may browse through an entire roll since original folders were sometimes filed randomly.

Scottish Maritime Records, 1600-1850. Dobson, David. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1999.

This book identifies availability and location of maritime sources within Scotland on seven categories: Royal Navy, Merchant Navy, Fishing, Whaling and Smuggling, Privateers and Pirates, The Slave Trade, and Court Records (including the High Court of Admiralty of Scotland, and the Court of Session).

Findmypast offers:

Crew lists 1861-1913

- **Indexes** to around 33,500 lists of crew members on board British merchant vessels and around 413,500 records of individual crewmen.
- **The Maritime History Archive (University of Newfoundland)** holds 70 per cent of surviving crew-list documents. Search online at <http://www.mun.ca/mha/holdings/searchcombinedcrews.php> and order copies of crew lists.
- **The National Archives**
Crew lists are recorded under series BT 99, BT 100, BT 144, and BT 165.
- **Crew-list documents held at UK record offices** may be searched at CLIP <http://www.crewlist.org.uk/data/sourcesRO.php>

Merchant Navy seamen 1835-1941 1.6 million records but note the large gap in dates:

- **Merchant Navy Seamen 1835-1857:** records of individuals who were a potential reserve of sailors for the Royal Navy.
- **Merchant Navy Seamen 1918-1941:** cards forming a centralised index to merchant seamen on British merchant navy vessels.

See TNA guides following for further information to fill the gap.

White Star Line Officers' Books 1868-1934

The White Star Line had a fleet of sailing ships trading mainly to Australasia. Information between 1871-1934 includes date and place of birth, name of previous employer, number and grade of certificate, rank in the Royal Naval Reserve if applicable, names and dates of ship served upon and date of leaving the company. Includes the 'Training Ship Mersey', a sailing ship used for training cadets. The ship made six voyages to Australia, Records information about cadets signing on between 1908 and 1914.

Thames Watermen & Lightermen 1686-2010

Watermen were highly skilled boatmen who carried passengers on the Thames in row boats, steam boats, sailing boats and vessels.

Lightermen worked on cargo boats rather than passenger vessels. This collection of 99,140 records, licensed from Rob Cottrell, comprises:

- **The Company of Watermen & Lightermen of the River Thames binding records 1692-1949** 82,238 records of apprentice binding books.
- **The Company of Watermen & Lightermen of the River Thames reassignments 1688-1908** Apprentices reassigned from one master to another – 12,410 records
- **Thomas Doggett Coat & Badge records 1715-2010** Record of all known competitors who rowed in the oldest annual sporting event – 4,402 records.
- **Corporation of Trinity House 1829-1864**
Register of licences granted to ex-mariners to work as watermen on the River Thames – 90 records.

Trinity House Calendars 1787-1854

Trinity House was responsible for supervision of lighthouses round the English coast, and also distributed charitable funds to disabled seamen and their families. Most papers (c. 8000) are petitions for aid by a seaman or often his widow. Other papers include apprenticeship indentures 1780 and 1818-1845 (186), and a miscellaneous collection - mainly marriage and baptismal certificates which have been removed from files relating to pension and almshouse applications made to Trinity House between about 1790 and 1890, mostly 1830-1880, with 30% made in the 1870s. The Calendars, in name order, have been digitised and a surname index (6,500 records) provided.

The National Archives

(www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) provides excellent guides to records held:

- **Merchant seamen serving after 1917**
- **Merchant seamen serving 1858-1917**
- **Merchant seamen serving up to 1857**
- **Officers in the Merchant Navy**
- **Abbreviations in merchant seamen's records**

GSV members may download the TNA online collection (previously called Documents Online) for free within the library. At home they cost c. £3.50 each. Documents include:

- **Merchant shipping movement cards 1939-1945 (Movements of British and Allied merchant ships).**
- **Merchant seamen's campaign medal records 1914-1918 & 1939-1945.** ■

What's On - talks, classes and courses

Thursday Talks

Held in the GSV Meeting Room 12.30pm–1.30pm. **Members FREE**, non-members: \$8.00

6	June	Discovering Richmond's history	David Langdon
13	June	Researching in England	Joan Hunt
20	June	Red Cross records pertaining to WWI soldiers	Lorraine Phelan
27	June	Do you have a Tailoress in your family?	Lenore Frost
4	July	Old & new ways of writing about the Irish in Victoria	Val Noone
11	July	State Wards of Victoria 1864-1893	Jenny Carter
18	July	From St James Church to St James Old Cathedral	Janette Wells
25	July	Family Photographic Albums: history & meanings	Susan Long
1	August	The social impact of Spanish Flu in Australia	Claire Johnson
8	August	Coburg and Fawkner Cemeteries	David Down

Seminars

Dirt, Bricks and Mortar: researching land & buildings in Australia. Saturday 13th July

Free online databases at the GSV: Australia. Saturday 27th July, (see inside front cover).

Poverty & the Poor Laws of England, Scotland & Ireland. Saturday 31st August, (see inside back cover).

Courses

Beginning Scottish Family History: 4 sessions: 10.30am-12.00pm. Tuesdays, 6-27 August 2013 (see page 20).

Special Class

English Family History 1700-1837: 1 session: 10.00am-12.45pm. Tuesday, 24 September 2013 (see page 8).

Orientation: Introduction to the Society and Research Basics

10.30am-12.30pm, June, August, September, third Saturday, July last Wednesday. **Members only, bookings essential.**

Starting your Family History

10.30am-12pm, first Wednesday of month **Bookings essential. Members FREE, non-members: \$15.00**

Computer Based Resources Classes in 2013

2.00pm–3.00pm Exclusive to MEMBERS, bookings essential, no charge, small groups.

1st	Tuesday	Using The National Archives (UK) online
2nd	Tuesday	Using the GSV library catalogue and databases
3rd	Tuesday	Using <i>Ancestry</i> ™ online
4th	Tuesday	Using <i>findmypast</i> ™ & other commercial databases online – (<i>Origins.net</i> ™, <i>TheGenealogist</i> ™, <i>Burke's Online</i> ™, <i>British Newspaper Archive</i> ™)
5th	Tuesday	Using <i>ScotlandsPeople</i> ™ [not Jan.]
1st	Wednesday	Using National Archives for Scotland, Ireland & Wales online
3rd	Wednesday	Using Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) online
1st	Thursday	Using National Archives Australia & other state archives online
2nd	Thursday	Using <i>Digger</i> ™ for Australian BDMs, etc.
3rd	Thursday	Using the Internet for genealogy
4th	Thursday	Using <i>FamilySearch</i> ™ online
5th	Thursday	Using <i>ScotlandsPeople</i> ™ [not Oct.]

What's On - Calendar of Events

June

July

Tues. 4	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using The National Archives (UK) online [MO,B]
Wed. 5	10.30 am	CLASS: Starting your family history [B,M/F]
	12.30 pm	MEETING: Family History Writers Discussion Circle [MO]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives for Scotland, Ireland & Wales online [MO,B]
Thur. 6	12.30 pm	TALK: Discovering Richmond's history [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives Aust. & other state archives online [MO,B]
Mon. 10		<i>CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</i>
Tues. 11	12.30 pm	MEETING: Durham, Northumberland & Cumberland discussion circle [MO]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the GSV library catalogue and databases [MO,B]
Wed. 12	12.30 pm	MEETING: Cornwall discussion circle [MO]
Thur. 13	12.30 pm	TALK: Research in England [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Digger</i> ™ for Australian BDMs, etc [MO,B]
Sat. 15	10.30 am	ORIENTATION: Introduction to the Society and research basics [MO,B]
	1.00 pm	MEETING: Scottish Ancestry Group
Tues. 18	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Ancestry</i> ™ online [MO,B]
Wed. 19	10.00 am	MEETING: Legacy Family Tree users group
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) online [MO,B]
Thur. 20	12.30 pm	TALK: Red Cross records pertaining to WWI soldiers [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the Internet for genealogy [MO,B]
Tues. 25	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>findmypast</i> ™ & other commercial databases online [MO,B]
Wed. 26	12.30 pm	MEETING: Early English Genealogy discussion circle [MO,B]
Thur. 27	12.30 pm	TALK: Do you have a Tailorress in your Family? [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>FamilySearch</i> ™ online [MO,B]
Sat. 29	10.00 am	SEMINAR: Scottish Ancestry Group [F]

Tues. 2	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using The National Archives (UK) online [MO,B]
Wed. 3	10.30 am	CLASS: Starting your Family History [B,M/F]
	12.30 pm	MEETING: Family History Writers discussion circle [MO]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives for Scotland, Ireland & Wales online [MO,B]
Thur. 4	12.30 pm	TALK: Old & new ways of writing about the Irish in Victoria [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives Aust. & other state archives online [MO,B]
Sat. 6	1.30 pm	MEETING: Descendants of Convicts
Tues. 9	12.30 pm	MEETING: Durham, Northumberland & Cumberland discussion circle [MO]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the GSV library catalogue and databases [MO,B]
Wed. 10	12.30 pm	MEETING: Cornwall discussion circle [MO]
Thur. 11	12.30 pm	TALK: State Wards of Victoria 1864-1893 [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Digger</i> ™ for Australian BDMs, etc [MO,B]
Sat. 13	10.00 am	SEMINAR: Dirt, Bricks & Mortar [B,F]
Tues. 16	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Ancestry</i> ™ online [MO,B]
Wed. 17	10.00 am	MEETING: Legacy Family Tree users group
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) online [MO,B]
Thur. 18	12.30 pm	TALK: From St James Church to St James Old Cathedral [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the Internet for genealogy [MO,B]
Tues. 23	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using findmypast™ & other commercial databases online [MO,B]
Wed. 24	12.30 pm	MEETING: Early English Genealogy discussion circle [MO,B]
Thur. 25	12.30 pm	TALK: Family photographic albums: history & meanings [M/F]
	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>FamilySearch</i> ™ online [MO,B]
Sat. 27	10.00 am	SEMINAR: Free online databases at the GSV - Australia [B,F]
Tues. 30	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>ScotlandsPeople</i> ™ [MO,B]
Wed. 31	10.30 am	ORIENTATION: Introduction to the Society and research basics [MO,B]

August

Thur.	1	12.30 pm	TALK: The social impact of Spanish Flu in Australia [FNFH]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives Aust. & other state archives online [MO,B]
Tues.	6	10.30 pm	COURSE: Beginning Scottish family history (1 of 4) [B,F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using The National Archives (UK) online [FNFH]
Wed.	7	10.30 am	CLASS: Starting your family history [FNFH]
		12.30 pm	MEETING: Family History Writers discussion circle [MO]
		1.00 pm	OPEN AFTERNOON [FNFH]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives - Scotland, Ireland & Wales online [FNFH]
Thur.	8	12.30 pm	TALK: Coburg and Fawknor cemeteries [FNFH]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Digger</i> ™ for Australian BDMs, etc [FNFH]
Sat.	10	1.00 pm	MEETING: Irish Ancestry Group
Tues.	13	10.30 am	COURSE: Beginning Scottish family history (2 of 4) [B,F]
		12.30 pm	MEETING: Durham, Northumberland & Cumberland discussion circle [MO]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the GSV library catalogue and databases [MO,B]
Wed.	14	12.30 pm	MEETING: Cornwall discussion circle [MO]
Thur.	15	12.30 pm	TALK: Getting the most out of convict documents [FNFH]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the Internet for genealogy [MO,B]
Sat.	17	10.30 am	ORIENTATION: Introduction to the Society and research basics [MO,B]
		1.00 pm	MEETING: International Settlers Group
Tues.	20	10.30 am	COURSE: Beginning Scottish family history (3 of 4) [B,F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Ancestry</i> ™ online [MO,B]
Wed.	21	10.00 am	MEETING: Legacy Family Tree users group
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) online [MO,B]
Thur.	22	12.30 pm	TALK: Newspapers Online [FNFH]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>FamilySearch</i> ™ online [MO,B]
Fri.	23	10.00 am	Research Workshop for Members of GSV Member Societies [B,F]
Tues.	27	10.30 am	COURSE: Beginning Scottish family history (4 of 4) [B,F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>findmypast</i> ™ & other commercial databases online [MO,B]
Wed.	24	12.30 pm	MEETING: Early English Genealogy discussion circle [MO,B]
Thur.	29	12.30 pm	TALK: Facebook and genealogy [Free NFH]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>ScotlandsPeople</i> ™ [MO,B]
Sat.	31	10.00 am	SEMINAR: Poverty & the Poor Laws of England, Scotland & Ireland [B,F]

MO indicates events exclusively for Members.

B indicates events that need to be pre-booked.

FNFH National Family History Week/Month free events, bookings essential.

F

M/F

indicates events where a fee applies.

indicates events free for Members, fee applies to non-members.

September

Tues.	3	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using The National Archives (UK) online [MO,B]
Wed.	4	10.30 am	CLASS: Starting your family history [B,M/F]
		12.30 pm	MEETING: Family History Writers discussion circle [MO]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives for Scotland, Ireland & Wales online [MO,B]
Tues.	5	12.30 pm	TALK: Kirk Session records [M/F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using National Archives Aust. & other state archives online [MO,B]
Sat.	7	1.30 pm	MEETING: Descendants of Convicts
Tues.	10	12.30 pm	MEETING: Durham, Northumberland & Cumberland discussion circle [MO]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the GSV library catalogue and databases [MO,B]
Wed.	11	12.30 pm	MEETING: Cornwall discussion circle [MO]
Thur.	12	12.30 pm	TALK: The history of Flinders Street station [M/F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Digger</i> ™ for Australian BDMs, etc [MO,B]
Tues.	17	2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>Ancestry</i> ™ online [MO,B]
Wed.	18	10.00 am	MEETING: Legacy Family Tree users group
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) online [MO,B]
Thur.	19	12.30 pm	TALK: Polish genealogy & the problems involved [M/F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using the Internet for genealogy [MO,B]
Sat.	21	10.30 am	ORIENTATION: Introduction to the Society and research basics [MO,B]
		1.00 pm	MEETING: Scottish Ancestry Group
Tues.	24	10.00 am	COURSE: English family history 1700-1837 (1 of 1) [B,F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>findmypast</i> ™ & other commercial databases online [MO,B]
Wed.	25	12.30 pm	MEETING: Early English Genealogy discussion circle [MO,B]
Thur.	26	12.30 pm	TALK: Textile history equals family history [M/F]
		2.00 pm	CLASS: Using <i>FamilySearch</i> ™ online [MO,B]

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What's On at our Member Societies

SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Shepparton Family History Group is continuing to compile the [third book](#) in the series "Early families of Shepparton and district", so if you have a story of 1,000 words or less and a photo or two about someone who lived in our district before 1940 which you would like published in our book.

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Our library resources are being constantly increased and indexed and we are pleased to be able to assist researchers for a reasonable fee. Our rooms in the Shepparton Heritage Centre, Welsford Street, are open each Wednesday afternoon 12.30 till 3.30 and Sundays of an even date 1 to 4, and uneven dated Fridays 10 -1.

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EAST GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The East Gippsland Family History Group will hold open days on 3rd and 4th August during Family History Week 2013. A raffle during these days will have a [free membership](#) as the prize.

We are in the process of liaising with the administration of the [Bairnsdale Hospital](#) and the [Public Records Office of Victoria](#) regarding access to the [old Benevolent Asylum Admissions Register](#) with a view to transcribing entries prior to the privacy legislation cut off points.

We are also in the process of [redesigning our website](#).

Our project to photograph all heritage headstones of the [Bairnsdale Cemetery](#) is nearing completion and will be released as an interactive CD when finished.

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Around the Groups

Scottish Ancestry Group

June 2013 Meeting

The Scots in South Africa

Guest Speaker – **Joy Roy, FGSV**

Saturday 15th June 2013

Meetings 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

GSV Meeting Room

All Thistle subscribers and GSV members welcome

See advertisement on facing page for information on Scottish Family History Seminar to be held on Saturday 29th June

Meetings 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - GSV Meeting Room
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GSV Writers Discussion Circle

Meetings: First Wednesday each month, (*except January*)
GSV Meeting Room from 12.30 till 2.00pm

The June and August meetings will be devoted to discussion by all the group of works submitted by two members. These sessions have proved invaluable in improving the writing skills of both the presenters and their readers.

On alternate months as listed below, there is a discussion or talk on a specific topic.

July: Personal Memoir or Autobiography. This is an opportunity to try writing about yourself and your experiences. Since others might have different opinions about events, keep in mind that this is the writing of history and therefore, wherever possible, back up your story with citations.

September: Writing a Brief Finished Piece. This might be writing for a Journal or a Competition, of 1000 to 2000 words in length. As there could be set rules to follow, a list of competition sites can be found at Louise Wilson's website http://www.louisewilson.com.au/writing_awards.html

All members of the GSV are welcome
See pgs 38-9 for the Family History Writers Group quarterly column

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

Next Meeting

Saturday 10 August 2013

1.00pm – Group Discussion:
Levels of wealth or poverty amongst our ancestors

2.00pm – Debra Vaughan:
Famine Orphan Girls, Banished to Thrive:
Emptying Irish Workhouses
(Read Debra's story in May *Blarney*)

GSV Meeting Room
Level B1 257 Collins St Melbourne

Visitors welcome

General meetings held second Saturday of February, May, August and November in GSV meeting room. Meetings commence at 1.00pm, and the room is open from 12.30 for a chat or assistance from other members. Yearly subscription due on 1st Sept each year is \$11.00. Quarterly newsletter 'Blarney' published months as above. Beginners' Kits and Griffiths Valuation Kits available at the GSV Bookshop.



International Settlers Group

(*non-British research*)

Meetings on 3rd Saturday (**Feb; May; Aug; Nov**)
GSV Meeting Room 1.00pm

Next Meeting: 17 August 2013

AGM + "**Restoring Family Links**", Speaker – a representative from the Australian Red Cross Tracing Service. *Visitors Most Welcome*

The ISG is open to all members of the GSV researching non - British countries. We hold **quarterly meetings** with committee members present 1/2 hour before the meeting to **help with research enquires**. A **quarterly newsletter** is published, and the annual subscription is \$11.00.

The group's aim is to assist members with their **non-British research** and to **obtain non-British resources** for the GSV Library. There are subscribers researching **32 different countries**; so if you need some help, think about joining the International Settlers Group. Forms are in the Bookshop, in the members' lunchroom and on the ISG webpage. "**Non-British Research Starter Kits**" Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands are for sale from the ISG.

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Descent: the journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists 43:1 (Mar 2013) mentions that State Records NSW has completed transcribing divorce files (1873-1963 & 1970) and probate packets (1817 to 1976 and part of 1989). To locate these records via their online database 'Investigator', type the relevant surname and the word death or divorce. This issue also provides: 'They came per *Washington Irving*: the story of one migrant ship' which gives details from the 1850/51, 1852/3, 1853/4, 1855, 1855/6 & 1857 voyages. My husband's ancestors arrived in Melbourne in December 1852 on this ship and I hold a diary of the voyage. Unfortunately I have not had time to fully transcribe it but if anyone would like to copy a few pages and transcribe them please contact me. You can read the beginning of the diary at www.linleyfh.com under Mary Reddish (1803-1881).

Dianne Snowden writes in *Tasmanian Ancestry* 33:4 (Mar 2013) on 'Voices for the orphan schools: the children of the Rajah'. The quilt made by the women of the Rajah is now in the National Gallery (Canberra) and we will be having a talk in September on the part needlework played in telling the story of so many of our early women's lives. Irene Schaffer also writes on the 'Last arrivals Norfolk Islanders to Norfolk Plains VDL 1813'. Other useful articles are on 'Early education at Stanley 1842-1854 and the 'Jewish burial ground, Harrington Street [Hobart] 1828-1872. The latter has brought together records from several sources (often conflicting) and welcomes corrections or additions.

While on the topic of Tasmania we have recently indexed *Tasmanian Industrial Schools and Reformatories* by Joyce Purtscher in our GIN & LINX databases.

Bucks Ancestor 21:4 2012 provides 'Discovering Discovery' a detailed report on a talk about the new system at The National Archives. Check out their excellent hints on how to search. There is also a report on the new Kent Archives (Maidstone) explaining ordering and access issues.

Genealogists' Magazine 30:12 (Dec 2012) provides an article on 'Theatrical ancestors: some sources in the Society of Genealogists' library'. Although it specifically relates to SoG holdings, many of these records would be widely available. In the same issue Michael Gandy writes in his amusing and informative way of 'A loathsome abomination in St Clement Danes' regarding the burials grounds in the parish.

Jersey baptisms, marriages and burials in the 12 parish churches from the 16th to the 19th century are now available through *Jerripedia*. While not yet complete, the index contains all baptism records except a very small number of missing St Helier records. They are also developing a fully searchable database of all records so searches can be made across all parishes, as well as individual parishes, and all records at the same time. See <http://jerripediabmd.net/>

The *South London (Surrey) Burials Index 1545-1905* listing

over 389,000 burials is now available on *Origins.Net* (free to use within the GSV Library). Of the total, 231,765 have an abode mentioned. Many refer to counties other than Surrey, 5,863 refer to places in Middlesex or London, and 626 mention places in Kent, but these are mainly places in South London, just over the border from Surrey, e.g. Blackheath, Deptford, Greenwich. There is a full list of places & periods on the site.

May I remind you again that if you need help with your research, whether in the library or using our free eResearch service (30 minutes to research & respond to a query) or paying for extended research, it is so much easier if you accompany your question with a pedigree/ancestry chart for the relevant generation(s) and include a Family Group Sheet showing your sources for each couple on the chart. These forms can be downloaded from our website under the Research & Resources tab> Getting started, if you don't use a computer program. Time is wasted trying to establish what the enquirer wants and what they already know for sure. Please help us to help you!

Queries are answered in turn and usually more quickly than waiting for a response in *Ancestor*. We would however like to include queries of general interest in *Ancestor* but need you to give your permission to reprint the data. ■

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Compiled by Linley Hooper

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Thank you to all donors to the library collection.

Abbreviations used:

FHS = Family History Society

@ = Society purchase

* = Donations via the Wish list

ISG = GSV International Settlers Group

SAG = GSV Scottish Ancestry Group

MBGRG = Moray Burial Ground

Research Group

CofE = Church of England

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(..) = Donor's name, if not the author

chr = christenings, bap = baptisms,

bir = births, mar = marriages,

dth = deaths, bur = burials

☞ = podcast

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New cousins: how to trace living descendants of your ancestors. Bali, Karen. 2nd ed. (Review)

DNA for family historians. Wright, Dennis. ☞

Digital imaging essentials: techniques and tips for genealogists and family historians. Rasmussen, Geoffrey D.®

The genealogist's Internet: the essential guide to researching your family history online. Christian, Peter. 5th ed.®

AUSTRALIA

Finding ancestors in church records: a brief guide to resources. Hicks, Shauna.®

Discover the Australian Joint Copying Project. Thom, Grahame. ☞

March in the guilty bastard. Lambley, Des. Inc. list of court-martialled AIF soldiers 1915-1918 & Whittle, Peeler, Leak, Pearse, Ryan, Whitlam, Ludolff, Tyler & Boyce cases in more detail. (Review)

A guide and index to ship registers in Colonial Australia. Parsons, Ronald.

NSW

They made this valley home: stories of the pioneer women who helped build the Bega Valley. Sandra Florance & Diane Pryor. (Bega Valley Historical Society)

West of the Range cemeteries & burials. Casino & District FHG. Baryulgil, Bonalbo & 'Bunalbo', Drake, Fairfield-Drake, Legume, Lionsville & District, Lunatic Gully, Mallanganee, Maryland, Millera Flat & 'Millera', Old Bonalbo, Paddy's Flat, Pretty Gully, Sandilands, Sandy Hills, Timbarra Tableland & Poverty Point, Tabulam Station & Plains Station, Tabulam New, Tabulam Old & Village area, Tooloom & Boorook, Urbenville, Woodenbong, Yulgilbar (Swanlea) & Heifer Station. (Stewart, C)

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Convict lives at the Launceston Female Factory. Ed. Lucy Frost & Alice Meredith Hodgson. Women featured: Jane Allen; Jean Armour; Ellen Arnold; Mary Ann Briggs; Anne Callaghan; Mary Ann Campbell; Fanny Canning; Emma Ada Carter; Judith Conneeny; Ann Cooley; Sarah David; Margaret Drury; Elizabeth Elemore; Catherine Elliott; Catherine Fleming; Mary Grant; Ellen Heath; Mary Heffernan; Mary Hogg; Agnes Jones; Bridget Kelly; Mary Kirk; Grace Lackey; Mary Latham; Catherine Lowry; Beatrice McBarnet; Rosetta McNeilly; Sophia Mendoza; Ellen Miles; Jane Moffat; Ann Murray; Catherine Owens; Eliza Owen; Janet Robertson; Margaret Ryan; Mary Salmon; Ellen Scott; Mary Sheriff; Sarah Steel; Charity Stevens; Grace Stevens; Elizabeth Studham; Hannah Tillotson; Ellen Toolan; Ann Winfield.®

Launceston General Hospital: first hundred years 1863-1963. Craig, Clifford.

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Gold mining sites in the Kilmore, Yea,

Alexandra regions of Victoria: sites, reports & gold yields [c1850s - 1860s]. Alan & Glen Thorley.®

Annual report of the St Vincent de Paul's boys' orphanage, South Melbourne with list of subscriptions and donations for the year ending 30th June, 1907. St Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage (South Melbourne). Inc. photograph of boys of St Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, 1913.

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Q&A with Jenny Carter



Q I have been using the parish registers and Bishops' Transcripts of various parishes in England. Now I need to find out more about the Irish records. I am aware that many of the records have been lost and wonder whether the Irish Bishops' Transcripts have survived.

~ Ann Sutcliffe

A On 30 June 1922, during the Irish Civil War, around 60% of the (Protestant) Church of Ireland (CoI) parish registers were lost in an explosion and fire at the Public Record Office of Ireland (now the National Archives of Ireland) in Dublin. Check John Grenham's book (Reference section, GSV Library).

Parochial Returns were the Irish equivalent of Bishops' Transcripts, but unfortunately almost all of those were lost too. There were three Parochial Returns that survived – the parishes of Innismacsaint, County Fermanagh, Diocese of Clogher (1660 – 1886); Inniskeel, County Donegal, Diocese of Raphoe (1699 – 1700) and St Mary Dublin, Diocese of Dublin (1831 – 1870). The Innismacsaint and Inniskeel Parochial Returns are also available on microfilm at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

Q My great-great-grandmother was Elizabeth HARWOOD. Her son John was born in Hobart 28 Feb 1847 and his birth certificate shows her maiden name as OSBORNE. She died, a widow, in Launceston on 16 Jan 1879 as Elizabeth HARWOOD, her age stated as 73. So Elizabeth may have been born about 1806. John's father was Thomas HARWOOD who was transported on the *Royal Sovereign* in 1837. Thomas died 3 Sept 1874 also in Launceston.

Neither of their death certificates refer to where they were born. I can find no record of any marriage between Elizabeth and Thomas. I'm trying to discover how Elizabeth arrived in Van Diemens Land. There is no convict record for her.

There is also no record of a convict HARWOOD applying to bring out his family. I asked the *Tasmanian Archives and Heritage Office* for help and they have replied that there are no entries for variations of OSBORNE in their arrivals index.

An article I found in *Trove* for the Launceston Examiner 4 Dec 1875 reported her deposition in the Police Court that "she refused several times to purchase them, till he said Mrs BROWN, an old shipmate of hers had sent him to sell them". So, it seems that she had arrived by ship and was not native born. Can you suggest the next step in finding where Elizabeth came from?

~ Gabi Walton

A The civil certificates (birth, death and marriages) for Tasmania, South Australia and Ireland all follow the English system which is very simple i.e. marriage certificates only name the father not the mother, birth certificates only name the child whose birth it is. There are

no details of the parents' births and marriage, and the death certificates only show the details of the deceased person.

The fact that Mrs BROWN was on the same ship may indicate that they had both been on a convict ship to NSW. Many of the convicts from NSW left and went to Tasmania and Victoria. The archives of NSW have a facility to search for convicts and there is one Elizabeth OSBORNE – somewhat older than your lady. There was no Elizabeth OSBORNE born in NSW.

Did the Tasmanian Archives check for Elizabeth OSBORN(E) without an 'e'?

Ancestry has passengers for NSW and for Qld – it might a good idea to check these for Elizabeth OSBORNE.

Familysearch.org has four Elizabeth OSBORNEs born in 1806 in various counties:

1. 1806, in Clifton Reynes, Buckinghamshire - Parents: James OSBORNE and Elizabeth
2. 12 Oct 1806 in Chesham, Buckinghamshire – Parents: James and Mary
3. 14 Apr 1806 in Frocester, Gloucestershire – Parents: Thomas and Sarah
4. Jul 1806 in Colerne, Wiltshire – Parents: Thomas and Elizabeth

You could follow these four to see if they married in the particular county and if so then you could cross them off the list.

Q My great grandfather, Joseph Hill was born in Islington in 1851. He was an apprentice butcher in the 1871 census and by the 1891 census he was running his own business as a butcher. My question is – Are apprenticed butchers registered anywhere? ~ Alice Waters

A There is a website for The Worshipful Company of Butchers www.butchershall.com one of the Livery Companies of the City of London. Records indicate that an organization of butchers existed as early as 975, called the Butchers' Guild. It was the direct predecessor of the present Company, and was granted the right to regulate the trade in 1331.

Interestingly, less than 30% of the "London" apprentices actually came from the London area, though the proportion varies significantly between the different companies. For example, the Blacksmiths' and Fishmongers' apprentices include over 33% from London and Middlesex, compared to just under 31% for the Butchers, and fewer than 21% for the Grocers. It should be borne in mind that an apprentice's master does not necessarily follow the trade indicated by the company name.

Q My ancestor Ruth Maria Conn WITHERS nee BUCHANAN was born 11 September 1877 in Narrandera NSW to Agnes Maria CONN, who

married George BUCHANAN three weeks after the birth of Ruth. Ruth married Arthur Herbert WITHERS in April 1898 at Narrandera. My grandfather Barney Allen WITHERS was born a month later. Arthur Ernest WITHERS was born in 1900 and Florence Amelia WITHERS was born in 1903. Florence Amelia's birth certificate is the last documentation I have on her mother Ruth. My grandmother (Barney Allen's wife, Doris) told me that Ruth had "run off" about 1909/1910. I believe that Ruth's departure was caused by Arthur Herbert WITHERS having an affair with another woman, which resulted in a child born in 1910. The other woman, Bertha MILLS, went on to have another four children. Bertha was the eldest sister of my grandmother Doris! I cannot trace Ruth or her daughter Florence Amelia. I have tried Trove and I have checked every state for her death and re-marriage under all possible names. Arthur Herbert WITHERS married Bertha MILLS in 1918. Was there a seven year period where they had to wait to see if Ruth was coming back and could be presumed dead after that?

~ Jenee McCusker

According to the law in NSW at the time, if Ruth was continually absent from her husband Arthur for seven years and Arthur believed she was dead then he could remarry. I have found several marriages in Victoria which may belong to your family.

- WITHERS Elizabeth Ruth, m William John DOWLING 1914 (Ref 4168)
- WITHERS Agnes Flor. m Thomas BENNETT 1920 (Ref 5711)

Apart from that you might need to search other countries. Ruth and Florence may have changed their names or have migrated to another country.

New Zealand has civil registration online as does England. For example,

WITHERS Florence A. married Alfred E. BLAKE at Willesden, MDX Dec 1934 (Ref 1008). Note that there were more Florence A. Withers 1916, 1934, 1936, 1938 and 1939.

I found this entry on the internet when searching for my ancestor Thomas POWDITCH:

b. ... , d. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, 17 Nov. 1727
m. Lowestoft, Suffolk, 29 March 1725 as a naupeagus widower.

It appears to relate to the fact that his wife apparently drowned at sea or as the result of a shipwreck. Do you have any other ideas?

~ Lesley Avery

Naupeagus is a Latin term meaning that the widower was a Ship Builder or a Ship Wright or Ship Carpenter.

My ancestor James BELLINGHAM was born in Leeds on 1 Aug 1863 and registered in the September Quarter of 1865. However I was looking through a film of Bishops' Transcripts for St Andrews Leeds 1845 – 1871 and discovered that James BELLINGHAM had been christened on 5 June 1863, so in fact it appears that he was christened before he was born. I might have thought that it was another child but the parents were the same on both entries. Can you explain this?

~ Andrew Bellingham

When a child was born during the Civil Registration period from July 1837 (which is the September quarter), the parents of the child are given forty-two days to register the birth. In fact no birth may be registered after forty-two days from the time of the birth. Some parents take some days, or even a week from the baby's age to comply with the forty-two day requirement. If the child was registered after the six weeks (or forty-two days) there was a fine of 7s 6d, but after six months the birth could not be registered at all.

Up until 1875 the local registrar was responsible for locating births in his registration district instead of the parents contacting the registrar. It would have been easy to adapt the child's birth date to fit into the rule of six weeks.

When my grandfather, Patrick JAMES married Ada Flora STRATTON in 1914, it was stated on the Victorian marriage certificate that he had been born at Kilyle in Clare Ireland. However I cannot find any place in Clare called Kilyle. Perhaps it was a mis-spelling but how can I find out whether it was or not?

~William Healey

Purchasing all the certificates of children born in Victoria to your grandfather and his death certificate will help with various spellings of the birth place. All these Victorian certificates will show the age and birth place of your grandfather.

There is a website which may be useful to you - www.clarelibrary.ie

You will find County Clare – Places and People – Towns and Villages, Townlands, Parishes, Registration Districts and Poor Law Unions.

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BACHE/DUESBERRY

Seeking info/desc William Henry BACHE, Master Mariner, b 1801 Barry GLA m 1826 MDX Eliz DUESBERRY b 1807 Scarborough. Chn: Eliz b 1829 Scarborough d 1880 Melb AUS m 1848 Edward ELLAWAY b Bristol; Emily, actress, b c1833 Scarborough d 1862 Newcastle-upon-Tyne NBL m George STANLEY, Tragedian, b MDX; Maria Jane b 1833 Bristol d 1917 SOM m John LYDDON, auctioneer, b Bristol; William Henry, Capt 9th Cavalry NY & Inventor, b 1837 Bristol d 1915 Tampa Florida m Martha BULL b Pennsylvania; Thomas Duesberry b 1841 Bristol d 1853 Bristol; Samuel, Master Mariner, b 1843 Bristol d 1903 Bristol; Edwin, Master Mariner, b 1845 Bristol d 1917 DEV m Emma Louisa BIRDSLEY b Geelong AUS. B. Stewart
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BATEMAN/HIBBS/HYLAND/BLUNT

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BUTLER

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CAMBRIDGE/HARVEY

Seeking info/desc Rebecca CAMBRIDGE b c1830 IRL d 1905 Yan Yean. Arr Geelong 1850 *Diadem* with

Irish Orphans m 1854 Castlemaine Samuel James HARVEY b 1830 d 1887; 12 chn. Gayle ✉ tree4gayle@gmail.com

CASBOLT/SAYLE

Seeking desc John CASBOLT & Sarah CHALLIS arr Pt Albert 1857. Chn: Wm m Eleanor DOUGLAS; Sarah m Wm SAUNDERS; John m Annie MILROY; Jas; Thos m Rosanna SPAVEN; Mary Eliza m Wm Brown STEVENSON; Alf m Eliz NICE; Walter m Bertha CUNNINGHAM; Fred m Eliz LAMERT. Assoc names MARKS, FINLAY, DOWNING, BLACKLER, ANDREWS, CLARK, STODDART, DENNET, HODDER, WEARNE, APPELYARD, MURPHY, DUNCAN, OLLINGTON-HILL, McCLANDISH, HUNTER, BARNETT, SIMMONS, COULTHARD, SLATER, BAXTER, HERD, SEDGMAN, HOPE, SYLVESTER, WOOD, BOWDEN, DAVIS, WHEILDON, SAYLE. A. Casbolt ✉ casbolta@bigpond.com ✉ 14 Hill St, Eaglehawk VIC 3556

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CRABBE/ROSE

Seeking info/desc Mary CRABBE b 1833? SA (mo: Mary WILLIAMS) d 1896 Hamilton Hospital m 1863 Melb Edward ROSE. Lived Western Dist Caramut. Chn: Mary Ann m DONAHUE; Frances (Fanny) m ALLEN; Annie m CAVANAGH;

Katherine m PEARSON. K. Horton ☎ 03 9718 2314

DODD

Seeking info/desc Jas Henry DODD m Caroline Elizabeth ROBINS b ENG d B'wick area VIC arr SA 1854. G. Patterson
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HOWELL/REID

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JOSEPHS-WILK(E)S/RADLEY/PAWSEY/HEALEY/SMITH

Seeking info Joseph JOSEPHS-WILK(E)S m Eliza RADLEY arr VIC 1850s with family settled Stawell. Desc spread through goldfields. Eld dau Sarah m George R PAWSEY, eld dau Emma Eliza m Daniel SMITH b 1842 CAN (par: Thomas SMITH & Mary HEALEY, lived Maryborough, Clunes, Avoca). S. Phelan ✉ s.phelan1@bigpond.com

LYONS/LISTON

Seeking info Matthias LYONS b Co LIM IRL m Bridget LISTON. Chn: Bridget b 1821 Coolcappa Co LIM m 1852 James McNAMARA; Mary b 1828; Ellen b 1830; Michael b 1833 Shanagolden Co LIM m 1856 Bridget SHEEHAN; Catherine b 1838 m 1856 William HOGAN; John b 1842 Coolcappa m

Abbreviations:

anc	ancestors	c1803	circa 1803	g-grandpar	great-grandparents
arr	arrived	chn	children	gg-grandpar	great-great-grandparents
b&d	born and died	d	died	m	married
b	born	dau/s	daughter/daughters	m1	first marriage
bap	baptised	desc	descendants	m2	second marriage
bro/s	brother/s	fr	from	par	parents
bur	buried	g-gf	great-grandfather	sis	sister/sisters
		g-gm	great-grandmother	unk	unknown

1881 VIC Mary SMITH; Mathias b 1845 m VIC Irene HARVEY.

E. Lyons

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MAYNE/FOY

Seeking info John MAYNE m 1853 St Peters Melb Annie FOY. Desc: John; Thomas; Francis; William; Frederick; Mary Ann; Margaret.

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MORGAN/THOM(P)SON/ CUNNINGHAM

Seeking info Mary Ann MORGAN b VIC d 1 October 1894 Nth Melb bur Brighton m 23 July 1872 Richmond John McLaren CAIRNS, eight chn. Also Janet THOM(P)SON b SCT d/bur Boneo 1880 m 1812 Logie PER David CAIRNS arr Melb 1854 settled Boneo, 12 chn. Janet CUNNINGHAM b SCT c1780s d poss 1820 SCT (Menstry?) m 1812 James CAIRNS Logie SCT, at least three chn.

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MUSGRAVE/READING

Seeking info John MUSGRAVE b 1831 LND UK d 1891 Melb m 1865 Adelaide, Louisa Kathleen Riordan READING b 1845 LND d 1910 Richmond. In NZ 1870s. Thomas READING b 1811 Doneraile IRL m 1836 LND Martha GRANT d Adelaide SA.

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NOWELL/HARRIS

Seeking info/desc James & Ann NOWELL of Norton Malreward SOM ENG. Also James HARRIS m Annie ROWE of St George nr Bristol.

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O'REILLY/DEVINE

Seeking info/desc Cornelius William O'REILLY b 1830 Ballinglough IRL & Mary Jane DEVINE b 1833 IRL. Chn: Catherine b 1856; Bernard b 1859; Mary b 1861; Cornelius b 1863; William b 1865; John b 1871; Francis b 1873; Frances b 1875; Owen b 1875 d 1876.

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PAULO

Seeking info/desc Goodya PAULO b btw 1872-1876 INDIA (par: Goodya PAULO, farmer, & Sissy GEEBIE) d 14 May 1942 Middle Brighton VIC m 1904 VIC Eliza Louisa BURLAND.

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PEARSON/PERRY/MCKINLEY/ LOWRIE

Seeking info/desc grandpar John Harvey PEARSON (par: Alexander PEARSON & Catherine PERRY) m 1904 Hoddle Range VIC Elizabeth MCKINLEY (par: John MCKINLEY & Ann LOWRIE).

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SHAWYER

Seeking info/desc John Thomas SHAWYER b 1823 STS ENG d 1895 Adelaide arr 1849 SA *Minerva* m 1853 Johanna Woon ALLEN. Chn: Alfred b 1854 d 1891; John b 1857 d 1934; Percy b 1860 d 1908; Andrew b 1862 d 1886; Caroline b 1864 d 1885; Frederick b 1867 d 1931; Harry b 1872 d 1895.

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- **80 words allowed for a free entry** (includes heading)
- List heading surnames in order of importance as, owing to space constraint names may be limited to one line.
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with the Rules of the Society and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Victoria Incorporated will be held in the GSV premises Level B1 257 Collins Street at **2.00 pm Saturday 5 October 2013**.

The Rules of the Society provide for a Council consisting of no more than sixteen (16) members, comprising Office Bearers and Councillors, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, save that any casual vacancy occurring may be filled by the Council and the members so appointed to such vacancy shall hold the position until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The Rules further provide that, subject to these Rules, the members of the Council shall hold office for two (2) years.

All nominations close at **4.00 pm Monday 5 August 2013**, when nomination forms must be lodged with the Secretary, The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc, Level B1 257 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000. All nominations must be made on the appropriate form which can be downloaded by logging into the Members' area of our web site at **http://gsv.org.au**, collected from the GSV office, or requested by phoning the GSV on (03) 9662 4455.

Getting it write

Writing about Family Objects

Family history objects can range from a cameo brooch to a foghorn, from a bedspread to a dinner plate, to a model ship. The Writers Group members recently wrote short pieces of 500 to 750 words about family objects. It's a great writing exercise and a useful part of family history to record a description of our significant objects, where they came from, how they passed down our family, and the anecdotes associated with them. Here are two examples, to encourage you to begin photographing and writing about your own precious family objects:

Granny's Chair

by Louise Wilson

Where did it start – the tradition of 'Granny's chair'? Starting with Maria Isabella, born in 1810, our family accommodated its widowed grandmothers within three-generation households, so which Granny was the chair's original owner?

My mother Julia, who's broken with family tradition by continuing to live independently at an advanced age, remembers that her grandmother (Dora Mary, widowed at 36, died at 90) kept the chair in the family's music room. Julia's four teenage brothers dared not thump themselves down heavily on their Granny's rather fragile chair, exceptionally precious to Dora because most of her other possessions had been lost in a fire.

Dora left London in 1882 as part of a migration scheme for young English gentlewomen in straitened circumstances, but her intended fate as a governess in rural Queensland suggests that only a trunk containing her clothes accompanied her to Australia. Her parents and sister followed in 1888, so it's more than likely that the chair arrived in this country as part of Isabel Mary's household furnishings and belonged to Isabel until 1917, when she died at the age of 82.

But was it originally Isabel's mother Maria Isabella's chair? From the age of 43 until her death aged 86, Maria was the forceful widowed matriarch of a very large family of fourteen children. It's easy to imagine the ageing Maria offering up a treasured memento when her eldest daughter Isabel migrated to Australia. This

version of events is a distinct possibility, as my grandmother (Dorothea Margaret, widowed at 38, died at 86) insisted that the chair has always been, and must continue to be, passed down the female line through the eldest daughter in each generation. As the family story-teller, she regularly reminded us all that we come from a long line of strong, independent women.

The chair has never been regarded as important for its value as 'an antique'. We don't know or even care if it's actually worth anything. No-one in the family has ever focused on its design features, but we do know that this well-used item of furniture has been re-covered at least once.

I'm now the current custodian. My little piece of history sits in pride of place in a corner of my bedroom; it is the repository for discarded clothing at night and is a comfortable and convenient, if slightly rickety, place to sit while lacing up footwear for my morning walk around Albert Park Lake.

My daughter Thea and her six-year-old, Madison, will keep the tradition going for two more generations. At present Maddy is very excited by seeing the pictures of her forebears and agog that anyone would have fourteen children. In time she will surely appreciate the historic significance of the moment when the family heirloom passes to her. ■



◀ Images from top left:
Maria Isabella - 14 children
Isabel Mary - 3 children
Dora Mary - 4 children
Dorothea Margaret - 5 children
Julia - 4 children
Louise Anne - 1 child
Thea Louise - 4 children
Madison Ella

The Carved Table

by Mary Anne Gourley

Whenever we visited my maternal grandparents' home in Canberra as children, I was always drawn to the intricately carved wooden table which stood beside my grandmother Elsie Woodger's chair, covered in her glasses, knitting, books and table lamp. Later after my grandparents' deaths, their youngest daughter Helen inherited the table and it stood in her flat in Canberra for many years.

Why was I drawn to this table? Perhaps it was the way it stood out from other furniture in my grandparents' home. By its design and appearance it was an incongruous contrast to the very Edwardian furniture in the surrounding room, an exotic 'ring-in', a misfit that was held in much affection by the family.

The table is round and squat with four legs. Each is enclosed by brass caps at their slender base curving outwards to where they support a low shelf, the surface engraved with a large stylised flower, an impression of what may be found in real life. The legs resemble the sturdy trunks of trees found in a forest or jungle rising up to large strong branches reaching out to support and intertwine with their neighbours. The leaves on these trees are elongated and pointed and give the impression of dense foliage. Where the branches intertwine at the centre of each side there are gaps and here flowers have been carved, a repeat of the one engraved lower down. There are images of buds and fruit or perhaps seed pods.

The legs are strong supports for the table's top, the edge of which is carved at intervals with rectangles. On the flat table top a ring is incised, a carving depicting the branches and flowers found lower down in the supporting arches of the legs. Limbs, leaves and flowers are intertwined to give the viewer the impression that one is looking down through the canopy of a group of trees into the forest or jungle floor below.

Over the years our lives change, beloved relatives grow old and can no longer live in their comfortable homes. This has happened to my aunt. On a visit to Canberra in 2008 she asked me to choose some items that I would like to inherit after her death. My request was for the carved table and also a sandalwood chest that had been my mother's.

When my aunt moved from her lovely flat into a

smaller apartment in an aged care community two years ago she decided to refurnish her new home. I became the owner of the carved table. However the years have not been kind to this family heirloom. Pieces have been broken off the carvings and it now has a distinct lean, but it is still the table from my childhood. But becoming the new possessor was one thing, I did not know the history of the table or how it came into the family. The table certainly had not come home as part of the luggage from one of the many overseas trips my grandparents had undertaken by sea when I was young.

My Aunt Helen explained the story of the carved table. Her father Bill Woodger had been in real estate in Sydney before 1914.¹ He and his older brother Tom started a real estate and stock and station agency in Queanbeyan on his return from France in 1919. The following year the company took on another partner, Gallipoli veteran Harry Calthorpe, and an office was established in Canberra. The company was successful, undertaking some of the first land sales and auctions in the capital in 1924.

It was during this time my grandfather had some dealings with a gentleman who had travelled or worked in Asia. The story goes that the client had found the table 'in the jungle in Burma and brought it back to Australia'. On completion of his business with my grandfather, the client was so pleased with the outcome that he gave the table to my grandfather, as a personal thank you.

So now this piece of family history, a link to my childhood, sits in my home, still an exotic 'ring-in' but a welcome one. After I received the table I made a point of sitting down and writing its history as related to me in a letter addressed to my children in the hope that this piece of family heritage stays in our family, perhaps to be admired by a young and curious grandchild in the future. ■



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GSV members are welcome to sit in on a meeting of the Family History Writers Group, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at 12.30pm. For further details see page 28.

A Welsh Woman on the Goldfields

by Clive Davies

The author, Clive Davies, is indebted to GSV member Elwyn Hunt of Bendigo for extensive information on the Gwillim, Rees and Roderick families in Australia. Clive's great great grandfather was Edward Roderick's brother.

In 1995 and 2005 Elwyn HUNT organized reunions of the descendants of the three marriages of her great grandmother Margaret RODERICK nee EVANS. The gatherings were held at a hall at Wesley Hill, a short distance from Roderick Street, Chewton, named in honour of Margaret's grandson, Bramley, who was mayor of Castlemaine in the 1920s. Many of Margaret's over two hundred known descendants attended the reunion and viewed the memorabilia with keen interest.

Margaret EVANS (Image 1) was born in Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire, Wales, in 1833, the illegitimate daughter of Elizabeth GRIFFITHS and Timothy EVANS. In 1852 she married Morgan GWILLIM (Image 2) at Ystradgynlais, ten miles from her birthplace. On 2 January 1856 they sailed from Plymouth with their two young sons, Thomas and Richard, on the *Amazon*, bound for Adelaide. They were part of an extended family group of 13 which also included Morgan's

elder brother David, his wife Ruth and their three daughters; Margaret's mother, Elizabeth

GRIFFITHS; her bachelor uncle, Richard GRIFFITHS; and Margaret's half sister Anne and her husband, David DAVIES. The *Amazon* was a three-masted barque of only 796 tons but carried 297 passengers. It arrived in Adelaide on 8 April 1856. There was only one death on the voyage, a two year old boy, and the ship's master and surgeon were commended for their zeal and diligence. These assisted passengers were described in the *South Australia Register* newspaper as 'a well selected group of persons'. Both David and Morgan GWILLIM were listed on the 1851 census of Ystradgynlais as 'iron miner', an occupation much in demand in South Australia with its flourishing copper mines in the Burra district, 100 miles (160k) north of Adelaide. A daughter, Margaret, was born at Redruth Township, Burra, to David and Ruth GWILLIM on 25 August 1856.

They stayed in Burra only a short time, doubtless lured away by the flourishing Victorian goldfields. The two families undertook the arduous overland journey by bullock cart some 475 miles (760k) on rough bush tracks and settled at Golden Gully, four miles (6k) from Castlemaine. 'Settled' might convey some permanence, but their

first dwellings would almost certainly have been tents before a more substantial, if temporary, abode was built at Golden Gully, a largely Welsh village, on the outskirts of Chewton. The 1864 rate books covering Golden Gully, and the adjacent Welsh-settled Donkey Gully, show inhabitants housed in tents, paling tents, and huts made of bark and calico, slab and shingle and weatherboard. There were only three stone dwellings. Both gullies ran in to the larger settlement of Golden Point. Most of the Welsh settlers were former agricultural workers, speaking little

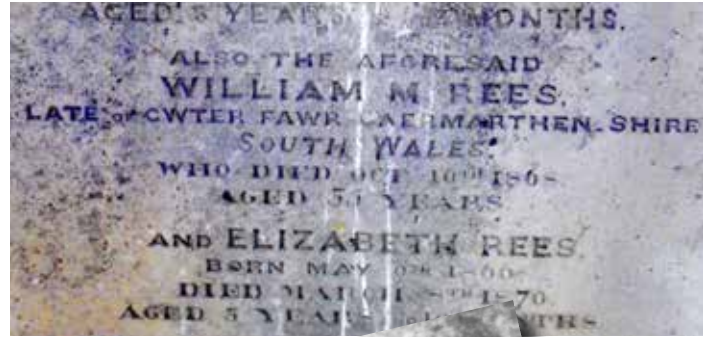


▼ Image 1: Margaret Evans



◀ Image 2: Morgan Gwillim

Image 3: Headstone of William M
Rees, d. 1868



English and strongly non-conformist. In 1852, a year after gold was discovered, a Welsh chapel was built at nearby Wesley Hill and soon several more were to follow.

On 10 May 1858 tragedy befell the family. Whilst walking home at night from Castlemaine after a visit to the 'Robbie Burns' tavern, Morgan tumbled down a mine-shaft at Dog-Leg Reef and drowned after injuring his head. His body was not discovered until six weeks later by a miner, Ebenezer WAY. Despite Margaret's testimony to the inquest on 23 June at Moonlight Flat, 'My husband was a sober man', Morgan's brother, David GWILLIM, stated at the inquest, 'I thought he had had two or three "nobbles" and wished to see him home but he did not wish it. I however felt anxious about him and went to his home to ask if he had got home. Search was made then and since'.

Eight months after Morgan's death, Margaret GWILLIM married another Welsh gold miner, William Morgan REES (Image 4), born in 1813 in Brynaman, Glamorgan. The couple had three daughters, but only Rachel, born in 1860, survived infancy. Liver disease also took William to an early grave in 1868 and he lies beside his daughters in Franklinford Cemetery (Image 3).

In 1869 Margaret married for the third time. Her husband was Edward RODERICK (Image 5), also a Welshman, from Margam in Glamorganshire where he was baptised on 9 June 1832. He was the youngest of eight children of David RHODERICK (1788-1867) and Mary, nee JENKIN (1790-1843). At the time of the 1851 census he was residing at Fferm Fach, a hamlet near Margam with his father, now widowed, his sister Mary and his niece, Ann. Both he and his father were farm labourers. This work was poorly paid and held little prospect of improvement. The chance of a fortune to be found in the goldfields of Victoria was attractive indeed.

On 22 November 1854, in the company of three other young men from Margam, George DAVIES (born 1829) and the brothers Elias (born 1825) and William DAVID (born 1830), Edward sailed from Liverpool on the *Shalimar*, bound for Australia. They travelled to the Victorian goldfields where in 1856 Edward was listed at Sebastopol on the 1856 Ballarat West Electoral Roll. He was eligible to vote as the holder of a digger's license.

His pursuit of gold also took him to Tasmania. In June 1860 he was a passenger on the *Mary Grant* from Melbourne to Port Frederick (Devonport).

Gold had been discovered 45 miles (72k) inland from there at the River Forth in 1859. Evidently he also tried his luck in New Zealand as in March 1862 he was aboard the *Humbolt* bound for Geelong from the Otago goldfields. Almost all the passengers on that ship were miners.

Eventually he settled between Castlemaine and Daylesford where, on 27 July 1869, he married the twice-widowed Margaret REES at the Dry Diggings, sometimes called the Mt Franklin Goldfield.¹ Probably because of the lack of eligible women on the goldfields, at the relatively late age of 36, this was Edwards's first marriage. The couple had three children, David, born in 1870, Edward, born in 1872 and William, born in 1873. Rate notices show that Edward continued to work as a miner for most of his life in Victoria.

Edward RODERICK passed away in August 1904 (Image 6). His obituary appeared in the Castlemaine newspaper, *The Mount Alexander Mail*, on 26 August of that year:

Another of the old pioneers of the district, Mr. Edward Roderick, died at his residence, Little Bendigo², on Wednesday night at the age of 71. In following his calling as a miner he contracted miner's disease which eventually proved fatal.³ For fifty years he had lived in Victoria and seen all his family grown up, ►►

Image 6: Headstone of
Edward Roderick

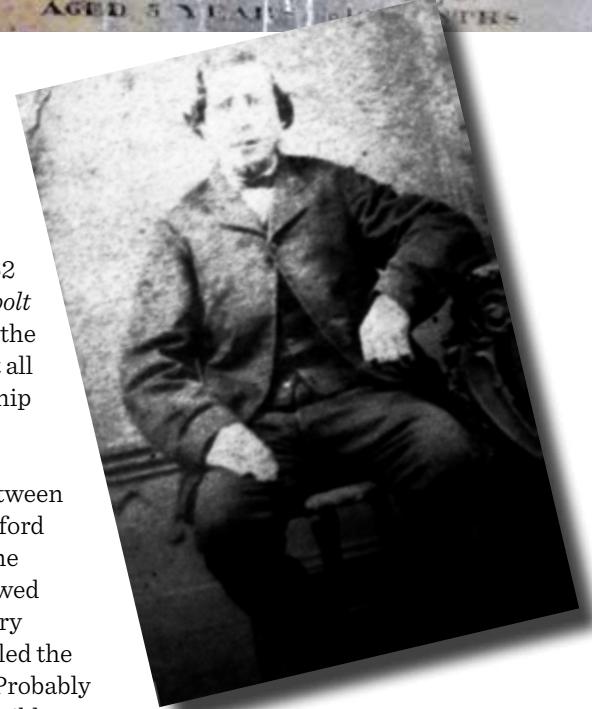


Image 4: William Rees

Image 5: Edward Roderick



the youngest son having reached the years of manhood.

Further misfortune befell the family in 1915 when Margaret's grand-daughter Doris RODERICK (1901-93) burnt down the house in which Margaret was living with her son, David Roderick, his wife and nine children. Doris was home from school with toothache and placed a candle too close to the curtains. She always said that she was never forgiven for this mishap. *The Argus* of 28 January 1915 reported that a benefit was held to help replace all their belongings that were lost in the fire. £40 was raised.

Margaret lived on until 1929. Her death notice appeared in the *Castlemaine Mail* on 22 July of that year:

One of the earliest residents of the district, Mrs Margaret Roderick, died yesterday at her residence, Little Bendigo, at the advanced age of 96 years and despite her great age maintained her faculties to the end. She was born in the Caermarthen [sic] district of Wales, and was the last of a group

of Welsh people who arrived in Adelaide in 1856. She came to Forest Creek⁴ the same year, and except for some years at Yandoit, has resided here continuously and was held in the highest regard by all. She was twice married [actually thrice], her two eldest children being T. Gwillim of Mildura who is 76 years of age and Mr R. Gwillim who resided with her. Her second [actually third] husband, Mr E. Roderick, died twenty-five years ago and among the children of that marriage are Messers [sic] David and Edward Roderick of Castlemaine.

Family members recall Nain (Welsh for Gran) RODERICK as a woman of resolute if sometimes stubborn character. One descendant, who remembered her, described her as 'a tough old bird'. Her son, Richard GWILLIM, who lived with her, had a girlfriend of whom Nain did not approve. The girlfriend used to live outside Castlemaine and Richard would go by train to visit her. One night he missed the final train and, rather than face the wrath of his mother, walked home. On his arrival in the small hours of the morning he found Nain waiting up, furious that he should be spending the night with that 'hussy'. Alas, the girlfriend was to remain forever such, as Richard would not marry whilst his mother was alive and it was a further twenty years before Nain met her Maker. ■

Sources:

UK censuses 1841 & 1851

UK marriage certificate: Margaret Evans / Morgan Gwillim

www.theshipslist.com

Victorian marriage certificates: marriage Margaret Williams (Gwillim) / William Morgan Rees; Margaret Rees / Edward Roderick

Victorian death certificates: Morgan Williams (Gwillim); William Morgan Rees; Margaret Roderick

Victorian Coronial Inquest into the death of Morgan Williams (Gwillim), 23 June 1858

Notes from a talk on 'The Welsh Village' by Doug Ralph

Borough of Chewton rate books 1864

Endnotes:

1 The Dry Diggings was 8k north of Daylesford.

2 Little Bendigo was between Chewton and Castlemaine.

3 Silica dust from mining caused damage to the lungs, which rendered miners liable to infectious diseases such as bronchitis, pneumonia and tuberculosis.

4 Forest Creek was the original name for the Castlemaine area.

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A Genealogical Lucky Dip at the RHSV, Part Three

From Joan Hunt

This is the third and final column about the RHSV Historical Register, the short title of the collection about persons who arrived or were born in Victoria before 1900 and/or their descendants. These have been submitted since 1917 and are believed to contain about 25,000 names. It is an important resource for family historians to refer to in order to find, if they are very lucky, whether someone has completed a register form connected to a family of interest to them. These sheets were often accompanied by photographs, excerpts from diaries and journals, brief family histories, and so on.

An example is a form completed by the grand-daughter of James William HAMILTON who in 1956 provided details of his arrival in February 1852 on the *Stebonheath* from his place of birth on the Isle of Wight. On the reverse of the form was included the following narrative [punctuation as in original]:

Mr & Mrs James Hamilton arrived off Point Henry near Geelong in February 1852 with four children, Martha, Mary, James and William. He had been a master sawyer in the Isle of Wight and brought his big saws with him. Going out to the Anakies to select land he was waylaid by a bushranger who stole half his money. He selected land and set up his trade and cut the timber for the sleepers to build the Geelong to Ballarat and Geelong to Melbourne railway lines. As the ground was cleared it was dug over and planted with grain by hand when ripe was cut by hand, grain was bagged and sent by horseback to Steiglitz for crushing for food. The family first lived in tents until the father gradually built a log house, surrounded by stub fence for protection from blacks. My mother Alice was the first white child born in the Anakies. The blacks used to come to see the white picanniny and often used to visit the house for a little flour. They were the Barrabool tribe under King Billy. The lonely grave at the Anakies is Mr James William Hamilton who died aged 50 of blackwater fever. The son James was later a mounted policeman and chased the Kelly gang. All supplies had to be got from Steiglitz by horseback, the only means of travel. The eldest daughter Martha married a Mr Harris and kept the store at Steiglitz. In later years he sold out and went by bullock wagon to Officer.

When Matthew John MURRAY submitted his form in September 1919 he wrote that he was born on 22 June 1846 at Melbourne, the son of Phillip MURRAY and Elizabeth nee HENDERSON from County Fermanagh, Ireland. Along with the form itself, he included the following brief narrative on the reserve side of the sheet (Image 1).

My parents sailed from Plymouth 14th February 1839, for Sydney in ship Red Rover with passengers and cargo under Capt. Smith. Calling at an Island (near Cape Verde) ship got on rocks. Passengers brought to Sydney by the Ferguson arrived there end of July or beginning of August 1839. My parents left Sydney in 1845 to join a brother and two sisters who arrived in Melbourne in meantime.



Image courtesy of RHSV

The examples used in this and the previous two columns are but the tip of the iceberg of this wonderful collection at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au>

▲ Image 1: The rear of Matthew John Murray's form with his family narrative.



▲ Image 2: A Genealogical Lucky Dip at the RHSV: Part One, Ancestor v. 31 no. 4, Dec. 2012

Image 3: A Genealogical Lucky Dip at the RHSV: Part Two, Ancestor v. 31 no. 5, Mar. 2013



Births Deaths Marriages

VICTORIA

News from Births, Deaths, Marriages Victoria

From Margaret May
Manager VicHeritage Projects

Change is on the way at BDM

BDM is in the process of redesigning its organisation using a collaborative, co-design process. Within this innovative process the BDM Team and volunteers together with service partners, stakeholders, community thought leaders and citizens are collaboratively developing design options. The co-design process enables the contribution of thoughts and ideas from many, rather than a small group of people. In March this year, we sought the contribution of the community via our online 'have your say' survey. You may be one of over 1,800 survey respondents or 500 citizens who nominated to participate in our co-design process. We also extended the invitation to participate to over 600 stakeholders and service partners including peak body organisations. This is an exciting time for BDM and we feel energised by the change that we are creating. Our goal is to design an organisation that has the capacity to learn, grow and develop alongside the Victorian community. Visit us at www.bdm.vic.gov.au for more information and updates as we redesign BDM.

Quality of historical certificates.

An emerging issue over the last few years has been as a result of the loss of skill to read the handwriting of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Customers will report an illegible image when the problem is not the clarity but that it is handwritten.

Victoria is unique in the provision of historical certificates in that we provide an image of the original register page. This has immense charm for some family historians as they can often see the signature of their relative or see 'their mark', which indicates a lack of literacy that can shed more light on the information recorded. The downside is that many of the register pages are difficult to read. This can be because of the Registrar's handwriting; the quality of the ink, which was frequently watered down as an economy and subsequently fades over time; wear and tear from frequent use over the years; damage such as water damage and many other factors that influence the final quality.

Balancing the intrinsic charm of seeing a reproduction of the original against the difficulties of interpreting the document will be a challenge for us all in the future.

SCHEDULE A
BIRTHS in the District of Geelong in the Colony

CHILD			PARENTS		
When and where born.	Name and whether present or not.	Sex.	When and where born.	Name.	When and where born.
1871	John	Male	John	John	John
1872	John	Male	John	John	John
1873	John	Male	John	John	John
1874	John	Male	John	John	John
1875	John	Male	John	John	John
1876	John	Male	John	John	John
1877	John	Male	John	John	John
1878	John	Male	John	John	John
1879	John	Male	John	John	John
1880	John	Male	John	John	John

SCHEDULE A
Registered by Charles Lea

DECEASED	WITNESSES	REGISTERED
Signature, Description, and Residence of Deceased.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Deceased.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Deceased.
Henry	1. John	1871
Henry	1. John	1872
Henry	1. John	1873
Henry	1. John	1874
Henry	1. John	1875
Henry	1. John	1876
Henry	1. John	1877
Henry	1. John	1878
Henry	1. John	1879
Henry	1. John	1880

Project Update - Burials Project

Our volunteers continue to work away at expanding the information in the death index and I estimate there is at least 3 years' more work before it is completed. BDM is in the planning stages to update the online index with the fruits of our volunteers' labour so far. This will mean that for some periods, additional fields will be visible in the search results. Death indexes from 1921 - 1941 will show the place of death in full, 1942 - 1965 and 1983 - 1988 will show both place of birth and place of death in full (indexes for 1986 - 1988 will be added). Results for indexes from 1853 - 1920 won't change and will show the abbreviated form for place of death. Expect to see these changes shortly.

We are also working on a project to do a bulk expansion of abbreviated given names for a significant number of records throughout the database. The abbreviations used for place names, unfortunately, lack consistency which means they cannot be updated accurately without viewing the record. Perhaps this will be our volunteers' next project!

BDM Annual Fee Increase

A reminder that BDM Victoria's statutory fees rise in line with CPI annually. Check the website www.bdm.vic.gov.au for further information and the new fee schedule on 1 July. ■



State Library of Victoria

From Anne Burrows

State Library Dome Turns 100

The State Library of Victoria is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its iconic dome with a year of special events, programs and exhibitions from 14 November 2012 to 14 November 2013.

Since its opening on 14 November 1913, the magnificent domed reading room (now known as the La Trobe Reading Room) has been the heart of this great institution. Designed by architects Bates, Peebles & Smart and built by J W and D A Swanson at a cost of £66,914, the dome was constructed from reinforced concrete, brick and glass, and measures 34.75 metres in both diameter and height.

Originally commissioned for the Library's 50th anniversary, and envisaged as a crowning glory to the city's intellectual and artistic centre, the dome symbolised the making of a new world – socially, politically and creatively. Over the past century, it has inspired generations of writers, artists, researchers, students and visitors. More than a remarkable architectural accomplishment, it represents all that the Library has to offer the world: a vast collection, expert staff, a place to connect with the community, and a source of ideas, learning and pleasure.

Two key exhibitions will underpin the Dome Centenary year.

- **Enchanted dome: the Library and imagination** (until 14 July 2013) features representations of the dome in art and literature from the 1950s to today.
- **Free, secular and democratic: building the Public Library 1853–1913** (31 May 2013 – 2 February 2014) explores the ideals of liberalism and enlightenment that founded the creation of this extraordinary and enduring civic institution.

Learn more and share your dome story at dome100.com.au.

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Family History Feast 2013: a date for your diary

The 10th annual Family History Feast is to be held on Monday 5 August 2013, from 10am - 4pm (times to be confirmed) at the State Library of Victoria during National Family History Week 2013.

The Feast is a day of information sessions for family historians hosted by the State Library of Victoria in collaboration with National Archives of Australia (Victorian

Office), Public Record Office Victoria, Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Immigration Museum and the Victorian Association of Family History Organisations. Free but bookings are essential

Bookings open 17 June 2013 and are preferred online through Public Record Office Victoria at <https://register.eventarc.com/11767/family-history-feast> or by telephone on (03) 9348 5609 Monday to Friday 10am - 4:30pm.

Check the State Library website (slv.vic.gov.au) closer to the event for program information. ■



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News from Public Record Office Victoria

VICTORIA: ON RECORD – A celebration of 40 years of collecting with PROV

Public Record Office Victoria boasts a fascinating collection that reflects the social diversity and history of Victoria. Our collection, which has grown to become one of Victoria's largest and most comprehensive cultural collections, features items that range from the sublime to the ridiculous and everything in between.

As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations, you are invited to explore our collection through a special exhibition *Victoria: On Record*. The exhibition highlights some of the quirky and significant aspects of our past.

You can find advertising campaigns with 'Big M girls' extolling the benefits of drinking flavoured milk, plans for the design of affordable housing at Garden City on Port Phillip Bay; and minute books of the Hairdressers Regulation Board sharing shelf space with the land titles of your family home. State Bank of Victoria employee mini-skirts from the 1960s and the State Electricity Commission videos of the La Trobe Valley being dug up for coal sit side-by-side in the archive.

Victoria: On Record will take you on a remarkable journey through our eclectic and diverse collection of archival heritage.

Victoria: On Record, is on display until 28 June 2013 at the Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne. If you are interested in booking this exhibition as part of our touring program please email exhibitions@prov.vic.gov.au

For further information visit prov.vic.gov.au

Grants and Awards

Public Record Office Victoria offers a range of funding and awards programs to support Victorian community organisations to preserve and celebrate their local history and heritage. We congratulate the successful recipients of the Local History Grants 2012 – 2013 round announced by the Minister for the Arts, Heidi Victoria. Visit our website for a full list of funded projects. The next round of Local History Grants will open for applications from **Monday 2 September 2013 and close 5pm Monday 11 November 2013**, so make a note in your diary!

Old Treasury Building Exhibitions

20 Spring Street, Melbourne

Trams: Moving Pictures features photographs, artworks, uniforms and film footage documenting Melbourne's history and love of trams from the 1880's through to the 'art trams' of the 1970's and 80's. It's currently on display until mid-August so get in quick before it ends and take a trip down memory lane.

Victorian Archives Centre Gallery Exhibitions

99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne

Passion! 30 Years of Safe Sex.

30th Anniversary 12 July to 8 August

This exhibition is a key activity of the Victorian AIDS Council's 30th Birthday celebrations and will be drawing on their archival collection of public health campaigns and other mementos from the early days of the AIDS epidemic to today.

PROV Seminars at the Victorian Archives Centre

Volunteering

Thursday 6 Jun 2013

10:30am to 11:30am

Interested in joining PROV's popular volunteer program? Come along to our information session and take the first step towards joining our volunteer program.

Introduction to PROV and the collection

Wednesday 12 Jun 2013

11:00am to 2:00pm

This session is an introductory session to get you started on researching our collection, taking a look at basic researching of will and probate records, shipping lists and inquest requests.

Searching Immigration Records

Thursday 27 Jun 2013

11:00am to 2:30pm

Are you trying to find out when and how your ancestors came to Victoria, but have no idea where to start looking? We'll introduce you to our immigration holdings and show you how to get started in your research. ■



Genies on the web

Irene Fullarton

In this edition of 'Genies on the Web' I am looking at researching in Victoria. A good place to start is with the passenger lists *Public Record Office Victoria* (PROV) Guide 51. <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-51> has the links to the passenger indexes. Also check the wills and probate records. PROV hold these from 1841. They have been indexed and are available online.

Passenger lists: arrivals at Victorian ports

PROV holds passenger lists for voyages to and from Victoria from 1839 to 1923. Copies microfiche and microfilm in PROV reading rooms at the Victorian Archives Centre and they do not have to be ordered.

The following online database indexes provide references to microform copies of passenger lists, and were compiled from the existing passenger lists by volunteers.

[Index to Unassisted Inward Passenger Lists to Victoria 1852-1923](#)

[Index to Assisted British Immigration 1839-1871](#)

[Index to Outward Passengers to Interstate, U.K. and Foreign Ports, 1852-1908](#)

Many people who settled in Victoria arrived in NSW. The Port Phillip, 1839-51 passenger lists can be found at this address <http://tinyurl.com/bmwm8db> click on the big red button marked "Search the Index". If you find a possible family/person you can select the ship name from the drop-down list as other relatives might have been on the ship as well. It is worthwhile looking at Peter Madden's *Inverness Emigrants* <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~maddenps/>.

The *Ryerson Index* to death notices and obituaries in Australian newspapers www.ryersonindex.org/ is always being updated. *Trove Digitised Newspapers* <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> is certainly worth a look. By clicking on the map you can see a list of all the Victorian newspaper and magazine titles and the date-range available for each one. (Click on the "Limit to Victoria titles" box which will appear just near the Search box if you only want to search in Victoria.)

Trove Digitised newspapers and more

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4. Brisbane Courier
5. The Australian Women's Weekly
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by Date
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On this day
THE CALEDONIAN TIMES (ACT, 1856) 1856, THURSDAY
Navigation tips for the example newspaper page below:
• Scroll with the scrollbar to your destination.
• Plan for clicking and dragging the image.
• Zoom with the zoom controls on the bottom right.

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AMONG the 38 veterans who entered the 1972 Veterans' Club, the oldest is a 94-year-old and the most modern is a 70-year-old.

Try a *Google* search using your ancestor's name in quotes and a known place. A search for my ancestor Patrick Walsh located an article about him being stabbed.

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their views had been communicated to him.

A man named Patrick Walsh, who keeps the Cardigan Hotel at Cardigan, was stabbed in the abdomen by a Swiss named Louis Bon-guillelm. It appears the offender was in the service of Walsh, and some dispute arose between them in reference to wages, when Bon-guillelm stabbed Walsh in the abdomen with a penknife, inflicting a wound three inches long below the navel, but it is believed the wound is not a fatal one. There were several persons present when the deed was committed, and they allowed the offender to escape, but he was subsequently arrested at Black Hill near Southdale.

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There are many photos of headstones on the Web see *Australian Cemeteries* www.australiancemeteries.com/vic/. The example on the right shows his date of birth.

Lists of unclaimed letters from relatives overseas to people who have emigrated to Victoria and notices by residents trying to locate a relative last heard of in an area were also put in newspapers. *Google Books* is worth a look. Perhaps your ancestor wrote a book or was mentioned in one. School attendee records and results, directories, histories of houses, sporting events, requests for pen-pals, competition winners are all listed somewhere. Thanks to the State Library of Victoria the *Victorian Government Gazettes* from 1836 to 1997 are available at <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/>. Men who deserted their families are listed here usually with a wonderful description of the person.



Again from the PROV website <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-23> under "Health" *Register of Vaccinations* (1857 to 1932). This example is from 1868 for the District of Bungaree and lists the child and the father's name and the age of the child.

18 Vic. No. 4-E.

REGISTER of CERTIFIED CASES of SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION in the District of Bungaree

Entered by: [Signature]

Deputy-Registrar for: [Signature]

No.	DATE OF REGISTRATION	CHRISTIAN NAME OF CHILD	CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME OF FATHER	AGE	SEX	DATE	VACCINATOR
439	1868	John William	John William	2	M	1868	Robert Russell Fullarton
460	1868	John William	John William	2	M	1868	Robert Russell Fullarton
461	1868	John William	John William	2	M	1868	Robert Russell Fullarton

Your ancestor will have been the subject of a recorded event at sometime in his or her life. ■

There is a wealth of information available from the *Ballarat & District Genealogical Society's* Site www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/ including cemetery records.

GSV Members' Voucher

It's time to keep your eye out for the new GSV Members' Voucher which will arrive with your membership renewal notice. Life members will receive their voucher in a separate mail out. This scheme will be trialled for one year – if the results show that members are using the vouchers then the scheme will continue.

The Vouchers entitle each member to choose one of three options:

- Bring a friend to the GSV library for a day – no entrance fee; OR
- A friend can join the GSV – joining fee waived; OR
- A friend can have one hour of research done at the member rate of \$25 instead of \$40 per hour.



New Membership category

A new membership category has been launched by the GSV. It is for people aged 18-25 (with proof of age required for eligibility). This membership classification is totally digital with no printed copy of our *Ancestor* journal and no hard-copy communications.

Initially, this category will be referred to as 'Next Generation Genies' however new members will have the opportunity to suggest a new title.

These new younger family history researchers have the opportunity to talk to their parents, grandparents, and sometimes great-grandparents. How often have we heard ... "I wish I'd listened to my 'xyz-ancestor' while he/she was still alive"? If we knew as much about family history research as we do today when we were younger, not only would we have listened more but we would have known what questions to ask. This new generation of genealogists have that opportunity - and of course we should encourage them and not just envy them.

GSV Writing Prize

How would you like to win a one year world subscription provided by ancestry.com.au? This is the prize in our new competition, which is open to GSV members, to write an article for *Ancestor* journal. The winning article will be published in the December 2013 issue. The winning article will be that which, in the opinion of the judges, is the most interesting and well-written. The judges will be the *Ancestor* editorial team together with the President of the GSV. Their decision will be final.

The GSV out and about

This year the GSV has exhibited and/or been a presenter at various family history functions. These include the Unlock The Past British Isles Seminar and Shake Your Family Tree Day in Melbourne, and the Exhibition and VAFHO Victorian State Family History Conference in Ballarat. We often include specials for visitors to our exhibition area so make sure you keep an eye out for future events.

More information

Details on the items above can be found on our web site at www.gsv.org.au or on our blog (see the blog link at the top of our home page). Details will also be available from the GSV Bookshop.



~Susie Zada, Marketing & Administration Manager

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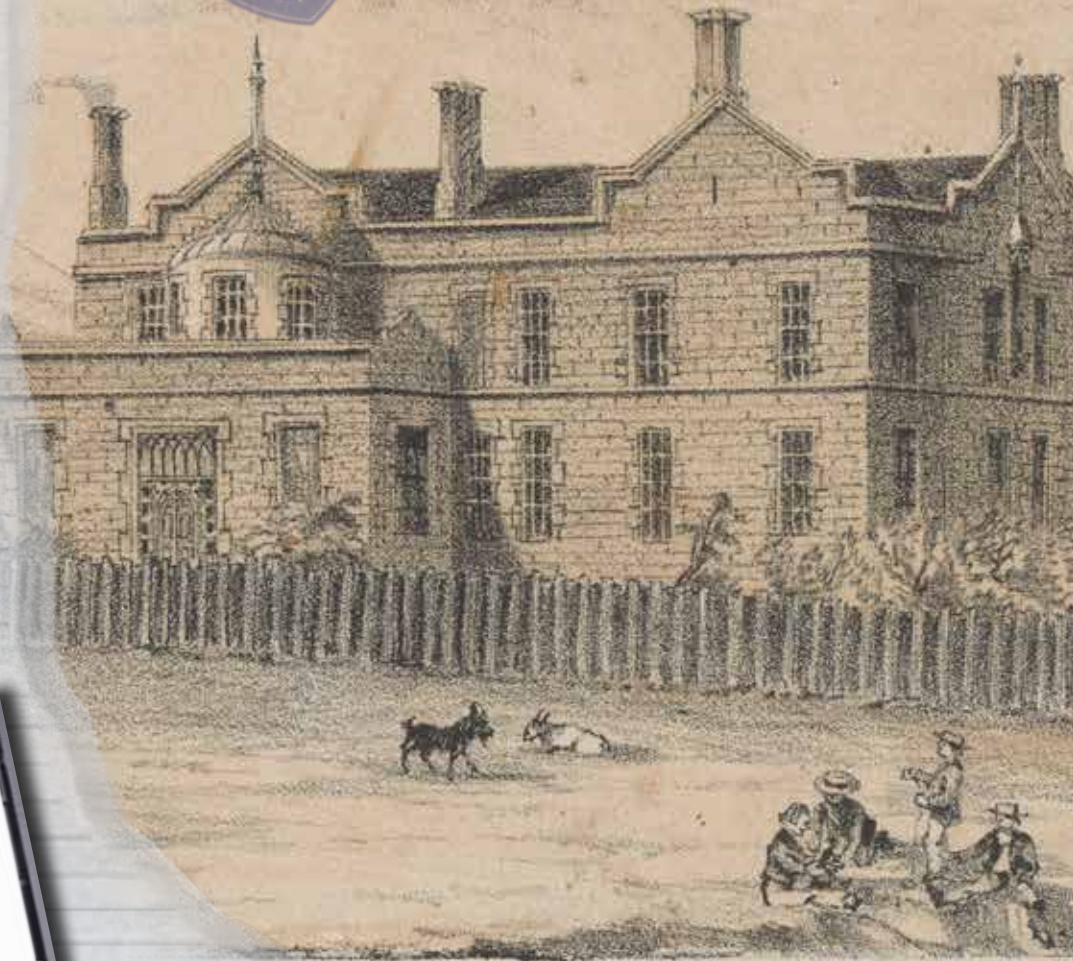
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