

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUPGENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte!

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes to all the members of the newly formed Irish Ancestry Group. Applications for membership have been steadily coming in and as at 3rd September we had 33 members, which is encouraging as we are such a new Group. We are hoping for many more members though, and application forms are available at the Reception desk of the GSV for anyone interested in joining. The fee is \$5 per person or \$7.50 for joint membership. Anyone joining now will not be due for further fees until *1st October 1989*, which will then become our yearly renewal date. Remember, guests of members are always welcome at Group social functions.

A list of current members follows:

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COMMITTEE

Having obtained the approval from the Council of the Genealogical Society of Victoria to form an Irish Group (11th May 1988), an enthusiastic gathering of about 30 people met at Curtain House on 30th July to set the wheels in motion. Nominations for Committee Members were called for and I am pleased to report that there was no shortage of volunteers. The names at the top of this Newsletter comprise the formally elected Committee of the Irish Ancestry Group for the next twelve months, and we all look forward to a most interesting and informative year.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Attached to your membership form you will have an application for entries in the Members Interest Directory; this is a free service for financial members of the IAG, but a charge of \$5 will be asked of anyone else wishing to place an entry in the Directory.

We are expecting to publish in March 1989, and the dead-line for entries is 10th December 1988. Please make a note of this date as no late entries can be accepted - start listing your names and counties now to be sure of getting your ancestors into the first publication!

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NEWS

The Group Newsletter will be sent out to all members bi-monthly from now on, which makes the next one due early November 1988.

We will be looking for items of interest to include, so if you have any information that you would like to share with other members; any help or hindrance you have encountered in your research; even any assistance you hope someone can give you, then please telephone Barbara McKenzie at 241 7990 before 5th October with your news item and you can be sure that it will make the next issue.

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DIARY

In each Newsletter we will be notifying you of forthcoming events such as meetings, lectures, distinguished visitors, etc, and it is hoped that you will make a note of these in your diary. These events are free to members, but a fee of \$5 is asked for visitors.

For this month I would draw your attention to:

Sunday, October 30th : Dr. Chris O'Mahony, Mid-West Regional Archivist and an authority on Limerick and Tipperary Records, will give a lecture at the State Library Theatre at a time to be advised

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November : Conference on Irish Origins Family History at Ballarat. See pages 4 and 5 for full programme

Saturday, December 3rd : Dr. Brian Trainor, Administrator of The Ulster Historical Foundation and former Director of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, will give a talk to the Group on Northern Irish Records, at 2 pm, The Scots Church Hall, 99 Russell Street, Melbourne.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

An identity we hope! A name that will identify our Newsletter as one with Irish affiliations. We are asking you, as foundation members of the Group, to submit your suggestions for an appropriate name, English or Gaelic, together with a design for the Newsletter heading and possibly a matching lapel pin. With all that Irish-Australian talent out there, we feel sure that one of you will come up with something that we can all be proud of. Please send in your ideas, with sketches if possible, addressed to Maureen Meyer care of the GSV.

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EUREKA!

Maxi effort has gone into organising a mini-Conference on Irish Family History in Ballarat for the week-end of 5th and 6th of November. Conference facilities have been reserved at the Old Ballarat Village Inn, and distinguished guest-speakers have been invited.

His Excellency the Irish Ambassador has graciously accepted an invitation to attend and the Irish Delegates to the International Congress in Sydney have also been invited.

Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Portia Robinson of Macquarie University and author of the forthcoming book "From Colleen to Matilda", who will speak about the Irish Immigrant Women in Australia.

Our International Speakers include Dr. Chris O'Mahony, Mid-West Regional Archivist, Authority on Limerick and Tipperary; and Mr. Patrick Nolan, organiser of the successful 1987 Kilkenny Conference (Irish Origins) and guest speaker at the 1988 International Genealogical Congress in Sydney.

IAG Chairman Des Regan will discuss the microfilm which was presented to Australia as a Bicentennial gift by the Irish Government. This microfilm is a copy of all the documents in the Irish State Paper Office relating to the transportation of convict prisoners to Australia 1788-1856. A computerised Index is included in the presentation and we hope will be on display during the Conference, so that we will be able to get our "hands on" and perhaps look up a name or two during this time.

As Ballarat is fairly central within Victoria, we feel that this will also give members of other country groups the opportunity to meet each other and to share in some of the activities of the GSV.

Anyone who is interested in attending the Conference is urged to contact the GSV office as soon as possible so that we have some idea of numbers as places are limited. The Conference Hall can hold approximately 200 persons and we expect that the Ballarat group of the GSV will wish to reserve some of these too. Husbands and wives of members are welcome, so there is no need for anyone to feel left out!

To cover the cost of the Conference there will be a charge of \$25 per person per day, or \$45 per person for the two days. Lunch on Saturday will be available at \$10 a head, while \$24 will cover the price of the dinner and entertainment at Sovereign Hill on Saturday evening. Drinks with Saturday night dinner will be extra, but bar service will be available for your convenience.

To summarise the outlay for the week-end:

*Conference Registration	\$25 per day, or \$45 for both days
Saturday lunch	\$10
Saturday dinner	\$24 plus drinks

* Conference fee is payable at time of Registration, Saturday 5th November. Because of catering commitments we must ask you to please pay the cost of the dinner at Sovereign Hill (\$24) at time of booking, and to help the caterers, could you also give us some idea if you will be requiring lunch on Saturday.

To assist you with accommodation our hard-working Vice-President of Public Relations, Elizabeth Larking, has made a block booking of 20 rooms at the Sovereign Park Motor Inn, 223 Main Road, Ballarat. This Motel is the one nearest to the Conference Hall, so if you would like to reserve a room there, please contact the GSV and you will then be given the rates and availability of rooms.

As *everyone* cannot be accommodated at the Sovereign Park Motel, it would be advisable to pay your deposit at time of booking as reservations will be made strictly in order of receipt of payment. There are plenty of Motels in Ballarat, but it would still be a good idea to book as soon as you have decided to participate in the Conference.

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IRISH ORIGINS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 5th and SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 1988

CONFERENCE HALL

OLD BALLARAT VILLAGE INN
813 Main Road, Ballarat

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER 1988

9.30am	Registration and coffee
10 am	Opening Address <u>Mr. Bruce Fullarton</u> , President of G.S.V. Introducing <u>H.E. the Irish Ambassador, Mr. James Sharkey</u>
10.30am	Keynote address <u>Dr. Portia Robinson</u> Macquarie University, Irish Immigrant Women in Australia
11.30am	<u>Mr. Bob O'Brien</u> "Ballarat Courier", Chairman of Descendants of the Eureka Stockade
12.30 - 2pm	LUNCH (available at \$10 per head)
2.00pm	<u>Mr. Patrick Nolan</u> Chairman Kilkenny Genealogical Circle
3 - 3.30pm	<u>Dr. Chris O'Mahony</u> Mid-West Regional Archivist (Limerick & Tipperary)
4.30 pm	Close
7.00 pm	<u>DINNER and SHOW at SOVEREIGN HILL</u>

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PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER

9.30am - 10am	Coffee
10.00 am	To be notified, see September "Ancestor"
11.00 am	<u>Mr. Des Regan,</u> Chairman of Irish Ancestry Group, G.S.V Introduction to Convict Indexes
11.30 - 1.00 pm	FREE TIME View the Indexes or tour Sovereign Hill, etc.
1.00 - 2.00 pm	LUNCH (own arrangements)
2.00 - 3.00 pm	To be notified, see September "Ancestor"
3.00 - 4.00 pm	<u>Panel of all Speakers</u> Question and Answer Session
4.00 pm	<u>Closing Summary by Dr. Portia Robinson</u>

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name : _____ GSV No: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Full: 2 days for \$45, or **Daily:** \$25 per day.

Social Events (Optional)

Saturday 5th November: Lunch: \$10 Dinner: \$24

Accommodation (If booked through GSV)

Motel name: _____

Number of nights: _____ Dates: _____ Rate: _____

Type of Room: _____ No. of persons: _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED:	Registration Fee	:	_____
	Saturday Lunch	:	_____
	Saturday Dinner	:	_____
	Accommodation	:	_____

TOTAL: _____