

Spreading Branches

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Writing the war

CRANBOURNE LIBRARY TO 7 DECEMBER 2017

To commemorate the centenary of World War 1, Casey Cardinia Libraries is presenting a touring exhibition from the State Library Victoria exploring the personal stories of ordinary Australians told through their own diaries and letters.

Thursday 2 November at 11 am

Michael Madden is a multi-award winning writer and will talk about his current project—researching and writing a book based on the 100 Australian recipients of the Victoria Cross covering their medals, statues, monuments and final resting places.

Thursday 9 November at 2 pm

Official Launch of Writing the War Exhibition. Guest speaker is **Lambis Englezos**, a Greek-born, retired art teacher from Melbourne with a 'magnificent obsession' to find, recover, and honour Australia's missing diggers from the Battle of Fromelles. Lambis received the Order of Australia in 2008 for his Fromelles work. He's a captivating speaker. Don't miss him!

Tuesday 14 November at 11 am

Local History Librarian, **Heather Arnold**, will look at the various ways communities honoured their soldiers once the War ended. Heather will look at Avenues of Honour, War Memorials and Memorial buildings such as Halls, Schools and Hospitals.

Saturday 18 November at 1.30 pm and

Monday, 20 November at 7 pm

Jane Rivett-Carnac - Researching your military history. There is more to a service person than name and rank. Jane's 90 minute talk will explore the many avenues available on the internet and in your library to gather the information you need to write their story. It may be a soldier sent to Sydney Cove with the First Fleet, a bushman in the Boer War, a Great Uncle in the Great War or Dad in the Second World War. Nurses, Sailors, Airmen and Civilians also have a story to tell.



Alice Mills (photographer), Percival Langford, c. 1914. University High School, Parkville archives

Wednesday 22 November to

Friday 24 November from 11 am to 2 pm

'Find a Soldier' drop in sessions. Need help finding information about your military personnel ancestors? Our members and Local History Librarian, Heather Arnold, will be available to help you find your soldier. Drop into the Family History Room at the Cranbourne Library.

Thursday, 23 November at 2 pm

Marg Dennis - Lest We Forget. Featuring songs from World War One, World War Two and the Vietnam War. Margaret performs a moving and unforgettable tribute to the war years of the twentieth century.

Thursday, 28 November at 7 pm

Pompey Elliott At War: In His Own Words

Dr Ross McMullin is an award-winning historian and biographer. His latest book about Australia's most famous general in World War I is *Pompey Elliott at War: in his own words*. Ross' previous biography, *Pompey Elliott*, was awarded the Christina Stead Award for biography and the Melbourne University Press Award for literature while *Farewell, Dear People: Biographies of Australia's Lost Generation* was awarded the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History and the National Cultural Award. Ross has also written books about political history and his articles have been published in many publications.



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Family History Research Room

We have a large collection of books, maps, microfiche, CDs and journals from all over the world available to our members and visitors.

Location

Cranbourne Library,
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne.

Opening Hours for Research

Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm

Meetings

Cranbourne Complex Meeting Room,
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne

Entry Cost \$3

October - April: 7.30 pm

2nd Wednesday of the month (except January).

May - September: 2.00 pm

2nd Saturday of the month.

Membership

Single \$35, Joint \$50. Payable 1 July each year.
Casual visitors \$5 per day.

Membership Renewal

You are welcome to renew your membership by
Direct Deposit into our bank account.

Bank: National Australia Bank

Branch: Fountain Gate

BSB: 083 802

Account No: 539450013

Please don't forget to use your name as a reference.

Please email a copy of your renewal form to the
Membership Officer.

Research Queries

We offer a research service for those unable to visit
our Research Room personally, but please note
that we can only research our own holdings and
those of the local municipal libraries. The cost for
this service is \$15 per hour plus photocopying
expenses. All research queries can be sent to the
Research Officer at the above postal address or
email: research.officer@nwfhg.org.au

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Victorian Association of Family History Organisations
Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.

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President's Report

Here we are, just weeks away from closing the Research Room for the Christmas break and I wonder where the time has gone. It's been an extremely busy but productive year. Now that we're settling in at our new home, there's a few things to be tweaked, we all knew that would be the case. But, everyone seems to be happy with the new room. A large proportion of the work done to get us up and running was done by Anne Blair in her capacity as Research Room Manager and John Elliott, our I.T. Officer, ably supported by Fay McCoubrie, Jane Rivett-Carnac and myself. I thank them for going above and beyond the call of duty, I couldn't think of a better team to be in the trenches with when the going gets tough.

While we've had to buy a few things to get the room

up and running, we've still got a few spare dollars in the bank. We would welcome your suggestions on resources that you'd like to see us purchase on your behalf.

Now that we've made the move, I guess the next 'big' thing to start thinking about in 2018 is our 30th anniversary in May 2019. How will we mark the occasion? Any ideas you might have, would be gratefully received. It would be good to do something fabulous, but what that might be, I'm not sure.

I wish all our members a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. I hope to see you at our Christmas break up at Trios in Cranbourne and at our December meeting.

Lynne Bradley

Local History Archive & NW&DFHG Research Room launch 17 Oct 2017

Thanks to the combined efforts of a lot of people while I was away, the launch of the Local History Archive and the Narre Warren & District Family History Group's new Research Room was a fabulous morning. It was very encouraging to see the meeting room at Cranbourne library full of people representing our Local History Reference Groups, the City of Casey, Casey Cardinia Libraries and NW&DFHG as well as the Cardinia Mayor, Cr Brett Owen and Garry Howe, editor of the Pakenham Gazette.

After a short welcome and introduction by Chris Buckingham (CEO, Casey Cardinia Libraries), Heather Arnold spoke about a few of the Local History Archive's 'treasures' which include many



aerial photographs and City of Berwick newspaper article scrapbooks. But, the highlight of the morning was probably Doveton North Technical School's Corporal Punishment Book and the very strap that was used to dispense the said punishments!

For us, it was a time to formally open a new door, or a new book, chapter or page in our history and an opportunity to acknowledge the help and support given to us by Chris Buckingham and Casey Cardinia Libraries HQ staff, Sue Flett and the staff at Cranbourne and the City of Casey.

Lynne Bradley

Colac and VAFHO Family History Expo 20-22 October 2017

With much laughter and anticipation Jane, Kerryn and Lyne set off for Colac at eight o'clock on Friday morning. Fay and Robin left later in the morning and the two vehicles kept in touch with messages on road conditions and cups of tea at stops. We arrived in Colac with a little time up our sleeves, and went straight to the Mid City Motel so we could leave our bags in the room and freshen up. Then a short drive to the Colac Community Library where we had enough time to have a look at the displays of a few book publishers, and a group display from the Mornington Peninsula Family History Group. Then we joined eighty other would-be writers to enjoy and be inspired by Hazel Edwards and her three hour presentation "Writing a Non-boring Family History". Hazel has the knack of explaining her topic with simple short writing tasks, funny anecdotes and clear examples of the pitfalls of writing for different age groups and in different genres. Every one hung on to her every word. The noise in the room as we did our writing exercises with the stranger next to or in front of you, was like a school yard full of children.



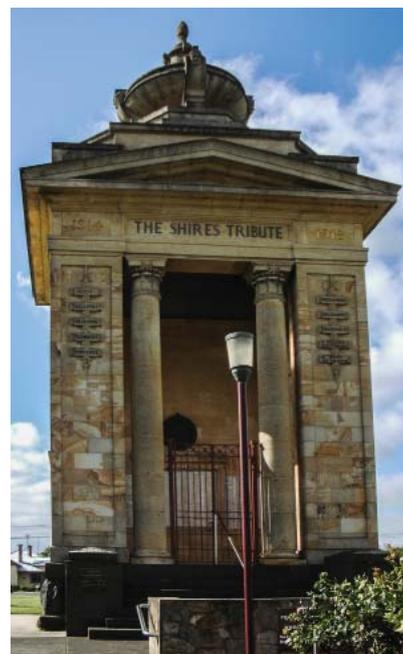
*A packed room listening to Hazel Edwards' talk.
Photograph courtesy of Colac Family History Group*

Hazel is someone that inspires you to stop procrastinating and start writing and I would certainly go and listen to her anytime I get the chance to in the future.

We had a drive around Colac, and stopped at the War Memorial Park. A few more messages and we met up with Fay and Robin for dinner at the Colac RSL, housed in the old Picture Theatre. After a good meal and lots of chatter, Fay and Robin headed back to the caravan park and we went back to our motel to set alarms for a seven o'clock breakfast.

Another short drive to the Colac and Otway Performing Arts Centre and I think we might have been a little eager as we were the second group to arrive and the room was still being setup. We had a comfortable space to work in as we set up the table. Robin fixed up our banner so it would stand up without leaning like a drunk on a windy night. When Fay asked for

the Max Thomson folders I realised I had left them back in Melbourne. Oops! We agreed our day was a success even though we only sold a few books. We all had the chance to attend talks, and now Lyne and Kerryn are hooked on land records at PROV following Susie Zada's talk, Fay and Kerryn attended a talk on DNA, and we purchased some resources for the



group. As a lady from Terang said: "not sure if it's a good or bad thing to send a librarian and treasurer out together." Robin kept us supplied with food and coffee and joined in answering questions about some of our local families. We caught up with people we knew from Mornington and Warragul and it was so nice to have people asking to be remembered to both Di Christensen and Lorraine Taylor.

We packed up and headed home while Fay and Robin went back to their motor home as they stayed another night so they could attend a cemetery walk on the Sunday morning. We are looking forward to a catch up over a cup of tea and the chance to compare notes when Fay and Robin return.

Attending any Expo is good for our group regardless of the financial aspects. VAFHO and the Colac Family History Group presented a wonderful Expo that we were glad we took part in.

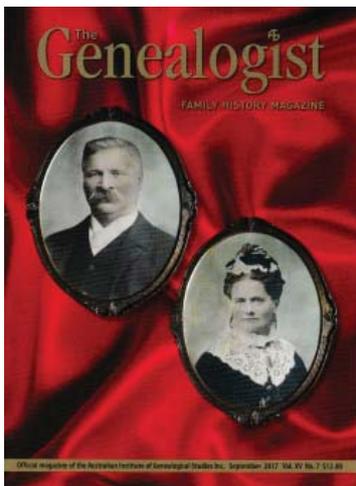
Jane Rivett-Carnac



The Research Room: on the shelves

The librarians often sigh as they process another batch of newsletters and magazines destined to sit, unloved and unread on our shelves. There's a wealth of up to date information in their pages, and some interesting and well written articles that are worth reading. Here's a few highlights from some of the magazines we've just put on the shelves:

- **The Genealogist** (Jun 2017) tells us about the tragic tale of Thomas Killick Jnr and Thomas Killick Snr (part 1), a story of a little five year old in Barnardo's Home, Stepney Causeway, East London. Thomas was sent to Canada with a party of 144 boys and 155 girls in 1895. There's also a long list of names from the Daylesford Miners Petition 1859, and the tale of George Walter Downey who married seven times 'for the sheer love of it'.



- **The Genealogist** (Sep 2017) concludes Thomas Killick's tragic tale and has an excellent article on the new Biographical Index of Australia.

- **Family Tree** (Jul 2017) has key websites for tracing your Scottish ancestors' occupations, 180 years of civil registration in England (great for beginners), the pros and cons of putting your family history online, how Irish land records can help you,



creating research worth keeping (citing your sources).

- **Family Tree** (Aug 2017) gives us 25 web tips & tricks for successful research, teaches us to read old handwriting, tells us about living on a council estate, the pitiless battle of Passchendaele, researching, remembering, retracing your soldier in WW1; helps us trace our ancestors' occupations in Wales, and tells us about the mudlarks and the Waterways Archive.

- **Family Tree** (Sep 2017) has a 30 day family tree boot camp (another great article for beginners), asks if your ancestor was an apprentice, gets you started on your family history in 7 easy steps, and tells us about a navy's life.



- If you're doing Irish research, **Irish Roots** 102 explores the history of Irish emigration in the 19th century, can help you trace your Armagh ancestors, use the online Registry of Deeds at FamilySearch, connect DNA and your Irish roots, read about the project to connect with descendants of Mountbellew orphan girls that sailed on Palestine Ship for Australia in 1853 and explore Irish Place names and families in Munster.
- **Irish Roots** 103 explains the crafts of Irish linen and lace making in the 19th century, helps you trace your Derry ancestors, explore Irish place names and families in Leinster and learn about Irish soldiers in early Australia.

Have you ever borrowed a newsletter or magazine from the Research Room? If you haven't, then perhaps you should take a look at some of them.

Lynne Bradley

Christmas lunch • Saturday 2 December 2017 • 12 noon



This year our Christmas lunch is being held at Trios Sports Club at Cranbourne Racing Complex, 30 Grant Street, Cranbourne.

All members are welcome.

Bookings: Anne Blair – research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au or phone: 9702 6088 by Friday 24 Nov 2017.



Note: Research Room will be closed on this day.

RSL Berwick—what are Monuments or Memorials?

When you think of monuments and memorials, do you think of honour boards, war memorials, opening plaques, etc.? Would you



classify clocks, drinking fountains, Roll of Honour books, or awards as a monument or memorial? These questions began after the inception of this project and our aim was to photograph, transcribe and document EVERY monument or memorial within the City of Casey and the Shire of Cardinia.

Without any precedent to direct us, we decided to record everything with a name inscribed on it so that those people will be remembered. This means we record EVERY monument and memorial we survey and this gives us a greater understanding of the history of the City of Casey and the Shire of Cardinia



The Berwick RSL is a site that not only had the traditional honour boards and memorials, it also had a variety of other monuments. Located at 17 Langmore Lane, Berwick it was surveyed by Fay and Anne on 21 May 2012.

The various monuments and memorials and their records that were surveyed at the Berwick RSL are:

- Opening Ceremony plaque - Records the date and people officiating the opening
- Berwick Grammar School Boer War Honour Roll - A record of those who gave their life at the call between 1899-1902
- Great War Honour Roll - A record of those who lost their lives during 1914-1919, erected by the old Boys of the School (right)
- Great European War Roll of Honour - A record of those who served during 1914-1919



- Boer War Honorary Life Member plaque - Remembers a life member
- Berwick Sub-Branch RSL / Women's Auxiliary - Records of Secretaries and years of service
- Berwick Sub-Branch RSL / Women's Auxiliary - Records of Presidents and years of service
- Berwick Sub Branch / RSSAILA - Records of Secretaries and years of service (1929-1989)
- Berwick Sub Branch / RSSAILA- Records of Secretaries and years of service (1990-2012)
- Berwick Sub Branch RSL / President - Records of Presidents and years of service
- Berwick Sub Branch / RSSAILA - Records of Life Members of Victoria Branch & Sub Branch
- Claud Harris portrait - A photo plus information about Claud (above)
- Piano plaque - Donation by the Whiteside family
- No 5 Squadron Garrison Troops / Australian Light Horse CMF Victoria - A photo board with names
- Clock in bar room over the bar - Remembering Thelma Molyneux
- John Joseph Bannan - A display of his photo, details, and medals
- A E Christie sketch in framed photo - A sketch
- Portrait of "Cliffy" Emmanuel - A painting by Cliff's father (right)



Details of all these monuments and memorials can be found at <http://www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/berwick-rsl/>

Eileen Durdin

Narre Warren & District Family History Group

2017 Writing Competition Terms & Conditions



- The Competition is open to financial members of NW&DFHG only.
- The Competition will start with February edition of the newsletter and finish with the November edition.
- Topic to be family history related and be fresh unpublished work.
- No proof reading or editing will be done by the newsletter editor, articles and stories will be published as submitted.
- At the end of the year, the author of the story or article receiving the most votes will be declared the winner.
- Prizes: 1 year Ancestry UK+ subscription; 1 year Prahran Mechanics' Institute membership
- In the event of a tie – Heather Arnold (Local History Librarian for Casey Cardinia Libraries) will be asked to declare a winner.
- Voting instructions will be emailed to all financial members.



Writing Competition—Entry One

Death on the high seas—one family's immigrant experience



Conditions on the sailing ship *Rockhampton* must have been almost unbearable for its 379 adult passengers and 160 children,¹ during the four months it took to sail from Liverpool, England, to Keppel Bay, Queensland, in 1863. Measles broke out among the passengers two days after leaving Liverpool and continued until a couple of weeks before landfall. Within a month of setting out, five people had died from diphtheria.²

In all, 29 people died on this voyage, many of them children. On average, there would have been a funeral service conducted at sea every four days, each one more distressing than the last.

One of those who died was Andrew, infant son of my Great Great Grandparents, David and Ellen Miller.³

The ship had to heave to for his funeral, its sails flapping loosely in the wind and its timbers creaking as it rode the ocean's swells. Andrew's tiny body was wrapped in canvas and weighed down with stones from the ship's ballast.⁴ He was laid on a plank, the outer end resting on the ship's rail, the inner end on a barrel.

The captain conducted the funeral service, standing at Andrew's head and reading from the

Bible. With so many passengers aboard, the deck was crowded, with some passengers consoling Andrew's parents and siblings, grouped in grief beside his body.

At the conclusion of the service the captain intoned the words "We commit thy body to the deep" and the inboard end of the plank was raised. David and Ellen hugged their children closer as they watched the tiny bundle slide into the sea, lost instantly to sight.

The service over, the captain offered his condolences to David and Ellen, then it was back to business. Orders were shouted, sheets were hauled in and the ship's sails filled with wind as she ploughed relentlessly on through the waves.

Miller	David	36
.	Ellen	36-
.	Robert	11
.	William	9
.	David	4
Infant	Andrew (Died)	
.	Ellen	14

There is no grave to mark Andrew's last resting place and no headstone to record the details of his short life. There is no surviving photograph of the child. His immediate family would remember him and the next generation would know of him but family memories of him would increasingly fade until

succeeding generations might never know he ever existed.

Somewhere, deep in some dark and dusty depository, Andrew's death will have been recorded, perhaps never accessed by anyone. Today, the only known record of his passing is a one-word notation in the ship's passenger list: "(Died)".⁵

Ken Swadling

1 Votes and Proceedings, Queensland Legislative Assembly, 1864: 1020-1021.

2 Chellingsworth, Dennis, "Immigrants Boosted Rocky's Population by Hundreds in 1863" in *2200 Years Under Capricorn*, Vol 2 Part B, p961.

3 Passenger List, *Rockhampton*.

4 Watt, J., "A Long March to Australia" *Australian Family Tree Connections*, July 2013, p34.

5 Passenger List, *Rockhampton*, *op.cit.*

Writing Competition—Entry Two

England, 26 July, 1948



“Dear Diane,¹

I expect you would like to know how they (the socks) arrived at this house?

I heard of a little girl

that lost her mummy

when she was born

eight years ago. Her

name is Margaret. Some kind people looked after her as her daddy couldn't whilst he was at work. Two years ago her daddy married but the new mummy didn't want Margaret and had been ill treating her and keeping her very hungry. She was very pretty, but very dirty and ragged.”

This was part of a letter addressed to me in July 1948. My mother had knitted socks for inclusion in food parcels to be sent to England and placed my name on them. Many organisations and individuals in Ballarat sent parcels of clothing and food overseas for many years.

I found a small folder of these letters amongst her papers after she passed away and brought them home to sort through. Initially the letters were very formal—“Dear Mrs Williams” (my mother) and “Dear Mrs Brown”*, then, as the time passed, “Dear Hazel” and “Dear Iris”.

Iris continued to tell the story of Margaret and then John, 4, (an orphan) who came along a year later. Iris and her husband Roy eventually adopted both children. Iris sent the children's measurements to my mother who sewed dresses for Margaret and knitted jumpers for John. The children were very very proud of items from Australia and took them to school to brag about them. I do not know how my mother could afford the many items

she sent overseas as she was a single parent, with two small daughters. In July 1948² the Australian Government had imposed maximum prices at which goods could be sold. Dessicated coconut—1 pound for 3 shillings 6 pence; peanut butter—4oz jar for 1 shilling 4 ½ pence; pastry mixture—12oz packet for 9 pence.



*My mother, my sister Helen and I
(from the Christensen-Williams Family Archive)*

Iris wrote, Somebody knocks at the door and says “Quick Iris, they've bananas up at the shops. I knock on my neighbours doors, and in a few minutes we come triumphantly back, giggling like school girls with our bananas, of course.” They had never tasted peanut butter and enjoyed it immensely. Pies were made from the pastry mix, a trifle was spread with the shredded coconut from Australia.

Iris suffered many trips to hospital for various illnesses; my mother was separating from my father and probably used Iris as a sounding board. Her parents and siblings would have given different suggestions as to what to do in this situation.

Politics were discussed—who should win this election—England needed strong leadership to get the country back on its feet. The lack of, and cost, of food and clothing, the health and wellbeing of their children; they exchanged photos of their



*John and Margaret
(from the Christensen-Williams Family Archive)*

children, themselves and their home towns. The weather, schools, television and radio programs, books, magazines, holidays, relatives of Iris who had lost their homes in the blitz, polio cases in 1949 and family weddings were also mentioned.

Iris stated that she would love to visit Australia and asked my mother whether she would like to visit the UK. Well she did—three times—each

time on her own.

1 From letters from England to Australia 1948-1952.
Christensen-Williams Family Archive

2 Commonwealth Australian Gazette—Thursday 22 July 1948

It is sad that Iris and my mother did not meet. I have researched the family on Ancestry and found that Roy died in January 1998³ and their adopted son John died in October 1986⁴. I cannot find the death of Iris or even marriage or death of Margaret—I have emailed several people with this family on their Ancestry trees but with no helpful responses.

3 Ancestry

4 Ancestry

These 5,800 words, in eleven letters, covered some difficult years in the lives of both Iris and my mother from 1948 to 1952. I would love to read the letters Iris received from Ballarat. The letters from England always stated how thankful they were to receive the wonderful parcels from Ballarat.

* Mrs Brown—not real name.

Di Christensen

Writing Competition—Entry Three

A Promise



William Henry Tennison Pery was the second son of Henry Hartstonge Pery and Annabella Edwards. He was sent to Australia to make his own way in the world.¹ Arriving in Sydney in 1832 William held the position of Clerk to the Post Office and later was sent by Governor Burke to Norfolk Island to fill the role of Superintendent of Agriculture.² Conditions were harsh on Norfolk Island and with no natural harbour ships anchored offshore. Pilot boats crewed by convicts making the treacherous journey between land and ship. On one occasion William was sent to meet an incoming ship from Sydney to collect the despatches. On the return journey, in severe weather, when they'd almost crossed the bar, a towering wave swamped the boat resulting in it capsizing. All aboard made for the shore, however William, encumbered by heavy clothing, struggled to keep afloat. One convict came to the assistance of William and floundering for near on half an hour finally hauled William's near lifeless body ashore. When he regained consciousness, William's first act was to thank the convict who saved his life. He promised that he would do all he could to procure a free pardon for the man to whom he undoubtedly owed his existence. A few years after this incident William Pery received news from home that changed the course of his life. Both his father and older brother had recently passed away, and as a consequence he was to return home to take up the responsibilities and duties as the 2nd Earl of Limerick. William set about organising

his departure from Australia and contacted his rescuer, the recently pardoned convict William Archer. Pery wished to take William Archer under his patronage, accompanying him to England and granting him a property called Newtown Pery in the county of Limerick. Pery promised William Archer he would want for nothing for the rest of his life. Days before the departure Pery told William Archer he could not take him to England with him due to monetary problems, but once settled in Limerick he would send for him.³

Had William Pery kept the promises he made to the convict William Archer, I would not be writing this story today. William Archer was my Great Great Grandfather. Sentenced to seven years for stealing, he arrived in Australia aboard the York in 1831. He was a recidivist convict sentenced to Norfolk Island in 1834 for the term of his natural life. William was also instrumental in saving the lives of others from the dangerous surf while on Norfolk Island. Due to these gallant actions William was granted a free pardon in 1842. William went on to marry and raise seven children. He bought land in the Clarence River area of New South Wales where he was a farmer, an hotelier and served as Mayor on the Grafton council.

I can only assume that William Archer was a man of strength and determination who overcame the adversities of being a convict destined to serve out his life on Norfolk Island. It is a testament to his character that he turned his life around, becoming a family man and a respected member of the community.

Moreyn Dimsey

1 <http://www.thepeerage.com/p8241.htm#i82409>

2 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article98083432>

3 The Tweed and Brunswick Advocate 9 Oct 1889–18 Dec 1889

Please vote for your favourite story

Members will receive an email with voting instructions shortly.
The winners to be announced at our Christmas meeting on 13 December 2017.

Writing Competition—Entry Four

People that bind us from our past



They say that there are Six degrees of separation to connect any two people in six steps or less, and in my family tree research I have found two cases so far, which in itself is strange, as I have quite a lot of people in my tree. I guess that gives me plenty more to find in the future.

My first find was connecting my son and his wife. I found this little 6 degrees when I was researching my daughter in-laws family. I knew that my family, the Whitehursts lived in Williamstown at many address' over the years, so when I found out that the Freeman family also live in Williamstown, I thought that it might be fun to see where. It seems that in 1919 my daughter- in-laws great grandparents, the Freemans lived next door to my son's great great grandparents, the Whitehursts', one family living at no.2 and the other at no.4 Vera Street Williamstown. The electoral rolls for the years before and after showed that both families had moved elsewhere but for this short time span they were connected as neighbours. Of course, this also makes the connection true for my daughter in-laws father and myself, as these two families are connected to us. The electoral rolls for this time in 1919 show that both the men worked for the railways so maybe they worked together too.

The second case I found was when I was researching my partner Michael's family. I was looking in Trove¹ for anything about Herbert Giraud who was his grandfather. I knew he was a shop manager from the electoral rolls. I came across an article from 1927 about a man obtaining goods from retail stores by telephone, by using bogus names. This is where I found Herbert giving his statement in court as the store Manager of 'Harringtons' in Melbourne. He told how a man had rung to say he was sending in someone to pick up a camera. I established that this was the Herbert I was looking for so I scrolled to the top of the article only to find another name jump out at me. "Harold Wilson a junior salesman of 'Danks'. My Grandfather as it turns out was also giving a statement, as the same man had also rung 'Danks'. Harold had spoken with the man in question about the order of a loud speaker to be delivered to his home. The man was using other customers names and charging goods to their accounts. A court case in 1927 brought these two men

DARING IMPOSITION.
Bogus Orders by Telephone.
False Pretences Charge.
Leo Clarence Wolfe, carpenter, of Albert-street, Box Hill, was charged in the City Court yesterday with having obtained by false pretences a radio loud speaker from John Danks and Co. Ltd. valued at £6 19/ on 18th September last, and of having obtained on divers dates wireless goods from Messrs. P. A. Morris and Co., Little Collins-street, goods valued at approximately £20, and with having procured wireless goods and a camera from Harringtons Pty. Ltd.
Harold Wilson, junior salesman at Danks, said that on 18th September last a man rang on the telephone and asked that a loud speaker be sent to Jarrold, at Martin-street, Surrey Hills.
William Jarrold, carpenter, of Albert-street, Surrey Hills, said he had an account at Danks's, but had given accused no authority to purchase goods for him.
Herbert Reginald Giraud, shop manager at Harringtons', Collins-street, Melbourne, said that on 20th October he received a telephone message from a man who said "Taylor, Box Hill," was speaking. He said he was sending a boy in for a Kodak Junior camera. Later a boy called, and the camera was handed to him. Stanley Garfield Homburg, radio manager of Harringtons', said that on 6th December he received a telephone message from a man who gave the name of "Taylor, Box Hill."

together who happen to be Michael's and my grandfathers. So there you are another case of 6 degrees of separation.

It's so exciting and totally amazing to find these little gems and I am looking forward to finding my next one, hopefully it will be soon.

Kerryn Maxwell

¹ The Age, 25 March 1927

Welcome to our
new members
Jan Weiner
Maureen Hughes

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We would like
to read your stories.
Please submit your articles
by 15 January 2018

Vale Alice Amelia Pattison

It is always sad to say farewell to any of our members. It was lovely to see so many of our members at Alice's funeral service. Alice joined our group in July 1995 with the membership no. 29. Over the next 22 years Alice was a valued member of our group. In 2001 we awarded her with the title "Best Door Lady ever". She would always volunteer

at our Open days. Alice was in charge of our "Sales Table" at our meetings for many years. History was very much part of Alice's life and she entered in our Family History Writing Competition a few years ago. Many recalled how on our Away Days Alice could always find some of her family no matter where we were. Alice was born in 1926, so she saw many changes in her lifetime. We will miss you Alice.

Fay McCoubrie

Coming up:

General Meeting

Wed, 8 Nov 7.30 pm
Garry Wood on DNA

'Remembering military ancestors'

Sat 18 Nov 1.30 pm
Mon 20 Nov 7 pm

Christmas lunch

Sat 2 Dec 12 noon

Christmas Meeting

Wed 13 Dec 7.30 pm

Sausage Sizzle

Easter Monday 2 Apr 2018

Research Room Roster:

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.
The Research Room Manager will be able to send you a contact list.

December 2017

Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
		2	Room closed Christmas lunch
5	Fay McCoubrie Bev Lambie	9	Kerryn Maxwell Eileen Durdin
12	Anne Blair Maureen Abbott		Room closed for Christmas break

February 2018

Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
6	Fay McCoubrie Maureen Stagg	10	Lyne McGregor Wendy Goodwin
13	Moreyn Dimsey Joyce Masters	17	Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor
20	Bev Lambie Anne Blair	24	Kerryn Maxwell Lynne Bradley
27	Brenda Wheeler Maureen Abbott		

"Australisches Deutschtum: Reconnections - Recollections - Resilience"

17-19 August 2018

Adelaide South Australia



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Publications for Sale

For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Avenue of Honour)

This book tells the stories of 36 families of Harkaway who watched, waited and pined for the 66 men and 2 women who enlisted and tried to make it safely back to home. Ten did not return.

Most of the men served in the infantry across 18 battalions predominately in the 14th, 21st, 24th and the 59th. Four local lads served in the Light Horse, 3 in the Pioneers, 3 in the 4th Field Ambulance, 6 in the Machine Gun or artillery units. 1 soldier served with the Tropical Force in New Guinea until 1920.

Two were awarded the MM (Military Medal) and 1 was awarded the MSM (Meritorious Service Medal) and 1 the DSO (Distinguished Service Order). Others were mentioned in dispatches.

For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Avenue of Honour)
\$20 + \$6 postage + handling

Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery

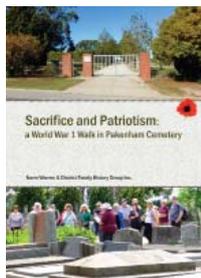
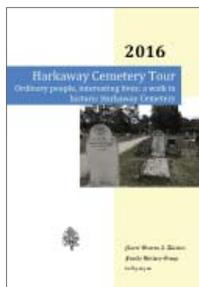
(published 2016) abounds with people who, once arrived, had to create a roof over their heads, people who needed to grow crops or nurture their livestock to be able to eat, neighbours who no longer remained strangers, faces who became familiar at church or school or the general store or railway station.

Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery
\$15 + \$4 postage + handling

Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery

(published 2016) tells the stories of 64 families who watched and supported 120 men and one woman as they enlisted.



This book tells the stories of sets of brothers, a father and his son, a nurse and a sailor along with two Indigenous soldiers. Soldiers who received awards, soldiers who served as troopers, gunners, sappers, drivers, and signallers; in the Light Horse, Pioneers, Railway Unit, Anzac Police and Provost Corps and in the Cyclist Battalion.

Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery \$20 + \$6 postage + handling

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery

(published 2015) examines the cemetery's connections with the Great War. Our stories embrace 100 men from over 70 families – all linked to Berwick Cemetery and the community it served.

Twenty-eight men did not return; they are still in France, Gallipoli, Belgium, Malta, Palestine, at sea and 6 have no known grave.

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Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District

(published 2010 by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.) is a 274 page book complete with index to people, properties and ships; plus a bibliography. There are over 300 entries containing birth, death and marriage information for individuals and families, many of which were submitted by descendants of those people and include photographs not published elsewhere. In many cases detailed biographies have been written by descendants or compiled by the family history group, giving an insight into the early days of many Casey Cardinia families and individuals.

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District
\$30 + \$16 postage + handling

Kindred Spirits. 20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009

\$25 + \$11 postage + handling

Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham Cemetery Tour (2011)	\$10
Cranbourne Cemetery Tour (2012)	\$10
Lang Lang Cemetery Tour (2013)	\$10
Berwick Cemetery Tour (2014)	
“Murder & Mystery”	\$15
Pakenham Cemetery Tour (2015)	
“Indomitable Women”	\$15

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