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## An Irish Friendship Wish

- ♣ May there always be work ♣  
for your hands to do;
- ♣ May your purse always ♣  
hold a coin or two;
- ♣ May the sun always shine ♣  
on your windowpane;
- ♣ May a rainbow be certain ♣  
to follow each rain;
- ♣ May the hand of a friend ♣  
always be near you;
- ♣ May God fill your heart ♣  
with gladness to cheer you.



\*General Meeting  
Wed, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8 p.m.

\* Christmas Lunch  
Thurs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2004  
12 noon, La Porchetta,  
Narre Warren.

\* General Meeting  
Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004  
Christmas break-up and  
raffle draw. Return your  
tickets by tonight.

Research Room closes  
18th December 2004  
3 p.m.

Research Room re-opens  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 11 a.m.

\*General Meeting  
Wed, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2004, 8 p.m.

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<p align="center"><u>Membership &amp; Meetings</u></p> <p>Membership:          Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee          Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee          Payable 1st July each year.</p> <p>Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.          Nov - May: 8 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January)          Jun - Oct : 2 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month</p> <p>The cost is \$2 and includes a light supper.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Family History Research Room</u></p> <p>Our Family History Research Room is located within the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.</p> <p>Family History Research Room hours:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td> </tr> </table> <p>We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. We also welcome visitors - a research fee of \$5.00 per day applies to non-members.</p>	Tuesday	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Thursday	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Saturday	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<p align="center"><u>Research Queries</u></p> <p>We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Family History Room personally but please note that we can only research our own holdings and those of the local municipal libraries.</p> <p>The cost for this service is \$10 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address.</p> 
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<p align="center"><u>Family History Research Room Information Sessions</u></p> <p>For new members who would like to discover exactly what we have in the Family History Research Room - or for those members who are currently not using the holdings we have to their best advantage.</p> <p>Friendly and informal information sessions with small groups of members are currently being held by Pam Lowther. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available.</p> <p>For further information or to reserve a place at the next session please contact Pam on 0402 847 175.</p> <p>Members: No charge          Visitors: \$5 charge.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Publications for Sale</u></p> <p><b>Microfiche:</b>  <u>Berwick Cemetery</u>          Register &amp; Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00  <u>Harkaway Cemetery</u>          Register &amp; Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00  <u>Pakenham Cemetery</u>          Register &amp; Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00          + \$2.50 postage and packing for 1, 2 or 3 sets of fiche</p> <p><b>Books:</b>          Harkaway Primary School - Origins to 1975          by Jennifer Boyer = \$20 (postage included)</p>
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The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the City of Casey in allowing us the use of the facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

## FAREWELL

It is with mixed feelings of relief and regret that I am resigning as President of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc, effective from the Committee Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2004.

Initially, I took on the position to assist the group in the short term, not really expecting to stay for so long, but external and family pressures have combined to make my resignation necessary.

I will be staying on as Membership Secretary, with the added duties of keeping the Members' Resources database up to date, and I am looking forward to the reduced responsibility.

Thank you for your assistance and support to date.

Meredith G Bell

### Bayles – Sands & McDougall 1929

By rail 45 ¾ miles. County of Mornington,  
Shire of Cranbourne.

Abel, David G.  
Ahearn, Sylvester P.  
Andrews, Alfred R., farmer  
Black, George H., farmer  
Carter, Erroll, farmer  
Corbett, Thomas P., farmer  
Cunningham, Joseph B., farmer  
Egan, Francis, farmer  
English, Scottish & Australian Bank Ltd. –  
Branch Manager, W.K. Paterson.  
Freeman, Barford J., farmer  
Guest, Roy  
Harker, Frederick H.  
Haythorne, Alfred B.  
Huntingford, William E.H., farmer  
Kane, John, farmer  
Kean, E.H., storekeeper  
Kevan, Alex. J., farmer  
McClure, Thomas M., farmer  
Miles, Eric C., farmer  
Noy, Henry  
O'Brien, Thomas P.B., farmer  
O'Connell, Patrick J., farmer  
Richardson, George J. farmer  
Taylor, Fred. J.  
Watts, H.M., baker  
Woodman, Henry J., butcher

## PEOPLE YOU MEET

By Jeanette Angee

On a recent trip my husband, David and I met with a chap named Laurie who lived and had previously mined around the area where David's grandfather and great-grandfather lived in the Elaine/Morrison's area near Ballarat. We got talking and he described how his property backed onto a property belonging to a Chinese market gardener named 'Angee' who farmed there in late 1800's. This was great-grandfather James Angee who married Amy Harris in 1882 at St Johns Church in Morrison's. The story told by old Mr Parkinson from the same district, who has long since died, was that three Angee babies were buried at the bottom of Laurie's property and on the burial site they had planted a pear tree which is still there.

Laurie added that as a youth he had met David's grandfather down the creek panning for gold and he remembered him as a very nice chap who lived in a shack he had built himself. (We have photographs of the original farmhouse). This, he said would have been in the 1950s by which time the family would have all left home and there would have been only he and Grandma living there.

Official records show Grandpa, Henry Angee B1882, Alec B1885 then a gap of five years before the next child, Ellen B1890, D1890; Victor B1893, D1893, (Ellen and Victor both buried in Morrison's cemetery), then finally Daisy Margaret B1895. This shows a gap between 1885 and 1890 when maybe others were born and died and maybe due to financial or other circumstances they were unable to be buried in a cemetery.

Interested members can read more of the history of the Angee family in the Family History 'From Whence they Came' held in our research room.

#### DISCLAIMER:

Contributions to this newsletter are accepted in good faith and the Committee does not accept responsibility for accuracy of information of submitted articles nor opinions expressed.

**~ Christmas 2004 ~**

I am going to boast about this year's raffle. In record time three of us - yes, only three - Val Holland, Shirley Peterson and myself sought donations from 382 retail outlets in the Narre Warren/Fountain Gate area. Lynne Bradley sent many faxes to head offices, and some members donated goods. Thank you to all. This year we have broken four records. The first already being mentioned, the second is that the number of outlets donating has increased to just over one quarter. The third is the retail value of goods collected. And lastly, there are 25 hampers this year, all of which contain goods and vouchers. (Some hampers contain "buy one, get one free" vouchers or similar, which are not included in the retail value of that hamper).

Apart from sausage sizzles, this is our major fundraising venture for the year. Our computers are in desperate need of help. Don't get me wrong. They are not sick, but are absolutely aching for a major upgrade of hardware. Most research material today comes out on software that needs large amounts of power to run the program, so we have no choice but to upgrade. As we all know this takes a lot of money, so this year's raffle profits will go towards this large expense. Please consider this. If you come into the research room to use the computers and can't run a program it is frustrating, so an extra effort in selling raffle tickets this year is a must.

Members, your book of 20 raffle tickets is included with this newsletter (those who have Spreading Branches emailed to them will receive their tickets by post if not in attendance at the November general meeting). If you are unable to buy or sell your tickets maybe you may like to make a donation to the group instead. More tickets are available if required, and if non-members require tickets for these great hampers, please don't hesitate to contact us. For your tickets to be included in the draw please return all ticket butts and money by **8p.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2004**, when the lucky numbers will be drawn at our Christmas break-up meeting. Diana Wheeler has organized something special for this night, where partners are most welcome. You are guaranteed a fun night and you may even win a door prize. Please bring a small plate with something on it for supper. Our February newsletter will list all hamper winners and retail outlets that have sponsored our group.

*Jenny Hayes – Christmas Raffle Co-Ordinator*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$800</b> Cosmetic bag Perfume set Platter CD storage Vouchers	Drawer liner Craft scissors Puzzles Throw rug Bath brush Bon bons Car care items	Candle set Game Garden light kit Paint Envelopes Plate Christmas items
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$500</b> Cushion Fairy teddy Pasta Pasta sauce Drink coasters Bathroom pack	Alcohol Phone neck strap Puzzle Recorder Fragrance set Facial cleanser Coffee beans Coffee mug	Salt & pepper set Tea towel Bon bons Soap Calculator Note pad Scratchy tickets Vouchers
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$400</b> Gardening items Soap set Cushions	Throw rug Fragrance sets Biscuits Pasta Hair care	Scarf Platter Picture frames Sander Vouchers
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$300</b> Bathroom pack Game	Radio/CD player Puzzle Toy Biscuits Telephone organiser	Note pads Fragrance set Vouchers Calculator set
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$200</b>	Quilt cover Picture	Vouchers
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$200</b>	Hair dryer Teddy	Toy Vouchers, Puzzle

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$200</b> Fragrance set	Soap Scarf Biscuits	Pasta Pasta sauce Vouchers
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$200</b>	Cushion Fragrance set Puzzle	Pad & envelopes Vouchers
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$200</b>	Cushion Vouchers	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$100</b>	Fish tank Voucher	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$100</b>	Hair pack Vouchers	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$100</b>	Fragrance set Vouchers	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$100</b>	Bathroom pack Vouchers	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$100</b>	Door mat Vouchers	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$100</b>	Puzzle Vouchers	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Fragrance/bathroom pack	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Fragrance set Vouchers	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Memo set Vouchers	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Stationery pack Vouchers	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Bathroom pack Vouchers	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Cushion Vouchers	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Cards Bon bons	Vouchers
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$50</b>	Weather station Vouchers	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$41</b>	Calculator Vouchers	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Prize – Contents</b> <b>Retail Value of \$33</b>	Soap Cards	Vouchers



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The deadline for the February 2005 edition of Spreading Branches is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

**Congratulations!**

To member Wendy Eldridge on the publication of her Index to Queanbeyan newspapers Sep 1860 to Dec 1861.

Wendy has also produced a very professional and handsome book of useful forms for the Family Historian. You can purchase it at any of our General Meetings or from the Research Room.



## AGCI

From Keitha Schoppe.

Have you used the AGCI index (Australian Genealogical Computer Index)? The AGCI is an index of Genealogical references in Australia - a "where to go" index in fact, and is available in our Research Room. The YATES surname was entered and a reference was found, that lead me to the Melbourne "Age".

"OMEGA"

To the Editor of the "Age"

Sir, - With my father and mother (Mr and Mrs John Baker) three sisters and brother, we embarked on board the sailing ship Omega, sailing for Australia on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1856, landing at Geelong 19<sup>th</sup> September, following 104 days at sea. Seemingly the whole population turned out to give welcome.

My eldest sister ( Mrs James Welsh) was married shortly before leaving London. Her husband opened a business as a Brass Founder and Plumber, in Union St, Geelong. My brother, Richard (Dick) married one of the girl passengers, Miss Sarah Ann Pierpoint, shortly afterwards. He spent his twentieth birthday on board. A fortnight ago he celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> natal day. There were a Mr and Mrs Friend, a Miss Talbot, Miss Mary Ann Teran, also a Mr Benjamin Stock on board. One serious incident occurred, a passing vessel ramming us amidships. As it was it took a huge slice off the side of the ship. The sailors secured the damaged timber and made souvenirs of it (I have one). We had a service of thanks to the Almighty for our safe deliver—

I wonder how many (if any) of the passengers are living. Only my brother and I are left of our family, and I'm nearly 85. I remember my mother telling me the Omega brought out another load of passengers, then sailed for another port with soldiers and was wrecked-

Yours Sincerely East Malvern (Mrs) J.J. Yates.

Letter written c July 1934.

## Latter-Day Saints, Narre Warren

From Lorraine Taylor

Have you tried the new LDS at Narre Warren North yet? It is well set up and they have great holdings of the English BDMs. They have also recently obtained Ancestry.com on-line. This is a subscription based web site, but for visitors to the LDS it's free! You can also order Parish Register films for a nominal fee and so much more. I ordered a film for a parish in Cambridgeshire and found the banns and marriage for my 3 x Gt Grandparents in 1798. I have now proven a direct line to them. All I have to do now is find their births. Easy huh! I've only been doing family history for 23 years!

Editors note: If you'd like to go to the LDS but feel a bit shy, why not put a message on My Connected Community requesting a research partner? You can laugh at each other's family, rejoice in a find, or just learn the ropes of a new place together. It's always nicer with a kindred spirit.

<http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/>

## Beaconsfield (Holiday Resorts)

### Sands & McDougall 1910

Adamson, J., carpenter & builder  
Cardinia Park Hotel – M. O'Callaghan –  
Proprietress  
Crowley, Mrs. I, fruiterer  
Gippsland Hotel – Miss White  
May, Harry, commission agent  
Manning, J. F., butcher  
Paternoster, S., storekeeper  
Post Office – Robertson, F.R., Post Master  
Public Hall – Skinner, Miss E., secretary  
Railway Station, Robertson, F.R., Station Master  
Rifle Club – Turnley \_, secretary  
Ross, George H. D., farmer  
Somers, Miss E., dining rooms  
State School – McCann, H.J., headmaster



## New Members! Welcome!

The following new members have joined us over the past year. Please make them feel welcome if you come across them.

Maggie Towell  
Alex McDougall  
Ray Welsford  
Kieran Murphy  
Ann Gerakis  
Gwen Asling  
Harry Prosser  
Sarah Lowe

Susanne Ashley  
Susan Axelsson  
Ivan Blitz  
Susan Latchford  
Enid Treadway  
Sharon Johnstone  
Julie Morrow  
Stanley Ashley

## Finding Great Great Grandpa.

By Dawn Webb

I always had a vague interest in family history but it seemed too hard and too time consuming. You see, I decided to start with my father's father who died when Dad was 12. I had his marriage certificate and Dad was confident in his age, name and place of birth - but Grandpa was not to be found on the Victorian BDM fiche when and where he should have been. So, I gave up at the first hurdle – twice. Some years later, my children said they wanted to know more about the family so I decided to have another go at it and persist this time. And by then, the computerised version of the BDM index was available. I decided that by the 1870s he HAD to be registered somewhere, somehow ... and spent a few hours at the AIGS "playing". I ended up using just first names, assuming they would be the least likely to be changed. Mother Elizabeth - no problems – and Albert Thomas or Thomas Albert for the baby. He turned up two years before Elizabeth was married to W. D. HUNTER (my maiden name was Hunter, somewhat erroneously as it turns out!), and was registered as Thomas KIRBY. His mother's maiden name was BURROWS - which confirmed it. It revived an almost forgotten memory of having been told I was lucky to have a birth certificate when I started school, as my grandfather had never had one - just a christening certificate. Ha Ha! That "find" gave me confidence.

I obtained Tom's birth certificate and his mother's, (his father being rather doubtful - possibly not the man his mother married a couple of years later and whose surname he took) and found her English born parents' names. Eventually I found out about census records, shipping records, English parish records and so on – I was hooked. I visited my daughter in London and the places gg grandfather (Wheatfield Oxfordshire) and gg Grandma (Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, on the Norfolk border) were born and lived until they came to Melbourne in 1849 and 1852 respectively. Went to the church in Wheatfield, saw the actual parish records, saw the order to bury my ggg grandmother after the inquest - the ACTUAL piece of paper, folks, 150 years old, still preserved – and I TOUCHED it! Went to the museum in Wisbech which was purpose-built a year or two before gg gran left there – walked the streets, found the street the family lived in when she was born – it was wonderful! GG Gran Elizabeth Bossingham married James BURROWS just a few weeks after she arrived, and that marriage certificate was easy to get. On the boat with Elizabeth were two of her sisters (Annie and Esther) and also James' brother Thomas and sister Mary Ann. Later in 1852 Annie married Thomas. In 1854 another Bossingham sister, Frances (Fanny) arrived with her husband, J?? Walker. By then Esther was a Mrs Kitchen. I found them all, and they roughly stuck together, especially the two Burrows couples.

My gg grandparents had children – first at Melbourne (Emerald Hill), then my g grandmother Elizabeth at

Back Creek (which one??!), the only girl. (She is the mother of my illegitimate grandfather mentioned earlier.) Two more boys were born in the Berwick - Narre Warren area; one of these births was registered six weeks after the birth at Brighton. Why? Who was there? *That link with Brighton is a puzzle, as they seemed to keep going back there and the Bossingham girls got off the boat and went to "friends at Brighton". The association with that suburb went on for many years. My father, born 1918, was brought up in the St Kilda Elwood Brighton area. There was a William Burrows mayor of Brighton in 1890, produce merchant etc, whom I thought may have been the brother of James and Thomas and Mary Ann, but we have disproved that in recent months. However, I have an Uncle William (who came out in 1849 with gg grandpa) and his wife Ann still lost somewhere in Oz.*

Having tracked the couple by birth of children, there was NOTHING more till my illegitimate grandfather was born. A gap of some years, and a different generation. After some work and contact with distant cousins whom I found (and who found me) through mailing lists, word of mouth, friends, serendipity, we all agreed that the Elizabeth Burrows who died 1870 in the Melbourne General Hospital (deaths listed on line), was "OURS". She was born in Cambridgeshire, roughly right age, roughly right length of time in the colony. No other details. Died of cancer of the womb and ovaries. We wept and all had the same idea, or feeling that gg grandpa James had either died in a mining accident (he was a miner or carpenter on the birth certificates of children in the Daylesford area by the 1860s) or, more likely we felt, whizzed off with another woman. A fifth and last child, another boy, was born 1865 in Daylesford, died one day old, premature birth. But there were no clues, nothing anywhere on James. I looked for his death in all states, tried New Zealand – even checked in England in case he went back. Nothing that I could say was definitely, or even likely, him. A few unknowns who might fit, but hard to prove! I played some more with the indices, checked shipping lists, mining accidents, websites linked to gold-mining areas, wherever and whatever. I posted names to all mailing lists I found that could be suitable, asked anyone even remotely connected to any name that seemed a possible variation of Burrows or Bossingham. And waited.

And wait I did, for some years. I went through the Berwick rate books – found a William Burrows (*Uncle?? – more likely the future mayor of Brighton*) but no James – and then, someone mentioned a new index on the PROV site – of prisoners. Prisoners, note, not convicts. I checked it as usual – and there was a James Burrows, apparently in goal 1867-69. Well, right vintage. (Wrong shipping details – but when checked, there was no James Burrows on the ship he said into the port he said). Off to the PROV!! Hopes dashed – records sealed and never to be opened. VERY poor condition, mouldy, rotten, and full of potentially dangerous germs and spores. A person in a full decontamination suit and breathing apparatus might be safe, but even hopeful me had to see the

PROV was not going to go to those lengths just so I could see if it was gg gramps! I knew what I should do was read old newspapers, and get the police records at the very least. But I work full time. The odd day, or part day, yes – but not time to read several years of newspapers on microfilm. I kept my eyes peeled and lived for the day I could retire and do my research. I want to do it thoroughly – perhaps even aggressively. Try to cut out the waiting time! (I will not be able to afford it then, I can see, but I live in hope!)

Then, another Burrows family researcher contacted me after he found me from a mailing list. Turns out he is not related, but he had come across some Burrows extraneous to his research. A couple of months later in popped an email along the lines of <<Oh by the way Dawn, just tidying up things, and found this email from Ballarat society – a James Burrows was committed for bigamy; he married a second time whilst still married to Elizabeth Bossingham. Is he yours?>> Is he what! If you heard a strange cheering noise a month or so back, it was me!

I emailed the Ballarat contact and got the gist of an article in the Creswick Advertiser. Went to Creswick but wasn't able to access the paper there. A day off work and into the SLV. Read the 1865, 1866 and early 1867 papers. I read fast fortunately, and came out absolutely exhausted with four articles and indications there were probably more that I either missed or were in other Daylesford or Ballarat papers, and certainly more in the police and court records. Back to my Ballarat researcher. Money changed hands. I wait for the hoped for riches as I type. Before I paid for research I weighed up the costs – one night's accommodation in Ballarat, petrol, some takeaway food and photocopying, and the use of some holidays from work. The price asked was roughly the cost of the petrol one way! I decided to forego the thrill of finding it all myself, along with the headaches, backache, eyestrain and frustration and paid very happily.

I know the four children went into the industrial school – found the newspaper report of the application by Mum to have them admitted as she was unable to feed them and had been “turned out of doors”. The local policeman supported the application, as he had had to feed the children and Mum several times. Researcher has said the records are sad – at least two children were partially blind and all had boils, possibly from malnutrition. Oh poor family!

And what happened to the marriage? What went before to make gg Gran call the police when gg Gramps came home one day? It was said in court, as per the newspaper report in 1865 that the policeman told him they had no claim on each other, and she had the house. Later that year he married – but under the name Burt or Birt of Burrt. The reports and marriage certificate and his signature disagree!! Yes, I found the suspected marriage certificate from indices even before I found the newspaper reports. I went in to the BDM office rather than obtain it on line – I was able to ask a few questions first before purchasing that way.

And I imagine the atmosphere in the court where they were gathered under the same roof at the same time.

1. GG Gran Elizabeth nee Bossingham, wife number one and the legal wife;
2. GG Gramps James Burrows/Burt, her husband and the illegal “husband” of
3. Mary Curlin/Carlin/Carter/ and another possible name that suggests a former marriage not disclosed. (Must follow that up – she seems an interesting character!)
4. Thomas Burrows, brother to James and witness to the legal marriage,
5. Esther Kitchen nee Bossingham, witness to legal marriage.
6. and 7. Two people (husband and wife) at whose home the illegal marriage took place and who were witnesses to it and knew James for some years as Burt.
8. and 9. The two clergymen who performed the marriages. The first was now something like a bishop!! Esther said in her evidence (James' defence was – he thought the policeman saying he had no claim on his wife and vice versa meant he was divorced and free to marry!!) that she had heard of no divorce but had heard of an intervention order. (But just what had gone on?) Oh, 10. The policeman was there too. And no doubt a hoard of interested onlookers, newspaper reporters and most of the district in fact.

GG Gramps, **why** did you change your name if you thought you were free to marry? Why did you change it “some years” before the second marriage? Why did you say your father was Thomas when he was William, and Thomas your brother's name? Why did you say you were born in Cambridgeshire not Oxfordshire? You would have known a bit of it from your first wife who grew up there. Enough to fudge a few details to anyone nose enough to ask. Now I understand more why GG Gran died all alone in 1870. And still more questions arise. Like what happened after all this (including three years 1867-69”on the roads” as a gaol sentence – it IS him in that sealed bag at PROV!) to GGGramps?

And a death for GGGramps? Possibly, probably, James Burroughs, died Dayls H (Daylesford Hospital?) 1897/98. No details of parents on it, but a note under the marriage column “reputed to have been married but no details known.” And he is the right age to be MY James.

Need to find the four children, marriages, children and so on and track them down the years. One boy went to SA and another to NSW I think, and the NSW one (Charles) married into my grandmother's family a generation before her marriage to my illegitimate grandfather whose uncle was Charles. Now there is another connection that has interesting implications !

And so it goes. One thing leads to another. I keep searching. But, I feel now I know them better than I did; they are people with feelings, same as me, not just names and dates. And I want to know them better.

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## You can help to make it better!

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			2	Nowella Ahlgren Win Preston	WLS & SHP	4	Jeanette Angee Val Holland	AUS CO
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January

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## Legend

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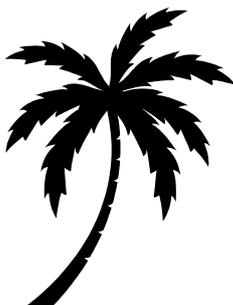
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Marcus Julius Cicero 106 - 43 BC

## FUNDRAISING

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Group has had a number of successful sausage sizzles outside the Warehouse Store at Fountain Gate this year and we have planned another four during 2005. We need people to assist with cooking, serving, taking money or setting up and packing up between 10am – 4pm. The actual time you spend at the sausage sizzle is up to you. Anything between an hour and six hours would be helpful. It's a nice way to meet other members of the group and you are helping us purchase more library resources! Put these dates in your diary.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2005

If you can help in anyway please contact hostess extraordinaire Shirley Peterson on 9704 9738.

## NEW IN THE RESEARCH ROOM

### BOOKS

- 101 Fundraising Ideas
- The Story of the Dandenongs 1838-1958: donated by Jenny Coates
- Round about a pound a week
- Publications Catalogue of National Archives of Australia -2002-2004
- A Guide to research-LDS
- Your family's War History-BBC: donated by Robert Gibson
- Treasures of the State Library of Victoria: donated by Anne Burrows
- Wild & Wondrous Women of Geelong 1838-1859: donated by Val Holland

### AUDIO

- Anne Burrows Genealogy SLV
- Robert Gibson-Research Trip to Scotland

### CD-ROM

- Free Family History Resources-includes "Reading" 1891 census and "Hampshire" Parish Records Vol 1.



New South Wales Cemetery Links

[http://www.geocities.com/researcherau/LINKS\\_CEMS\\_INDEX\\_NSW.html](http://www.geocities.com/researcherau/LINKS_CEMS_INDEX_NSW.html)

Index to Colonial Sec Papers 1788-1825

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/colsec/default.htm>

NSW Hotels and Publicans Licenses

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/NSWW/Hotels/>

Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/randwick/introduction.htm>

Naturalisation NSW 1834-1903

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/naturalisation/introduction.htm>

Surname Index Sydney Gazette 1822 NSW

<http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/snews22a.htm>

New South Wales & A.C.T. Cemetery links

[http://www.geocities.com/researcherau/LINKS\\_CEMS\\_INDEX\\_NSW\\_ACT.html](http://www.geocities.com/researcherau/LINKS_CEMS_INDEX_NSW_ACT.html)

New South Wales Govt. Railways Staff 1902

<http://home.iprimus.com.au/bexleyboy/1902/index.html>

Photo Gallery of NSW Railway Officers, Employees, Stations & Locations

<http://home.iprimus.com.au/bexleyboy/digital/index.html>

Old Dubbo Cemetery

[http://au.geocities.com/ddfhs\\_2000/cem.htm](http://au.geocities.com/ddfhs_2000/cem.htm)

New South Wales Railways Staff as at 30th June 1872

<http://home.iprimus.com.au/bexleyboy/1872/staff.html>

Borough of Hotham Council 1859-1887

<http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/home/osella/web/index.html>

Deaths in Melbourne Hospital

<http://hub.dataline.net.au/~tfoen/meldeath1.htm>

Lenore Frost's early Port Phillip records

<http://members.optushome.com.au/lenorefrost/PPD/index.html>

Cemeteries & Cemetery Trusts in Victoria

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/cemeteries/victoria.htm>



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## **Events – From Di Christensen**

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 2 December, at La Porchetta on the Princes Highway, Narre Warren. More details at November meeting or have a look at the events on My Connected Community.

## **Speakers Corner – From Di Christensen**

August - Anne Burrows, Genealogy Librarian at the State Library of Victoria spoke a little on the Genie centre, then concentrated on the Australian Joint Copying Project. This is a set of films in the SLV on correspondence between England and Australia in the early days of the colony. Some of our members have used these films and found much of interest for their research. A most interesting topic.

September - Several members spoke on some family memorabilia in their possession  
Thanks to Jeanette Angee, Anne Blair, Wendy Goodwin, Sarah Lowe, Margaret de Koning (a visitor), Danielle Steckis and Diana Wheeler and all who contributed to this meeting.

October - Robert Gibson, a member, spoke of his recent trip to Scotland to visit relatives and do some research. Robert had a very successful trip meeting relatives from overseas and also English and Scottish relatives.

Thank you Robert for showing us the lovely photos you took.