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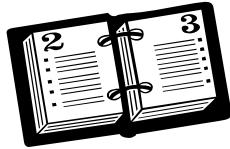
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They Really Are a Weird Lot!

By Lynne Bradley



It's fun isn't it – this family history stuff. You never know what's going to come to light next. They say you can pick your friends but you can't pick your rellies. Sometimes I feel like trading mine in for another lot. But I never would – they're a flawed bunch but they're mine and they never fail to give me something to ponder and something to learn and most importantly something to laugh at – even if it is me!

It's a toss up as to what my stupidest assumption was when I started but it was one of these: husbands & wives are always buried in the same grave or a big headstone must contain a lot of information. (*Painful experience has since taught me otherwise!*)

The most disappointing headstone I have found yet was in the new Ballarat Cemetery, three words: "Mother & Father" (*I'd already worked that much out myself!*)

Most worrisome ancestor for a descendant: is it the axe murderer or murderers (we're pretty sure there was more than one family member involved) or the man, who in the early 1820s heard God speaking to him in the woods in Kent?

Most helpful piece of advice ever given: when I first started trying to trace my birth family's history one of my older sisters said, as an afterthought, "by the way, if you're looking for dad's family look for *Potter* not our name as Dad's mum changed their name when she remarried – does that make a difference?" (*just a little one!*)

Worst piece of family history ever come across: a book put together for a family reunion connected with one of my great grandmothers says that she died having no issue. Admittedly, she died young at 34 in 1920, but the fact that she had no children would be news to my grandfather and his five siblings. Of course there's always the website where I'm 303 years old and the mother of my ggggg grandfather!

Worst birth or death place to research so far: Gibraltar 1837

Greatest family contrast: Matthew HIND & Druscilla DUKES married in Yorkshire, England in 1811 and had the following children: Gustine, Japeth, Shem, Fayette, Ham, Charlotte, Ann, Nathaniel and Arphaxad. (Lucky Charlotte, Anne & Nathaniel!) In 1835 Gustine, now Augusta married John SMITH and their children were called: Mary, John, Susannah, Maria, Ann, Thomas, James, William, Abraham, Joseph & Augusta – and thank heavens for that because this family handed their names down to subsequent generations. (*it could have been me!*)

What about you? Can you beat that?

*Sat 10th Sep at 2 p.m.
General Meeting - "Compiling your Family Medical History" - Leone Fabre - Medical Genealogist, Familial Cancer Centre, Royal Melbourne Hospital.

*Sat 8th October at 2 p.m.
General Meeting – Betty Horskins – "Where to dig".

*Wed 9th November at 8 p.m.
General Meeting
* Note change of day to summer meetings.*

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| <u>Membership & Meetings</u> | <u>Family History Research Room</u> | <u>Research Queries</u> | | | | | | |
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| <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>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><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>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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| <u>Family History Research Room Information Sessions</u> | <u>Publications for Sale</u> |
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| <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. Pam Lowther is currently holding friendly and informal information sessions with small groups of members. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available. For further information or to reserve a place at the next session please contact Pam on 0402 847 175.</p> <p>Members: Free Visitors: \$5 charge.</p> | <p>Microfiche: <u>Berwick Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00</p> <p><u>Harkaway Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00</p> <p><u>Pakenham Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00</p> <p>+ \$2.50 postage & packing for up to 3 sets of fiche</p> <p>Books: <u>Harkaway Primary School - Origins to 1975</u> by Jennifer Boyer = \$20 (postage included)</p> |

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the City of Casey in allowing us the use of facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

Clare-Australasian Genealogy Project

Introducing the recently launched Clare-Australasian Genealogy Project. This project is specifically about people who moved from County Clare to Australasia. The project aims to create a website that will enable Clare-Australasian researchers to list their names, contact details, surname interests, and related information for people who moved between Clare and Australasia. Also proposed for the web site is genealogical research information, sources, websites links, and tips devoted specifically to Clare-Australasian research. Researchers can submit information at:

<http://www.formdesk.com/clare-australasia-project/emigrants>

For further information, the Rootsweb list for Clare is great. To subscribe to this mailing list send an email containing the word 'subscribe' to:

IRL-CLARE-L-request@rootsweb.com

ST ARNAUD GOLDMINE FOR GENIES

By Di Christensen

On a recent trip to Horsham we took another route, as the Western Highway is fairly boring if you have driven it many times. We had the time to just drive slowly and to stop and look. We stopped in St Arnaud, a place I had never visited. The Tourist Information Centre is naturally the first place to visit in a new town. The Centre is in an old building in Kings Avenue, which is off the Sunraysia Highway. A very friendly staff member showed us around and let us browse the displays. However the first things I saw were some folders labelled 'Family History'. I noted all of the titles of the folders which were displayed on one of the tables.

- *Weddings of St Arnaud and District"
- *St Arnaud Court cases reported in the Mercury"
- *St Arnaud Soldiers of the Boer War"
- *St Arnaud and District World War One soldiers"
- *Letters written by St Arnaud Soldiers at Gallipoli"
- *History of St Arnaud and district"
- *Indexes of the "Mercury" newspaper"
- *Doctors of St Arnaud"
- *Family History A-M"
- *Family History M-Z"
- *St Arnaud's Historic Buildings"
- *St Arnaud Caledonian Society"
- *Pioneer Park"
- *The Murder of Amos Cheale" by Andrew Vairn
- *The Hawkins Murder"
- *Mr Ogier, Police Magistrate"

All this information has been indexed by hand by one person - Heather Pritchard. There is an amazing amount of information for genealogists to be found. Some volunteers are now transcribing Heather's hand written documents on a Word Processor, making them easier to read. Maybe one day they will be published. The information service is open 9-5 every day but Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Narre Warren Estate no. 1 (continued)

CROWLEY AVENUE

Daniel Crowley, a farmer and horse breeder came to Narre Warren North in about 1854. His wife Catherine (nee MAHONEY) died in 1854 and was buried at Melbourne General Cemetery. Both were from Killarney in County Kerry. He and Catherine had eight known children, some of them born in Tasmania. They were Patrick c1828, Dennis c1830, Mary Ann c1833, Daniel c1836, John William c1841 Brown's River, Tasmania, Catherine c1842, Ellen 1847 Westernport, Timothy c1852. Daughter Mary Ann married Cornelius KILLEEN and produced at least seven children who were all born in the Shire of Berwick. John married Jane Ellen ASLING (a well known name in the area) in 1865 and had ten children: Jane 1867, Catherine 1869, John 1871, William 1873, Malvern 1876, Minnie 1879, Norman 1881, David 1884, Bessie 1888, and Edward 1890. Daniel's daughter Catherine married Daniel KENNEDY and produced ten children.

HANLEY STREET

Edward Hanley was born c1828 in Tipperary, Ireland. He arrived with his wife Mary (nee CAHILL) aboard the 'Constance' in October 1851. Their children were Michael 1852 Collingwood, John 1854 Hawthorn, Thomas c1855, Patrick c1858, James c1860, William b&d 1861 Berwick, Edward c1862 & Margaret 1863 Berwick. Mary died at Pakenham in 1865 and Edward married Mary HAVEN in 1866. There were two more children to this marriage: Anne 1867 & Christopher 1871, both born in Berwick.

MORAN STREET

Irish born Henry Joseph Moran was a man of vision. At the age of 21 he was a foreman at the Botanical and Domain Gardens in Melbourne, having charge of all the plants under glass. He lived in Pound Road Eumemmering on his property 'Prospect Hill'. In the mid to late 1860s, Henry was instrumental in the development and planting of Dandenong Park. He married Helen Ann McLELLAN in 1879 had four children, Henry Duncan 1880 Sth Yarra, Margaret Beatrice c1882 Windsor, Edward James 1884 Dandenong, and Alexander Malcolm 1885 Prahran. Henry died at the age of 37 in 1886. Alex married Bertha Eliza Webb a daughter of Sydney J. Webb.

Jenny Coates and Lorraine Taylor

FUND RAISING

The Group will be having a stall at the **Tooradin Sunday Market** in September 2005. We need donations of new craft items, ideas, material etc. Can you help by making articles? Please contact Lorraine on 9704 6672.

~ The President's Report ~

Is our glass half empty or half full? How do you see it?

The last twelve months have been full of change for the Narre Warren & District Family History Group. We have undergone a change of President and we must thank Meredith Bell for stepping in when we needed someone to take over the reins but personal circumstances made it necessary for her to reluctantly step down. It might not be easy to be green - but it's not easy to be President either!

Since taking over I would have to admit to becoming despondent every now and again over things 'at the family history group' but of late have readjusted my thinking a little. I have realised that we're not just some little group doing very little — in fact, contrary to current trends, we still have 100 or so members to look after despite the Internet! We have just under a 1/4 of our members volunteering in the research room every month to keep it open 3 days a week. All the resources and magazines that come in have to be processed and catalogued. I was so disappointed to lose our librarian, Jeanette Angee and her able assistant Val Holland this year. Many thanks to you both for such a terrific job over the years.

We arrange 'Away Days' and guest speakers for meetings. Our attendances are on the up, thanks to the wonderful job our Publicity Officer has done - thank you Wendy. We have two research publications in hand and four computers in the research room that demand constant attention - not to mention the advances we are making with scanning & digitising, thanks to Pam Lowther. We have arranged workshops for our volunteers, sent representatives to Genealogical Society of Vic, Royal Historical Society Vic, South Eastern Historical Association, Casey - Cardinia Local History Reference Group, VAFHO & AFFHO meetings and functions to network and learn from others. At these types of gatherings we receive a lot of praise for our newsletter (thanks to Jenny Coates) and our efforts with *My Connected Community*.

Thanks to Shirley Peterson, sausage sizzles have brought in over \$1500 and for the first time, we have a small group of members led by Lorraine Taylor, meeting to discuss and organise fundraising ventures. Thanks to Jenny Hayes and her willing helpers, the Christmas raffle raised just over \$1000 and bought our two new computers.

The last twelve months have seen the amazing growth of the Casey-Cardinia Combined Index, which is truly a feather in Eileen Durdin's cap. While she has a solid group of indexers behind her, we would be lost without Eileen! As a group, we've done 'Beginning Your Family History' workshops for the library, participated in the LDS Open Day at Braeside, and the Highland Gathering at Berwick, opened the research room for the Aging Positively in Casey talk and Senior's Week and at the moment we are working on a cemetery tour for the Casey Branch of the National Trust. **All in our spare time!**

So, when it's all put into perspective it's really no wonder that every now and again something goes wrong — so maybe we should relax a little and try to enjoy it all a little more — we're not doing so badly when you think about it! I would say our glass is definitely half full — or at least it will be if we fill all the vacancies in the committee line-up this year.

I would like to thank this year's committee for their hard work and dedication. They have been asked to make some hard decisions. I would like to mention the wonderful job our Treasurer, Anne Blair does. She has been working on computerising our accounts and has done a fantastic job with it. At the time of writing, Meredith Bell, Sandra Phelan and Danielle Steckis have decided not to continue in their present roles and although disappointed, we'd like to convey our thanks for everything they've done in their respective roles for the group. On a personal note, I would also like to thank Di Christensen and Lorraine Taylor for their support and encouragement as only past presidents can and also the committee and members for their support and friendship. On behalf of the whole group I would like to say a sincere thank you to all our research room volunteers and to everyone who has given their time to assist the group during the last year.

We have to thank the City of Casey and the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation for our research room, we are extremely fortunate to have their support. We would also like to thank the Local History Officer, Claire Sandell for her continued support and encouragement.

The next year will not be without its own challenges but I am quietly confident that we will be able meet them and consolidate our position and even complete a few projects - and quite possibly have a bit of fun along the way.

Lynne Bradley

e-Record4 Summary of Income and Expenses for 2004 - 2005

Summaries updated:
30 Jun 2005 at 1:06 PM

Name Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

| Receipts Category Name | Total Receipt Amount | GST Amount | GST-exclusive Amount | Omit from Total ^b |
|--|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| A1 Interest Received | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| A2 Dividends | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| A3 Refunds from suppliers (GST-free) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| A4 Refunds from suppliers (taxable) | | | | |
| A5 ATO/BAS Refunds Received | | | | |
| A6 Loans Received | | | | |
| A7 Sale of Assets | | | | |
| A8 Other Capital Receipts | | | | |
| A9 Other Non-Capital Receipts | | | | |
| A10 Bankings | | | | |
| B1 Membership Fees | 2,094.00 | 0.00 | 2,094.00 | |
| B2 Library Sales | 109.40 | 0.00 | 109.40 | |
| B3 Print-Outs | 319.40 | 0.00 | 319.40 | |
| B4 Visitors' Fees | 177.00 | 0.00 | 177.00 | |
| B5 General Meeting-DocnRlfns/Trade Tatio | 1,009.70 | 0.00 | 1,009.70 | |
| B6 Fundraising | 2,664.20 | 0.00 | 2,664.20 | |
| B7 Sundries | 3,559.55 | 0.00 | 3,559.55 | |
| B8 Donations | 100.60 | 0.00 | 100.60 | |
| B9 Research Fees | 234.50 | 0.00 | 234.50 | |
| Total | 10,234.35 | | | |

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance at Bank 1 July 2004 | 5,657.30 |
| Receipts 2004/2005 | 10,234.35 |
| | 15,891.65 |
| Expenditure 2004/2005 | 12,320.91 |
| Balance 30th June 2005 | \$ 3,570.74 |
| Balance at Bank 30th June 2005 | 3,697.44 |
| less unpresented cheques (3) | 126.70 |
| | \$ 3,570.74 |

| Payments Category Name | Total Payment Amount | GST Amount | Private Use GST exclusive Amount | Amount Claimable | Omit from Total ^b |
|---|----------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| A1 Wages PLUS Other (Deductions from wages/salaries) ^a Gross Wages (Total of A1 and Other) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | X X X X X |
| A2 Private Drawings | | | | | |
| A3 Superannuation | | | | | |
| A4 ATO/BAS Payments | | | | | |
| A5 Refunds to Customers (GST-free) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| A6 Refunds to Customers (Taxable) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| A7 Bank Charges | 24.90 | 0.00 | 24.90 | 0.00 | 24.90 |
| A8 Interest Paid | | | | | |
| A9 Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| A10 Purchase of Assets | | | | | |
| A11 Asset Improvements | | | | | |
| A12 Other Capital Payments | | | | | |
| A13 Petty Cash Reimbursement | | | | | |
| A14 Credit Card Repayment | | | | | |
| B1 Purchases-Library | | | | | |
| B2 Subscriptions-Groups | | | | | |
| B3 Subscriptions-Magazines | | | | | |
| B4 Rent-Meeting Room | | | | | |
| B5 Postage | | | | | |
| B6 Stationery | | | | | |
| B7 Insurance | | | | | |
| B8 Sundries | | | | | |
| B9 Newsletter-Printing | | | | | |
| B10 Newsletter-Postage | | | | | |
| B11 Grant "Pioneer Profiles" Book | | | | | |
| B12 General Expenses | | | | | |
| B13 Advertising | | | | | |
| B14 Expenses-Fundraising | | | | | |
| B15 Research Room Equipment | | | | | |
| Total | 12,320.91 | | | | |

The Abandoned Headstone

by Jenny Hayes

In the December 2004 Ancestor magazine under the heading of 'Homeless Memorabilia' was an item regarding a headstone found at the Hawthorn Rowing Club. The inscription reads, "In Memory of James KILMARTIN Died 28th May 1931 Aged 76 years R.I.P.". Julie G. and I laid "claim" to the stone. James was the nephew of my great great grandfather Edward Timmins and Julie's connection, as she thought, was her ex husband's great great grandfather.

I had James in my records as not married and with no children, so between Julie and I, we purchased his death certificate, knowing full well that the information may not necessarily be correct. When the certificate arrived it confirmed my research, and Julie was a little stunned, so she set about "proving" her unproven line for her ex husband. Unfortunately for Julie all of her previous research was wrong. Her "James Kilmartin" became Austin Kilmartin.

With me now being the sole claimant of this headstone, I contacted the secretary of the Toongabbie Cemetery to arrange to have the stone placed in its rightful place, only to be told that the exact location could not be pinpointed, due to many different - some of them "wacky" - numbering systems over the years. The solution was relatively easy. The final steps in this mystery were taken when I laid the headstone on the 15th of May 2005 (2 weeks prior to the 74th anniversary of his death) at the beginning of the row where James is presumably buried.

Questions will all remain unanswered as to why the stone was at the Hawthorn Rowing Club, and not on the grave where it belonged. The only people or person who knows the answers are probably long departed themselves.

My husband Bill and I then went on to the Sale Cemetery where we met up with many relatives I had not seen for many years, for the consecration of a restored grave. The day was the 140th - yes the 140th anniversary of the death of Catherine O'Meara. Her husband Edward had died 3 years before and they are buried together. Catherine was the sister of Edward TIMMINS who was my great great grandfather, and she was also the aunt of the "Abandoned Headstone ... James KILMARTIN".

I was able to "kill" two birds with the same stone on that day, and an enjoyable day it was.

~ Quotable Quotes ~

I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.



Jenny Hayes at Toongabbie cemetery with the headstone of James Kilmartin that now has a home.

West Bourke Heritage Association Local & Family History Fair Saturday 20th August 2005, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Overnewton Castle, Overnewton Rd, Keilor.
Melways 14 F3 - Entry: \$10 per person

Speakers:

- 10.15 Dr Celestina Sagazio – Appreciating our Cemeteries.
- 11.15 Louise Rainbow (AIGS) – Family History – Fact or Fiction.
- 1.15 Laurie Burchell (Coburg Historical Society) – Researching the history of your house.
- 2.15 Georgina Knightley (Zetta Florence) – Preservation solutions for photographs, records, documents, objects, textiles & memorabilia.

Exhibitors include:

- Brunswick Community History Group,
- Civil Aviation Historical Society and Airways Museum,
- Essendon Historical Society,
- Footscray Historical Society,
- Hotham History Project,
- Keilor Historical Society,
- RHSB,
- Sunshine Historical Society.

Areas covered by West Bourke include Altona, Ascot Vale, Broadmeadows, Brunswick, Coburg, Essendon, Fawkner, Flemington, Footscray, Gisborne, Keilor, Kensington, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Ponds, Mount Macedon, North Melbourne, St. Albans, Sunbury, Sunshine, Sydenham, Werribee, Williamstown.

Full details can be found at their mc2 site or the website.

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~wbourne>



Casey- Cardinia Family History Contacts

Casey Cardinia Family History Contacts is a new item that aims to bring together researchers interested in families within the Casey-Cardinia region.

It is a free service, open to anyone (you do not need to be a member of NW&DFHG) researching any family that has a connection to the region. **Only** names with a connection to a Casey-Cardinia area will be published. This segment relies on your input. If we have enough entries it will continue. Please email the editor (Jenny) directly with your entries. jnnyb@aol.com

| <u>Surname</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Researcher</u> | <u>Email</u> |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| Fahey | Pakenham | | Nadine | nadine@stretchvests.com.au |
| Hammond | Dandenong | 1855+ | Jenny | jnnyb@aol.com |
| Hemmings | Dandenong | 1860+ | Jenny | jnnyb@aol.com |
| Hessel | Harkaway | 1862+ | Jenny | jnnyb@aol.com |
| Hobbs | Dandenong | 1860+ | Jenny | jnnyb@aol.com |
| Manks | Cranbourne | 1865+ | Jenny | jnnyb@aol.com |
| Minihan | Cranbourne | 1855+ | Jenny | jnnyb@aol.com |
| Ritchie | Pakenham | 1860+ | Laurence | bast@bigpond.net.au |
| Stephenson | Berwick | 1860+ | Laurence | bast@bigpond.net.au |

New Books in the Casey-Cardinia Collection

- A Facet of Emerald: History of Emerald Schools 1879-1979 – Graeme Legge.
- As We Remember It: The War Experiences of Sherbrooke Foothills Residents in World War Two.
- Ash Wednesday in Upper Beaconsfield: 16th February 1983 – John Milligan.
- Berwick and District Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc.
- Berwick Mechanics Institute and Free Library – Richard Myers.
- Bush nursing in Berwick, the first fifty years - Eileen Williams.
- Call of the Bunyip – Denise Nest.
- From Swampland to Farmland: A History of the Koo Wee Rup Flood Protection District - Rural Water Commission.
- From Village Quarry to Botanic Park: Wilson Botanic Park. Koo-Wee-Rup Church of England 1917-1967 – D. Hodgson.
- Modelia: A Brief History - Graham Utber.
- Nobelius Heritage Park - An Illustrated Guide – Jo Jenkinson.
- Potatoes Passengers and Posternity - A History of Puffing Billy's Railway - Mark Fiddian.
- Reflections of the Past – a photographic history of Belgrave, Upwey, Tecoma and Upper Ferntree Gully. Vols. 1, 2, & 3.
- Scot's Presbyterian Church Cranbourne: Centenary History 1855-1955.
- The Church on the Hill: St Michael's Parish Berwick – Maree Chapman.
- The History of Beaconsfield Upper Primary School No. 2560 1884-2004.
- The School That Was: A History of the Berwick Grammar School 1882 – 1928 – John Bellair.
- Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre: From the Ashes 1983-2003.

Catani - Sands & McDougall 1929

By rail 49 ¾ miles. Shire of Cranbourne. County of Mornington.

Armstrong, John J., farmer
 Cleversley, Edgar, farmer
 Davis, James P., farmer
 Dick, Alexander, farmer
 Duncan, Andrew W., farmer
 Ellis, Havelock G., farmer
 English, Scottish & Australasian Bank – Branch Mgr – Howell, S. V.
 Fielder, Albert C., farmer
 Gibbs, William F. H.
 Henwood, William J, farmer
 McDonald, Norman V., farmer
 Malcolm, J. E. & J. W., farmers
 Norton, Noel C., farmer
 Nutting, Arthur C., merchant
 Olsson, K. N. & L. W., farmers
 Pentland, Ernest R., farmer
 Vernon, Charles F., storekeeper
 Walsh, Thomas, farmer

Casey-Cardinia web sites

- Stephenson/Ritchie/Fortune families of Berwick
<http://www.users.bigpond.net.au/steppayne/>
- Cranbourne Cemetery
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cranbourne/>
- History of Casey and Heritage Strategy
<http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/history/>

Ugly Man Competition

Less than two months ago members of the Pakenham Football Club decided on an "Ugly Man Competition" as the best means of raising funds for their club. Six district gentlemen were nominated and agreed to take part in the contest. From that time up till Wednesday evening last the competitors assisted by energetic committees, worked untiringly in the endeavor to raise substantial sums for the support of their nominations. Concerts, balls, euchre parties and other entertainments were arranged and each was liberally patronized. So keen was the interest aroused by the competition that it has served the dual purpose of raising funds for the club and gaining additional supporters for it.

As a grand-finale a ball was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday evening. It was a fitting conclusion for a most successful effort, for the gathering was one of the best held here for some time. The attendance was very large and representative of all parts of the district, parties coming from Dandenong, Beaconsfield, Officer, Upper and South Pakenham, Toomuc Valley, Nar Nar Goon and other places. Mrs. G. Stevens had decorated the hall with her usual good taste. Pakenham's colors – red, yellow and black – were very much in evidence, streamers of those shades being suspended from the top of the stage and festooned around the walls, while lamp shades of the same colors were also used. The four members of Mrs. Howell's orchestra supplied delightful music for the dances, and Messrs. E. Watson and J. Frawley again proved themselves efficient MC's. The door takings amounted to about £27. About 11 o'clock the principal part of the programme was proceeded with. The president of the club (Mr. V. Treloar) announced that the votes had been counted, and then called the competitors on to the stage, in the following order, at the same time announcing (their totals as follows):

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| Mr. W. Stone | 720 votes |
| Mr. H. Griffin | 1200 votes |
| Mr. V. Banks | 3000 votes |
| Mr. J. Shanky | 5238 votes |
| Mr. F. Dore | 7278 votes |
| Mr. M. Frawley | 11804 votes |

Each vote represents one penny and the grand total meant £122. The announcement of the result was received with applause. Mr. Treloar "crowned" the winner (Mr. Frawley) and he was "enthroned" – in a chair – while his fellow-competitors grouped around him. In a short and humorous address Mr. Frawley thanked those who had assisted him. He expressed the hope that the footballers, with this solid support behind them would go out and win – as he had done. On behalf of the football team Mr. Treloar thanked all who had helped by donations or in other ways to make the competition so successful and also those who had assisted towards the success of the ball that evening. The footballers were very grateful for the support accorded them up to date and hoped to retain this support throughout the season. He felt sure that by their performance on the playing field they would do this. Shortly before midnight a dainty supper was handed round. To the ladies who assisted in this department and to helpers in any other way the club tenders its thanks. Dancing was resumed after a short interval and continued till the small hours of the morning. The success of the evening was in a large measure due to the good work of the secretary, Mr. P. Brown.

Recollections...

Hazel Smith (nee Vines) and her husband Keith visited us in 2003 and told us about her childhood in Narre Warren East so that we might record it for others. The following is a small excerpt relating to her school life.

We moved to Narre Warren in about 1926. I started school at Narre Warren East in 1931 with Clarence Aurisch, and Noela Aurisch started in 1933. Both were children of Pat & Rosie Aurisch and cousins of the Vines family. There were other children at the school: Pat and Rosie had five children but I can only remember Clarrie, Noela & Carol. Of the other children, there were two Hillbrichs, Laurie Edebohls and two children from the Dorning family.

The maximum number of children at the school was 16, sometimes there'd be 14, sometimes there'd be 12, but the maximum we ever had was 16. The 2 teachers we had were a Mr. Simpson and a Mr. Turner. I felt sorry for the poor things really but we were always on our best behaviour and Mr. Simpson especially was a wonderful teacher. The school itself was only one room. We lead a great life at the school because the teacher used to come home to a different family once a month for dinner. We were on our best behaviour and we weren't allowed to speak or say anything out of place, you know what I mean.

Mr. Simpson used to take us to Kerr's Park for nature study walks. He was a marvellous teacher. And Mr. Turner was of course too, except that when Mr. Turner came to teach there, he had a daughter and I felt he favoured the daughter more. He had a dreadful habit if you misbehaved. We had desks with ink wells and the boy that sat behind me stuck his pen in my neck so I turned around, and I must have hit him or something so, Mr. Turner had a bad habit of throwing the piece of chalk at you. When you picked up the chalk, you took it up and then you got the strap and I felt that I hadn't done anything wrong so I threw the chalk back at him and ran the three kilometres back to the farm. Three kilometres, can you imagine it? And Mum said, "what are you doing home?" I said "I'm not going back" so she went back with me the next day so it turned out alright in the finish.

If we were very very good, we got to take Rosie the pony to school and two of us would be allowed to ride the pony and poor Rosie would stand there but mostly we walked. We used to meet at the corner of Hayseys Road and we used to meet Laurie Edebohls and the two Hillbrichs, and Clarrie, Noela and Carol Aurisch and we'd all walk to school. We'd see snakes walking across the road and my brother used to say if you throw your hat in front of them they'll stop. They were all black snakes with red tummies, we just let them go.

Research Room Roster

| | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 5 Diana Wheeler Mary McGrath | 1 Di Christensen Nowella Ahlgren | 3 Jeanette Angee Carolyn Jones |
| | 12 Judy Kohn Meredith Bell | 8 Donald Connop Valma Newson | 10 Lynne Bradley Pam Lowther |
| | 19 Lorraine Taylor Anne Blair | 15 Gail Quinn Win Preston | 17 Lorraine Taylor Pam Lowther |
| | 26 Fay McCoubrie Jenny Patterson | 22 Eileen Durdin Lynne Bradley | 24 Betty Jones Val Holland |
| | 4 Helene Hayes Judy Kohn | 29 Donald Connop Di Christensen | 1 Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor |
| OCTOBER | 11 Meredith Bell Mary McGrath | 6 Gail Quinn Nowella Ahlgren | 8 Lynne Bradley Pam Lowther |
| | 18 Diana Wheeler Jenny Patterson | 13 Valma Newson Win Preston | 15 Jeanette Angee Betty Jones |
| | 25 Anne Blair Fay McCoubrie | 20 Donald Connop Di Christensen | 22 Val Holland Shirley Peterson |
| | 1 Lorraine Taylor Meredith Bell | 27 Eileen Durdin Lynne Bradley | 29 Carolyn Jones Pam Lowther |
| NOVEMBER | 8 Anne Blair Mary McGrath | 3 Gail Quinn Valma Newson | 5 Lorraine Taylor Betty Jones |
| | 15 Judy Kohn Helene Hayes | 10 Nowella Ahlgren Win Preston | 12 Lynne Bradley Jenny Coates |
| | 22 Diana Wheeler Lorraine Taylor | 17 Di Christensen Donald Connop | 19 Jeanette Angee Shirley Peterson |
| | 29 Fay McCoubrie Jenny Patterson | 24 Eileen Durdin Pam Lowther | 26 Val Holland Carolyn Jones |
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Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 21st August
The Warehouse, Narre Warren

Our next sausage sizzle will be on the 21st August. Our last sausage sizzle on the 14th May went very well thanks to the help of my volunteers, Anne Blair, Jeanette Angee, Val Holland, Eileen Durdin, Di Christensen, Sandra Phelan, and Carolyn Jones. A special thanks to Carolyn for picking up the bread from Bakers Delight, while Jeanette and Anne again helped out with the onions. Pat Whittle and Jenny Hayes surprised us by arriving in the afternoon to help. Thanks to Pat's cooking and Jenny's spruiking skills, we sold all our sausages for the first time. We raised \$317.48. Thanks also to Lyn Bradley and David Allen who came to help clean up and count the money! Just to fill you in, we raised \$1,285.10 from sausage sizzles in the last financial year, which is approximately \$321.00 per sizzle. For all those who assisted, please give yourselves a big pat on the back.

Shirley Peterson Ph: 9704 9738

Introducing...
Casey-Cardinia Research Days

We are pleased to announce that we now have special Casey-Cardinia Research Days commencing in September. On the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of every month, library attendants who have a wealth of experience in researching records for the City of Casey and Shire of Cardinia will be on duty. Bring in your local research and have a chat with one of our friendly and helpful volunteers.

Of course, you can come in and do all your other research on these days as well. Please recommend these days to friends who may have local interests.

New Members! - Welcome!



Naomi Bazeley
Maureen MacFarlane
Jenni Gibson
John Uren
Dennis Morgan
Graham & Vicki Burrington
Max Thomson (Hon. Member)
Rex McFarlane
Clare Vivian
Beverley Nicholls.

~ Member Profile ~

- Name: Edward Rex McFarlane (Rex)
- Born: Bairnsdale
- Siblings: Margaret, Aileen, Jim, Keith, Brian
- Profession: Carpenter
- Married: to Barbara Ann
- Children: Geoffrey, Kevin, Robert, Eileen, Jenifer, Helen, Terry
- In the district: 3 months
- Hobbies: collecting bottles and stamps
- Researching: Howlett, Lucas, McFarlane, Foley and Gibbons families.
- Reason for starting: Nagging daughter Eileen (!!)

PROV visit - 29 June 2005 From Di Christensen

Our last visit to the PROV was a successful one for most of the seven who attended. At the end of the day, my eyes were becoming tired, so instead of looking at microfiche I decided just to look at Police Gazettes for 1859. These gazettes make very interesting reading. I had hoped that an ancestor's sudden death would be reported in it, but no, so I kept reading. Then a name popped off the page - there was James GOLDSMITH, my great great grandfather!

*“April 21, 1859. page 160
Felonies otherwise described*

A warrant has been issued by the Ballarat Bench for the arrest of one John Piper, who is charged with embezzling about 43 pounds of the moneys of JAMES GOLDSMITH, blacksmith, the Springs, Ballarat. Description of the offender: From 35-40 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, stout build, fresh complexion, sandy whiskers, light brown hair turning grey, wears all his beard, near sighted, a native of Yorkshire, generally wears Bedford cord trousers and vest, shepherd's plaid coat, and cabbage-tree hat. He is supposed to have gone to the Back Creek or the Wimmera “

Now I want to follow this up. Was John Piper found and convicted? 43 pounds was a large sum of money in 1859.



Kalgoorlie Boulder Cemetery Board
<http://users.bigpond.net.au/kbcemetery/>

Western Australian Post Office Directory 1903
<http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/pdf/battye/pods/1903.htm>

Cyclopaedia of Western Australia Vol. 1
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~chrisu/batty1.htm#A>

Western Australian Women's Roll of Honour
<http://php.highway1.com.au/wpo/>

Manjimup Western Australia
<http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/>

Western Australian Reverse Marriage Lookup
<http://www.openwindows.com/marriage/search.htm>

Western Australian Cemeteries
http://www.ozgenonline.com/aust_cemeteries/wa/index.htm

State Records Office of Western Australia
<http://aeon.sro.wa.gov.au/Investigator/simple.asp>

Western Australian Family History
<http://tinyurl.com/54ek8>

Australian Heritage Database
<http://www.deh.gov.au/heritage>

Australia Genealogy project
<http://irelandgenealogypages.rootsweb.com/AUSTRALIA/index.htm>

Australia Remembers – Crosses Database
<http://www.gsv.org.au/crosses/Opening.htm>

English Family History From Fay McCoubrie

A great internet site for English family history:
[www.familyhistoryonline.net/-](http://www.familyhistoryonline.net/)

For a minimal cost you can get births, deaths, and marriages. If people are not happy to use their credit card they can apply for vouchers from the GSV. I found nine entries when I was looking for a marriage of Elizabeth Salmon. To receive all the entries between 1795 and 1830 cost me a whopping 6 pence each!

~ Quotable Quotes ~

*The only difference between a rut and a grave
is the depth.*

Nar Nar Goon Wises's Post Office Directory 1884-1885

County Mornington. 39 miles S.E. by rail from Melbourne; Sale line 6/9-4/6; post office; agricultural.

Ainsworth William, farmer
Bourke Thomas
Browning John
Campbell Donald
Chrismen James, saw mills
Collins John, farmer
Coote Massey R., storekeeper
Crockett Samuel R., farmer
Cronin Edward, builder
Day John T., saw mills
Dillon Patrick, farmer
Dore John
Dougherty William
Duff James
Egan Thomas, contractor
Eves James M., farmer
Eyton Thomas, farmer
Fahey John, farmer
Fortune Richard, farmer
Kelly James, farmer
Kennedy John, farmer
Kent William, farmer
Lamb Joseph, farmer
Lawton John, farmer
McCrow Peter, farmer
McMahon, John
May William, gardener
Mercer Harold N.
Middleditch George
Mulcane Michael
O'Brien Daniel, hotelkeeper
O'Brien Michael
O'Brien Patrick, farmer
Reid, Benjamin
Ritchie Adam, storekeeper
Ritchie Alexander, farmer
Rogerson James
Seymour James
Sims William
Smith Marmaduke
Smith William
Startup John
Still John
Warren Edward



2005 Annual General Meeting

The afternoon of our AGM went really well. Betty Horskins turned out to be the lively speaker that Di had promised us. The Member of the Year Award was presented to Pam Lowther and our research room volunteers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. We were pleased to have SEHA President Ken Lacey join us and to have Lionel Frost (Assoc. Professor at Monash) agree to chair the elections for the 2005-2006 committee. We were thrilled to see Lyn Olney and Kaye Houghton join the committee. Sadly Lyn has had to step down due to unforeseen circumstances but Pam Lowther has stepped up to the plate. So we have filled all positions except one – **the Librarian's job**.

The bottom line here is that if we don't get anyone to take this on, new resources will take a very long time to be processed and put on the shelves. I know there are members who will offer to be assistant librarians but we desperately need one brave soul to put their hand up and "be it" and we need it now! Yes – it is a big job but you won't be alone, you will get help, especially to clear the backlog. Please think seriously about this – I'm willing to talk to anyone, in confidence if necessary until you're sure one way or another.

Lynne Bradley



Spreading Branches – November 2005

The deadline for the Nov 2005 edition of Spreading Branches is 5th Oct 2005.



An orange spot on your address labels means your membership renewal has not been received and your membership will lapse on 30th September. A renewal form is available in the May newsletter, from My Connected Community – in 'Shared Files', or from the editor.

Thank you! from Lyn Olney

- To all who continue to leave corks at the Research Room. Your help is very much appreciated. It takes around 300,000 corks to purchase a wheel chair so every little bit counts. Keep up the good work!

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