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1852 NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS SOLVE GENEALOGICAL MYSTERIES!

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and Henry Hydenwell sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions.

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptised in a different church - either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptised at all or will be baptised by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every 10 years -- just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

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*** Wed 8th March at 8 pm**
Guest Speaker -
Rod Fraser – author of
“Champion of the Seas”.

*** Wed 12th April at 8 pm –**
General meeting

*** Wed 10th May at 8 pm –**
General meeting

***Sat 10th June at 2 pm**
– General meeting

***Sat 8th July at 2 pm**
– Annual General Meeting

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<p><u>Membership & 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><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><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><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. 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><u>Publications for Sale</u></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: 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 facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

LIBRARY NEWS

From Clare Vivian

Hi everyone, hope you all had a good Festive Season and a Happy New Research Year to all. It is hard to believe that we are already into 2006. Now that things are mostly up to date (well nearly - there is always something to do), I hope to bring you a bit more news in the way of articles in the magazines and newsletters and new books that we have added to the library.

We have now received *Practical Family History* November 2005. This magazine arrives a lot later than its sister magazine *Family Tree*.

Some articles in *Practical Family History* are:

Ancestors who emigrated - How to find the ships they sailed on. BMD records - Online resources. Leads in Leeds - research gems at the Brotherton Library. The traditional role of the Scottish ghillie. (To find out what a ghillie is you might have to read the article!) Birmingham ancestors' trail to Salt Lake City. A reader's article "Brothers unknown", an interesting article about a young lad who was separated from his two older brothers due to the death of his father in 1894.

We have received *Family Tree* magazine dated January 2006. Some articles are:

West Country websites, Merchant Navy ancestors, Scots launch 1861 census online, Was your ancestor a Nonconformist church musician? British sailing to South Africa. There is a great article also on a 200 year old quilt, with the question "Who made this quilt?" According to family tradition, the wife of a quartermaster-general in the British Army began the quilt in 1790. Anyone interested in quilt making would find this an interesting article.

Also received *Australian Family Tree Connections* for January 2006. Articles are:

Kalgoorlie Xmas 1911, John Hamilton Byrne, The missing Wuuluman WW1 Honour Roll, Whatever happened to Sophia J Collits?, Aboriginal research in Qld, Giovanni Battista Brusaschi.

The Casey-Cardinia section has quite a few new additions including:

Along the line to Gembrook - Puffing Billy train line from 1899 to 1962.

Emerald Football Club - Centenary Year 2004.

The Hills of Home - Bicentennial History Shire of Sherbrooke.

100 Years and More - Founding & Development Parish of St James the Evangelist (Reference Only).

Modella: A brief history - 1904-1968. (Ref Only)

The School That Was - History of Berwick Grammar School 1882-1928.

We also have Berwick Shire & Cranbourne Shire Rate Books on CD that can be used in the library.

Some other books include:

Dandenongs Sketchbook.

Port Phillip Bay Sketchbook

Castlemaine Sketchbook.

Stocktake

On 10th January with the help of volunteers we managed to do the stocktake. What a job but we finished it all on the one day, which was great. Many thanks to the volunteers who gave their time which was greatly appreciated. Most items were there but there were a few items missing. Please look in your bookcase or folders for anything that might belong to our group. My thanks to:

Val Holland, Kaye Houghton, Jeanette Angee, Mary McGrath, Fay McCoubrie, Lynne Bradley, Anne Blair, Shirley Peterson and Valma, who happened to pop in and was commandeered for a few hours. Also Fay McCoubrie who hadn't been at all well but still came along - many thanks Fay. My thanks also to Jeanette Angee who has given me great assistance by putting entries onto the stocktake list.

I have been reading some articles in the newsletters that have been still arriving dated 2005. I urge members to have a look at the newsletters, not necessarily just these, but all the newsletters from other groups, as quite often they do have items of special interest. Some of them make good reading with very interesting articles. I read in the Northern Territory *Progenitor* some interesting sites to look at on the Net. Also in the Journal of the Society of Genealogists, which is an English Booklet, they give updates on records that are now available on line. The Australian journal of the Society of Genealogists "Descent" is also worthwhile reading as it gives updates on further updates for BDM indexes for NSW.

Did you know (I read this in *Australian Family Tree Connections* Jan 2006) that CD-R's are not necessarily permanent? Some cheap CD's might also have cheap dyes used in the recording layer, the plastics used etc. If these are not of good quality they deteriorate very rapidly. This article is on page 32. I found it quite revealing as I thought that all CD-R discs were permanent. Not so.

That's all for this time.

Clare

Casey- Cardinia Family History Contacts

Casey Cardinia Family History Contacts is an 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>
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FITZGERALD	Bunyip South	1896+	Kaye	macore@netspace.net.au
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South Bourke and Mornington Journal December, 20 1899

Berwick

The annual licensing court was held at Berwick on the 15th inst. The bench consisted of Messrs. Cresswell P.M. (chairman), T. Smallman P.M., C. G. Holmes P.M.

Renewals of licenses for the different hotels were granted, no objections being raised. The application of Mr. Michael O'Connor, of Menzie's Creek for a roadside victualler's license for premises situated at Menzie's Creek, was refused on account of the premises being within a distance of ten miles from the nearest hotel. The same applicant applied for a colonial wine license at the same premises which was granted. Mr. Coburn appeared on behalf of the applicant. Charles F. Hogan, Gembrook Hotel, Pakenham, was granted a temporary license to sell and dispose of liquor at the race meeting to be held at Pakenham, at 3rd January next. W. A. Hitchen's application for a temporary license to sell and dispose of liquor at the Lang Lang Races on the 30th December, was adjourned until the 22nd inst., on account of the applicant not having got the necessary authority from the racing club.

Trouble begins with Tea

Cranbourne Police Court -
Friday May 27, 1887

Before Messrs. Patterson and Duff J.'s P.

Constable Graham v John McCarty; Vagrancy -
The evidence went to show that on the 10th May, the accused went to the house of Mrs. Poole at Sherwood begging food. The good lady gave him bread and meat, which, although a good meal for a hungry man, did not suit him without tea as well being provided for him. This Mrs. Poole refused, whereupon he became threatening in words and demeanor towards her. He did not, however molest her, but promised to return and shoot her. After he had left she sent her son to see him past the house of a Mrs. Overton, a neighbor, whom she knew to be alone. The constable happened to be passing Mrs. Overton's and was told what had taken place, and was given a description of accused, upon which he followed him up to Cranbourne, where he arrested him. - Their Worships decided to send him to Melbourne gaol for six months with hard labour, so that he might have to work for his living, and sentenced him accordingly.

South Bourke & Mornington Journal 8th June, 1887.

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.

~ Quotable Quotes ~

As we slide down the bannister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.



Obituary

The grim hand of Death has been busy of late amidst our little community, and the wailing of bereaved ones is to be heard in diverse places. 'Tis sorry comfort, and hard to realise the truth of the words that it is "all for the best". Doubly hard is the trial when the mainstay of the family is taken to "that land from whose bourne no traveller e'er returns". However *sic transit gloria mundi*, and those who remain can at most enjoy but a brief sojourn till they "cast anchor beyond the vale". Many of our readers will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. T. J. Rossiter, a very old resident of the County of Mornington, having arrived there in 1847. She then resided with her father at Gladys Park Station, near Berwick. She was married on the 1st September 1854, and still remained in that district until 1888, when she left with her family for Spring Grove, near Cunnamulla, Queensland where she died. We clip the following from the *Cunnamulla Argus*, of Tuesday, 1st September 1891: - "We deeply regret having to record the death of Mrs. Rossiter, wife of Mr. T. J. Rossiter, of Spring Grove. The deceased lady had been ill scarcely a fortnight, and up to the night of her death no one, not even Dr. Murray, who had visited her the day previous, anticipated the fatal result. The cause of death was congestion of the liver, probably accelerated by an attack of syncope. Mrs. Rossiter was very highly esteemed by all who knew her, and in the home circle her loss must be keenly felt. The funeral took place on Saturday, when nearly all the residents of the town attended, the business places closing as the procession moved through the streets. In the absence of a clergyman, the police magistrate conducted the burial service. A rather sad circumstance attending this visitation was the fact that Mr. Rossiter was absent from home on a visit to Melbourne." We are sure Mr. Rossiter's many friends in this district will join with us in an expression of sympathy for his bereavement.

Nearer home we suffered the loss of an old and respected indentivity. We refer to Mr. Thomas Keys, who died at his residence, Keysborough, on Monday 21st inst. Deceased has been connected with the Dandenong Council for 25 years, which is strong evidence of the respect in which he was held. Deceased was interred in the Brighton cemetery to-day, the *cortege* being followed by a large concourse of friends.

South Australian Cemeteries

http://homepages.picknowl.com.au/pwilson/welcome_to_paul_and_stephanie.htm

High Country (Victoria) Heritage & Australian Genealogy Classifieds

<http://www.highcountryheritage.org/phpBB2/index.php>

All Things Irish Links

<http://www.censusdigging.com/irishlinks.html>

Tipperary Emigrants to Victoria

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~maddenps/TIPPEMVIC.htm>

Sickness & Death – Old medical terms & glossary of death

<http://www.tngenweb.org/darkside/index.html>

North East Victoria Marriage Witness Index

http://members.optusnet.com.au/~liddle40/marr_witness.html

South Bourke and Mornington Journal
Wednesday November 7, 1900

Beaconsfield Upper

A nasty accident happened to Mr. E. Brown's youngest son, Percy, one day last week. In company with a number of school mates, he was amusing himself running along the trunk of a fallen tree, when by some means he slipped, and in falling struck his leg against a broken limb, inflicting a terrible gash in the fleshy part of the leg. I, however, am pleased to report that he is progressing favorably and, and expects to be soon moving about again.

There is a large number of visitors in the district just now, and this promises to be a busy season. Already every furnished house in the district is let, and enquiries are constantly being made for accommodation. Judging by present indications, this promises to be something like the years we had in the boom time.

In connexion with the movement started by Sir F. Sargood to supply the State Schools with flags, Mr. I. Tyler has donated a flag, and Messrs. H. Renfree and (?) Kerwin a flag-pole and halliards to the Beaconsfield Upper State School.

Our local cricketers were disappointed last Saturday, the Dandenong team failing to turn up. I certainly think they might have sent a telegram to say they couldn't come.

How records and keepsakes told a story when Grandfather went to war.

by Jeanette Angee

My paternal grandfather, Sylvester John Cathie was born 1877 in West Melbourne to Robert Cathie and Emily (nee Noy). Robert, aged 3, emigrated with his family from London, England on the Countess of Elgin arriving in Victoria in January 1853. Emily emigrated from Suffolk, England on the Anglia with her family arriving in South Australia in 1852. The Cathies eventually settled in Sunbury, a pastoral community 24 miles by rail northwest of Melbourne where Sylvester grew up. His uncle James Robert Cathie ran the Rupertswood Hotel. Emily's father, George Harris Noy worked on the railways after moving to Victoria in 1855 and by 1869 they had also settled in Sunbury. George Noy died in 1875 after being crushed by a railway carriage whilst greasing a train. By the time of the federal referendum in 1899, many of the Cathie's, including Sylvester had moved back to Melbourne and by then aged 22, he was recorded as a bookbinder at Erskine Street, Albert Park.

On Christmas Eve 1910 Sylvester married Eveline Constance Armstrong at St James Old Cathedral, East Melbourne. Their first child Jack Armstrong, my father, was born on 15th September 1913. Two years later Sylvester joined the 6th battalion as private 6972 to serve in World War 1. When he enlisted on 17th July 1915 Sylvester was aged 38 and recorded as a civil servant on his enlistment papers and noted as having completed a 5-yr printing apprenticeship at Varley & Co., Melbourne. His movements can be traced through a series of photographs held by our family: Their accuracy was confirmed from official records obtained through the National Archives of Australia. Among the photos were:

- Bill Robinson at Tidwak NCO School, Geelong, July 1916
- Princes Peir 23 November 1916 on HMT Hororata No 20 (Disembarked Plymouth 29/1/17) Durban South Africa; Studies 0 T.S
- Larkhill Salisbury plains, England; Grantully Castle(hospital ship)
- Bridge over Avon River at Fording Bridge, Bornemouth; Verne Citadel.
- Bulford England, Les Woods and Jack Libbis
- Fortress and barracks at Portland, Dorset, England
- Hospital Ship from France to England, Sep 1917
- Sylvester convalescing at hospital in Oxford, England.
- Miss Foster - September 1917; Left on S.S.Persic Dec 1917.

A postcard/photograph sent from Sylvester, before he left for overseas duty, to his mother Emily for her 70th birthday read: "For Vi and Mum": (He had a younger sister Violet May).

Dear Mum, Just a line to wish you very many happy returns of the 27/9/16 & may you be spared for many years after I return. We are leaving here on Friday next by the "Nestor" & I don't think there is any chance of calling at Adelaide. I will

write to you before I go. Fondest love to all, from your loving son Vess.

An Acting Sergeant in the 6th Battalion, Sylvester proceeded to France in Jul 1917 but by 14th September was admitted to hospital, recorded sick. On 24th of that month he was transferred back to England and admitted to the 3rd Southern General Hospital suffering with a 'valvular diseased heart'. A month later Sylvester was transferred to the 3rd Auxiliary Hospital from where he was finally discharged to report to Weymouth to be transported home. The Hospital Transport ship the Persic arrived home with her cargo of sick and disabled soldiers on the 12th February 1918. A report dated Dartford, 24th October, 1917, states: "When aged 21 had to give up football on account of straining his heart. Was able to carry on at his business, printer, but could not do strenuous physical work. In camp he had no long route marches. Came over to England as an N.C.O when he got to France he found that he was unable to complete route marches of 8 miles or more. Had an attack of Trench fever early August, with 3 relapses, one at the end of August, two in September, each lasting about 3 days. Since then dyspnoea has become much worse."

While Sylvester was overseas his wife Eveline was recorded c/- Mrs Travis (her stepsister Sarah-nee Armstrong) at 416 Dryburgh St, North Melbourne. A postcard/photograph taken of Jack, and sent to Sylvester in Mar 1917 was inscribed: "Jack Cathie 3 yrs 6 mths" with "a big kiss for my daddy":

To my dear Daddy,

Mother and I went out today with the proof of we two taken together. Mother was very fortunate in getting six of mine that was taken last Mardi so mum is sending this one to you in her letter this mail as the other photo will not ready till next week. I do wish you were home Daddy we could have such fun together but it won't be long now. I pray for you every night & try to be good with fond love from your loving son Jack.

The long voyage home enabled Sylvester to use his talents to carve a splendid serving tray, and also a Victorian chair which stood in pride of place, first in his own home, then his son Jack's and now grandson Hugh's. In April 1918 he was awarded the following War Gratuity: 20/- for himself, 10/- for his wife, and 6/6 for his son Jack Armstrong Cathie. Sylvester was awarded the Star Medal 1914-1919, British War Medal on 30th June 1921 and Victory Medal on 27th Sep 1922 as Acting Sergeant.

On his return to Melbourne, Sylvester opened the first of many newsagencies he was to own over the next few decades. It was in Black Rock and in 1919 they had a daughter Constance Violet. In the 1920's the family took over the Eaglehawk newsagency, which they ran until c1934 when they returned to Melbourne taking up residence in Footscray. Sylvester died on the 29th October 1948 of heart disease.

Research Room Roster

Tues	MARCH	Thurs		Sat	
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14	Anne Blair -Tas Jenny Patterson	16	Gail Quinn Donald Connop	18	Betty Jones Carolyn Jones -Aus & Gen
21	Fay McCoubrie Jeanette Angee - Aus	23	Eileen Durdin Casey/Cardinia Lorraine Taylor -Eng & Gen	25	Val Holland -Con Pam Lowther - IT & Cem
28	Helene Hayes Mary McGrath	30	Nowella Alghren-Ger, BI & Aus Win Preston -WIs & Shp		
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4	Lorraine Taylor-Eng,Gen Clare Vivian	6	Di Christensen Valma Newson	8	Val Holland -Con Jenny Coates -Casey/Cardinia
11	Fay McCoubrie Jenny Patterson	13	Donald Connop Gail Quinn	15	Closed Easter Saturday
18	Anne Blair -Tas Lorraine Taylor-Eng,Gen	20	Nowella Alghren-Ger, BI & Aus Win Preston - WIs & Shp	22	Carolyn Jones -Aus & Gen Pam Lowther - IT & Cem
25	Closed Anzac Day	27	Eileen Durdin- Casey/Cardinia Pam Lowther -IT & Cem	29	Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor -Eng & Gen
	MAY				
2	Mary McGrath Jeanette Angee - Tas	4	Di Christensen Valma Newson	6	Val Holland Con Betty Jones
9	Anne Blair Tas Lorraine Taylor-Eng, Gen	11	Eileen Durdin Donald Connop	13	Lynne Bradley -Casey/Cardinia Jenny Coates- Casey/Cardinia
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30	Jeanette Angee- Tas Helene Hayes				

THE HUNT FOR WILLIAM BISHOP CONTINUES

I recently found a great site on the internet while researching mills & millers, William Bishop's occupation. Cambridge Preservation Society has a page on mills in Cambridge & in particular Bourn, which was the place of birth of William's father John. Bingo! Up came the "Bourn Post Mill" with a small history of the mill which included a reference to the owners over the years, one of whom was John Bishop of Sandy, Cambridge - Great Grandfather of my John Bishop 1771-1823 I believe.

I then emailed the Secretary of the society to see if I could get further information on the John Bishop in the article. Imagine my surprise when she sent back a contact email address for Mike Ward who was most helpful & contacted his brother Andrew who had written an in depth article on the Bourn Mill that he sent me, as well as all baptisms, burials & marriages for Bourn from 1662 to 1843. After all this information nothing further on my William, but now it looks like I have five more generations to my Bishop family. Never say die. Just keep on trying and see what comes up if you put in an occupation into Google.

Lorraine Taylor

Family History Writing Competition

Put your thinking caps on and start writing. The Writing Competition is getting nearer!

This competition was held several years ago and it was a great success. Many of our members entered and their stories were interesting, engaging and fun. Your story can be about one particular person, one event that occurred in a family, or an entire family history. It's up to you. Guidelines and entry forms are available from Di Christensen.

dichris@labyrinth.net.au

Category A is for stories less than 5,000 words and category B for stories more than 5,000 words. Entries can be hand written or typed. Hopefully we will have many entries and it will spur you on to other writing.

First prize for both categories is \$50.00

All entrants must be financial members of the NW&DFHG. Entries close on Wednesday 10 May, and prizes will be presented at our AGM on Saturday 8th July 2006.



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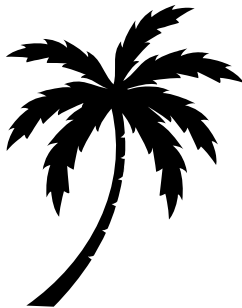
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