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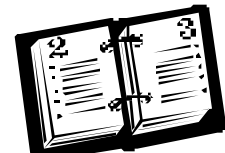
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This delightful photo of Lily Alberta Seymour was donated to NWDFHG by Christine Laskowski. Lily was born at Yackandandah in 1878, the daughter of Thomas Weller Seymour and Elizabeth Sudney Gay. Lily married James Bell in 1900 and the family lived at Rockallan in Narre Warren North.

If you have a photo of local interest that you'd like to see featured on our



December meeting

Wed 13th December 8 pm
Trivia Night

Christmas Lunch

Thurs 7th December 12 noon
Seasons Restaurant
248 Clyde Road Berwick

Research Room Christmas closure

Tuesday 12th December 3 pm

Research Room re-opens

Tuesday 6th Feb 2007 11 am

General Meeting

Wed 14th Feb 2007 8pm

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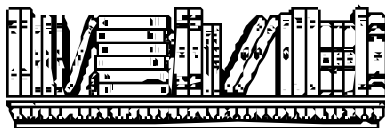
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| <p>Membership: Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee Payable 1st July each year.</p> <p>Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate. Nov - May: 8 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday 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 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>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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| Family History Research Room Information Sessions | Publications for Sale |
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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 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 + \$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> |

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.

Is this the *real* story of “Clancy of the Overflow”?



By Jeanette Angee

There have been many stories about the identity of Banjo Paterson's “Clancy of the Overflow” and the truth behind “The Man from Snowy River”. According to Clancy's grandson Norman MacNamara, there was a real horse chase and a real Clancy whose name was Thomas Michael MacNamara. The race however, is said to have taken place in the hills beside Wagga Wagga in NSW. Banjo Paterson took the event into the Snowys to make it sound more spectacular.¹

What led me to write this article was a chat with my neighbour **Charles Robinett** who told me that his G.G. grandmother was **Annie Troy** whose sister **Teresa** married **Thomas Michael MacNamara (thought to have been Clancy) in 1875**. Charlie showed me a Herald Sun article dated Sunday July 6th 2003 by Adrian Tame, which showed a photograph of Thomas Michael “Clancy” MacNamara with his wife Teresa (nee Troy) at Thargomindah, in outback Qld in 1913 with five of their children. Information in the article was taken from a 1938 newspaper clipping and included the following:

- A photograph of Thomas' grave at Griffith cemetery in NSW - *In Loving Memory of Thomas Michael MacNamara died 28 August 1943 aged 94. Erected by his loving wife and family.*
- An S.T Gill illustration with “Clancy of the Overflow in Australian Verse”.

The Brisbane Courier Mail 1938 clipping included an interview with Thomas MacNamara (Clancy), then 89 and Teresa (nee Troy) 83. In the interview Thomas described the legendary race just as the poem portrayed it.² “Three fine horses, including the £1000 sterling colt from the thoroughbred Old Regret, had broken away from the Troy property near Wagga and joined wild horses in the nearby hills. Thomas (Clancy) said the four riders who gave chase were he, his cousin Andy MacNamara and the Troy Brothers Tom and Jim who was only 17. Jim had arrived on a weedy pony called Mungo and Tom told him not to bother coming, but Thomas included him in the pursuit party and Jim was the lad who actually brought the horses back when the others failed.” Jim Troy is one of several men who have been given the title of “The Man from Snowy River” over the ensuing years.³

¹ From Clancy's Day to Mine” by Norman MacNamara published 1989 by ABC.

² Quote from Thomas in 1938 from Adrian Tame's article 2003.

³ “From Clancy's Day to Mine” by Norman MacNamara

Clancy's father, Michael, had first settled at a place called “The Overflow” on the north side of the Murrumbidgee River. Later he took up a place called Wyalong, which joined the Barmedman run. Gold was discovered and young Thomas worked the gold for a while then opened up a butcher's shop and sold meat to the miners. He went shearing for a time then took a place of his own called “Elsmere” and married Teresa Mary TROY whose family owned Barmedman and Silverest stations.

The MacNamaras were great friends with the Paterson's who owned a place called Illalong. Bogle Paterson was the father of Banjo Paterson who got the idea for the poem “The man from Snowy River” from the horse chase that took place on Barmedman run near where he lived. When he was at Elsmere, Thomas had owned a horse called The Gance and it is thought that could be where the name Clancy came from. As for the poem “Clancy of the Overflow”, this idea for a poem may have come to Banjo from Clancy's move north in 1888 and the rumour that he owed money to the bank at the time.⁴

By Feb 1888 Thomas Michael MacNamara (Clancy) and his wife Teresa Mary (nee Troy) with 3 young children, **Ilus** Augustine Thomas (b1882), **Lily** Camillus (b1884) and **Kate** Mary Gertrude (b1886) made their way north of Bourke towards the Queensland border. They then turned west and arrived at the little town of Eulo north of the border, where Clancy bought a butcher's shop. In 1890 the town was almost washed away by a flood and was moved to its present position. Clancy took up a selection near the junction of the Bow creek and the Paroo River and sold the butcher's shop. By 1898 there was a drought and the family had grown to 8 children.

While researching Charlie's family I confirmed all the details of the Troy's and MacNamara's properties as listed in the 2003 newspaper article. His great great grandmother, Annie Mary Troy was born in 1847 in Todes Creek, Wagga Wagga and married Francis Edmund Keane in 1869. Her parents were Nicholas Troy and Mary MacNamara. The large Keane family was also well known in the Wagga and surrounding district as well as the Troy, MacNamara and Paterson families.

Permission to use part of Adrian Tame's article was obtained from Herald-Sun.

Permission to use some details from Norman MacNamara's book obtained from ABC

⁴ “From Clancy's Day to Mine” by Norman MacNamara & NSW BDM's

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| Louis Bryan Macnamara | B14 Mar 1893 |
| Owen Roe | B11 Sept. 1895 |
| Dorothy Blanche | B6 July 1899 |
| Viol et May | D11 Sep 1913 |

Ilus married Eileen Winifred Hall in Eulo, Qld 17 April 1913
Kate married John Channon Erskin in Thargomindah, Qld 10 April 1913

Lily married John Edward McMahon in Thargomindah, Qld 12 April 1913 (Kate and Lily are said to have had a double wedding). It is believed that Teresa and Teresa moved further north and eventually bought a house in Toowoomba, Qld. I have no record of Teresa's death but they must have moved back to NSW as Thomas died in Griffith, NSW.

Demystifying Mailing Lists and Message Boards

Every RootsWeb user, at one time or another probably has made use of two of RootsWeb's most popular features -- the free mailing lists and message boards. However, some are confused by the need to have both resources. Frequently asked questions are: Why do we need both lists and boards? What are the differences between the two? Which should I use?

Lists and boards are resources for posting genealogical queries and awaiting possible answers to your research questions. Both can serve as repositories for genealogical data. However, there are differences in their usage and there are instances in which one would be better than the other for posting your queries and data.

Message boards are generally the best place for transcriptions of data/documents. You can even add a graphic copy of the original document as an attachment. Documents such as deeds, wills, military pension papers, family Bible records, and public domain biographies are all easily copied to the boards for archiving purposes so that they can be accessed by future researchers who browse or search the message boards.

Queries posted to message boards can represent anything from an attempt to knock down a long-standing brick wall by a serious researcher, to a casual query about a collateral line or the spouse of a distant cousin. Since a researcher doesn't have to subscribe to a message board in order to post a query on it, he can post queries that are only of passing interest as well as important research questions.

When posting to a message board, patience is the keyword. Message board posts might be found weeks, months, or even years later by another researcher with the answer to your question or by someone who possesses the puzzle piece you need to solve a mystery.

It is important to keep e-mail contact addresses current on old message board posts for this very reason. It is quite easy to do through the use of registration and keeping your account data up-to-date.

Mailing lists are an e-mail forum for discussion among a group of researchers who subscribe to a list. Those on a mailing list receive all messages posted to a list by others. Since you must subscribe to (join) a list in order to post or receive messages from it, lists are relatively immune to spam and other undesirable content. Mailing lists function more "in the moment" than message boards do. The "real-time" discussion on a list often includes queries and responses on a specific thread until all aspects of the initial query have been

thoroughly answered. You will often find resident experts on a list who are well informed and helpful.

If you subscribe to mailing lists, remember that your e-mail address cannot be updated on old messages that have been archived. If your address changes, it is wise to re-post old queries in cases where you are still looking for the information.

One valuable tool to aid mailing list subscribers in viewing message board posts is the "gateway," which makes board posts available on a corresponding list with a link to permit replying on the board. The boards that make use of the gateway option carry a yellow highlighted notation to that effect as well as a yellow envelope icon. For many researchers, list and board gatewaying provides the best of both worlds by playing to the strengths of both the message board and mailing list forums.

Don't just post once to a board or list and wait for answers. Keep your posts fresh and update them as you learn additional facts. Also, remember to give help as well as ask for it -- that's what these forums are all about.

Find mailing lists here:
<http://lists.rootsweb.com/>
Locate message boards here:
<http://boards.rootsweb.com/>

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"           Genealogical Research Directory           "
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" Every year the NW &DFHG submits an entry on behalf "
" of members who don't want to purchase the book and "
" submit entries themselves. This year the format has "
" changed and you can submit 15 normal line entries for "
" $15 without having to buy the book if you wish. "
" Alternatively, you can submit your entries under the "
" group's umbrella by submitting entries in the usual "
" format to the Research Officer, Lynne, by Monday 27th "
" November as entries must be submitted by 30th "
" November. We charge $1 per entry and usually "
" forward enquiries on to the submitter within 24 hours. "
" The format used is: Surname/time period/parish or "
" village/state, province or county/country. *Christian "
" names may only be submitted in the case of common "
" surnames. We're happy to accept entries by email or "
" leave them with the volunteers on duty. "
" The GRD website is at: "
" http://members.ozemail.com.au/~grdxx/ "
" For more information or contact Lynne 9704 9075 or "
" lynbradley@yahoo.com.au. "
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LIBRARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

I thought I would jump right in this time with what acquisitions we have bought for the group. They are listed below:

- AIGS Early Australian Electoral Rolls vol. 2 - Victoria 1903; Queensland 1903; South Australia 1905 @ CD
- A history of the Upper Ferrtree Gully to Gembrook Railway (Book)
- More Mickle Memories of Koo Wee Rup (Book)
- Butler's 1868 Directory for Gippsland @ Book
- Victorian Police Gazette 1855 @ CD
- Boolarra Cemetery Transcriptions 1887-2004 @ CD
- Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions 1869-2004 @ CD
- Australian Family Histories Bibliography & Index
- Tracing your Irish Ancestry @ Book
- Wangaratta Cemetery @ CD
- Ballarat & Ballarat East Directories 1865-1866 @ CD
- Tombstone & Monumental Inscriptions of Tasmania Version 2 @ CD (TAMOT)
- Bound for SA (Passenger Lists) 1836-1851 @ CD
- Aust Genealogical Computer Index Version 1 @ CD
- Australian State Directories 1904 compendium @ CD
- Bendigo Advertiser Index 1877-1882 MFiche - funerals, inquests, obituaries, accidents etc. (To complete the set)
- New Zealand Electoral Roll 1893 @ CD
- AFFHO Congress papers (Folder)
- Vic Marine Index @ MFiche
- Sands & McDougall's Melbourne & Sub Directory 1892 @ CD
- SA Pre Civil Registration Marriages
- Australasian Genealogical Computer Index
- Victorian Police Gazette 1855
- Sands & MacDougall Melbourne & suburbs directory 1892

These new acquisitions will hopefully have something for everyone.

Don't forget to look at the magazines and newsletters that we get regularly. *Irish Roots* is a good one if you are researching Irish forebears.

As I am writing this in the middle of October, I hope the Lady Teviot talks go well next week. As it is a fundraising activity, if we have lots of people attending it will be great for the group.

I find it hard to believe that the next time I am writing for the newsletter, Christmas will be over and we will be doing the stock-take. Where has the year gone? (Yes I know we say it every year).

Terry and I had a few days away in Gippsland during July. We picked the right week as the weather was superb. On the way down it poured with rain most of the way and we thought the weather would be cold and wet while we were there. How wrong can you be? We had lovely sunny days which was most pleasant for that time of year. The place we stayed at in Lakes Entrance was just OK but the food in their restaurant was so yummy. In the deal we had a cooked breakfast every day and dinner for two nights. I couldn't look at a cooked breakfast but I made up for it at night. Of course Terry made up for me and had everything that he could. We had a good look around and did a few day trips but we are going to go back again. It was going to be in October but something has come up (Terry has bought a new vehicle) and we have decided to leave it until next year. We want to go to Sale Family History Society as I have found out while doing some research that Terry's Grandfather, (Edward Vivian) worked on the railways and was based in Sale. This was around 1898-1899 when Terry's Dad was born and hopefully they might have some information about the railway employees. I did look at some records in the State Library but it only said that he was a porter. Sometime after this, Edward disappeared and left his wife and three sons to fend for themselves. Nothing was heard of him again. Terry's grandmother eventually remarried and from what I can gather, she was a very formidable lady and not well liked by her family. Maybe the fact that her husband left her soured her outlook on life.

That's all this time.

Clare Vivian



Want to know what new resources we have?

Want to use that new CD but can't remember the name of it? Just click on the above icon on our computers for a tour of our latest acquisitions. You'll find details of the resource such as where to find it, how to use it and what format it is. Make a rule to check for new resources everytime you're in the Research Room. You may be pleasantly surprised!

An innovation brought to you by Pam Lowther.

Casey Cardinia Web sites

Harold & Ethel Coventry - missionaries in India

<http://www.mun.ca/rel's/restrm ov/texts/a stephen son /CYCLE.HTM>

Cecil Henry Foote

<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A080558b.htm>

Clair Whiteside - war stories and family photos

<http://www.australianatwar.com.au/stories/stories.asp?war=W1&id=211>



Christmas Lunch

This year we're visiting Japan and Thailand with the continuation of our 'Around the World' theme for Christmas Lunches. Lunch is at the Seasons Restaurant, 248 Clyde Rd Berwick at 12 noon on Thursday, 7th December. As usual, family and friends are welcome. A list has been placed on the notice board in the research room with menus. Please have a look and add your name to it by the end of November.

Enquire to Diana Wheeler:

Diana.Wheeler@bigpond.com

Ancestors

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them?
Or don't you really know?

Strange discoveries are sometimes made,
In climbing the family tree,
Occasionally one is found in line,
Who shocks his progeny.

If you could see your ancestors,
All standing in a row,
Perhaps there might be one or two,
You wouldn't care to know.

Now turn the question right about,
And take another view.
When you shall meet your ancestors,
Will they be proud of you?

Casey-Cardinia Research

Do you have family or local history interests in the City of Casey or Shire of Cardinia?

Please let us know the surname you are researching with a place, and approximate dates and we'll publish your interests in this newsletter.

Email the editor on jnnyb@aol.com

Entries are free and you don't have to be a member!

Recycling gone too far?

The Daily Telegraph reported in July this year that Manor Park cemetery in the City of London is "offering second-hand graves, with 'refurbished' monuments including headstones, obelisks and crosses". Old monuments are being scoured to remove any inscriptions and reused.

The City of London Cemetery & Crematorium web site:
http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/corporation/our_services/health_safety/cemetery_crematorium/

Click on "View our public notice regarding the Cemetery and Crematorium" for further information.

From

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/07/04/ngrave04.xml>

Using the Research Room

We have many resources to help you in your effort to find your ancestors. One of these is the FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE. There is so much information in these magazines and many of the later editions have a CD with them. September 2006 was a bumper one for me. It included the 1871 census for Barnstaple a part of Devon that I am researching for my daughter-in-law. I hit pay dirt, finding her 3x great grandparents Abraham & Helen/Ellen Clatworthy. Other interesting stories include:

- Ploughmen & Penny Boys pages 8-11 - maybe your lot were not just Ag Labs.
- The Silent Settlers Part 2 Female emigrants to South Africa pages 20-22.
- Killed by Pirates pages 58-61 & last but not least
- Ethel the bankrupt portrait painter pages 71-73.

A new source Victorian Police Gazette 1855. I found the following under Miscellaneous Information:

Missing since Christmas Day, Jasper Morley, of Weston Street, Brunswick. He is a sawyer by trade, 23 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, florid complexion, brown hair, blue eyes. Information to Alfred SIMMS, Duke of York Hotel, Great Collins-street east, Melbourne- 3rd Jan 1855.

This is a really good description of someone's ancestor. You never know what you could find in the research room if you don't use it.

Lorraine Taylor

Never Forget... TUSK

My name is Stuart Earle. I have a business in Yarragon called Tusk, specialising in transferring your home movies and slides to DVD.

I started Tusk almost two years ago, my main reason being to help preserve people's memories. Hopefully this article will give you a better idea of how Tusk can help you pass your movies and memories onto future generations.

5% off profits go to your local Genealogical Society, so remember to mention them when you speak to us.



Home Movies to DVD:

- 16mm / 8mm / Super 8 Film Transfer

We offer the most affordable way of transferring your old home movies onto DVD. Each film is projected into a transfer box where it reflects off a mirror and is captured by digital video camera. The files are then collected on one of our computers and edited as necessary; from these edited files we create your finished DVD of home movies.

- Camcorder and VHS Tapes

This process involves transferring your home movies from the original tape straight to our computers, from here edits are made and the final DVD is created. We do not use standard VHS/DVD recorders for this as they create inferior DVDs.

Slide and Negative Restoration:

- DVD Slideshow

Your slides or negatives are scanned in using a professional dedicated film scanner; they can be scanned in at a rate of anything up to 5400dpi, which is about 4 times the quality of any normal home scanner! The images go through a digital process, which removes any dust and most scratches. Each image is manually colour corrected and the brightness and contrast are also checked, making the final image as good as (or as close as possible to) the original. The DVD slideshow means you receive a DVD of your corrected slides, with smooth transition effects between each one, which can be played on any home player. You can also choose to have background music on your DVD.

- Image Files

If you want to use your images for scrap booking or for printing out, we can supply the image files of your corrected slides to you to use on your own home PC.

Image Archive

- Archive Your Memories!

For peace of mind we offer a very affordable service that can see all of your old photos, certificates, slides, negatives, in fact any printed material archived to CD or DVD. If a bush fire were to come your way would you be able to grab all of your precious photos and memories? Generally speaking people have photos and important papers spread all over the house, with our Image Archive service you need only pick up a DVD case and you will have all your photos! How much easier would that be? We keep this as affordable as possible as well by not doing any colour correction to your images; it is purely a way of getting your important images archived.

Other Services

- Web Share

Let us create your very own website to share photos with relatives or friends wherever they live! The sites are secure and password protected so only you and your friends and relatives can view it!

- Moments DVD

The ideal gift for any occasion, the Moments DVD can be aimed specifically to a certain person in your life, or for a special occasion. You choose photos, film, certificates etc to include on the Moments DVD and the emotive music you want in the background and let us do the rest! You will soon have an emotional DVD that says exactly what you want it to say! You can even record a special voice over for a Moments DVD, to let future generations know your thoughts and let them hear your voice for years to come.

Tusk, 75 Princes Highway, Yarragon, Vic 3823. Phone: 03 5634 2425

<http://www.tuskdesign.com.au/neverforget.htm>



Shetland Archives

http://www.shetland-ws.co.uk/pages/recent_archive.htm

The Primary Valuation of Ireland 1848-1864

<http://www.ulsterancestry.com/search.htm>

Irish Ancestors & Place Names

<http://scripts.ireland.com/ancestor/placenames/index.cfm>

Australian Cemetery Geo Locations

<http://www.pcug.org.au/~pblair/auscem/auscemlist.php?start=1>

Irish Australia on the Web

<http://www.irisaustralia.com/index.html>

Cousin Connect

<http://www.cousinconnect.com/>

Thomas's Eclectic Practice of Medicine 1906 (old names for diseases and ailments)

<http://www.swsbm.com/EclecticMed/EclecticPractice.html>

Free Resources for Genealogists

<http://www.ukgenealogy.co.uk/genbooks/freebies.htm>

Software for Genealogists

http://digupyourroots.com/software_for_genealogists.html

Cora Web's Software for Genealogists

<http://www.coraweb.com.au/software.htm>

Australian Copyright Council

<http://www.copyright.org.au/publications/infosheets.htm>

Census tools

<http://www.censustools.com/census/download.html>

Genealogical Books

<http://rootsbooks.com/shop.php>

County Kerry Records Online

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irker/records.html>

Linkpendium

<http://www.linkpendium.com/>

Adelaide Co-Operative History

<http://www.adelaideco-op.familyhistory.sa.info/>

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A Presidential Address

We seem to have been confusing some of our members with the delivery of their newsletter and we're sorry if you are one of them. We'd like to set the record straight once and for all, so that everyone knows what's happening. In August 2004, the committee of the time decided to send the newsletter by email to all members who gave us an email address in an effort to reduce printing and postage costs. They invited any member who specifically wanted to receive their newsletter in hard copy (printed) to inform the Membership Officer who would keep a record of this for the Newsletter Editor. The current committee recently ratified this decision because every member that receives their newsletter by email saves the group at least \$6 per year. Now that might not sound like a lot, but multiply that by a possible 50 or more members and it starts to build up and look like more resources that could be bought for us all to enjoy! And that's the point. Yes, we are concerned about the environment and the trees, but to be honest, we're also concerned about getting as much for our dollar in the research room as we can. This is an easy way for members to help cut costs dramatically by doing nothing at all really. Having said that, we realise that members are entitled to receive a newsletter by virtue of their membership and at no time in the past, present or future have we ever intended to ask members to pay any additional costs for the receipt of a newsletter in hard copy, nor pressure members to accept an emailed version. It is entirely a matter of choice.

So, if you're getting a newsletter by email now and would prefer not to, please contact Pam pamelalowther@yahoo.com.au and let her know. Alternatively, if you're happy to accept the newsletter by email and you're not doing so now, could you let her know that too. If you know you should have received your newsletter and haven't, could you please let Jenny know. The Newsletter Editor can't fix a problem if she doesn't know there is one. And always remember, if all else fails, you can get your newsletter from the My Connected Community website.

Further to the point of getting as many resources into the research room as we can, the committee have decided to allocate every fund raising dollar to the purchase of resources. We know that membership fees will cover day to day running costs if we are careful. To this end, we have purchased 'The Darragh Index' (*Index to the Melbourne German Sick and Relief Society membership 1861-1924*), the 'Cole/Tetlow Index' (*Index to the Robert K Cole collection of hotel records: city and suburban hotels, Melbourne*) as well as 'Cemeteries of S.W. Victoria' on CD-rom and Judy Webster's 2006 Supplement to "Specialist Indexes in Australia". These have all been made possible with library donations made by Jenny Watson, Barbara Sharp and Matthew Cuthbertson. Our sincere thanks to these three generous members.

In closing, I'd like to add a word of thanks to Jenny Coates and her helpers at the recent Lady Teviot Lecture Afternoon and Berwick Cemetery Tour. Events like this require a lot of hard work behind the scenes to say nothing of the work required on the day. I am told it was a great day and one that we should be proud of.

Lynne

Bunyi

On Friday evening the Longwarry Hall was crowded with an appreciative audience, the occasion being an entertainment, got up by the Rev. G. S. Lloyd, in honor of the celebration of peace in South Africa. The hall was decorated with flags, and the proceedings passed off with great *edat*. Singing and reciting comprised the first part of the entertainment, after which the Rev. Mr. Lloyd exhibited by the aid of a lime-light apparatus, 100 splendid views depicting war scenes in South Africa. A very pleasant evening was brought to a conclusion by the audience singing the national anthem. The proceeds, which were very good, will form the nucleus of a fund to provide a treat for the school children on an early date.

South Bourke & Mornington Journal
November 14, 1900



New Members!

Lea O'DONNELL
Robyn WHITFIELD
Bev LAMBE
Maureen DANIELS
Marjorie SPECK
Margaret VALLANTINE
Sharon DAFF
Fiona MARTYN
Paul MARTYN
Annette O'DONOHUE
Robyn WHITFIELD

Canadian on-line records

The first complete index of the 1851 Census for all of Canada has come on-line. Genealogists will be able to search the 1851 Census of Canada by name and location. The 1851 Census offers information about the residents of Canada East (Quebec), Canada West (Ontario), New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The 1851 census was the first taken after the influx from the Irish famine, and as there are no equivalent census returns for Ireland the Canadian Census should be invaluable. Almost 1,500,000 names (of a total Canadian population of just over 2 million) have been indexed. Searches by name, and viewing of images is via Ancestry.com, which can be accessed for free at the LDS, GSV or AIGS.

Further information:

<http://allcens.usrecords.com/canada/census-news.shtml>

Lovell's and other directories around Canada:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories/022009-100.01-e.php>

Lovell's directories for Montreal 1842 - 1977

<http://bibnum2.bnquebec.ca/bna/lovell/index.html>

Lower (Quebec) and Upper (Ontario) Canada Marriage Bonds for 1779-1858.

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/012/022012-100.01-e.php>

A SPECIAL THANK YOU



I sincerely thank the Committee & Members of the Group for the wonderful presentation made to Di & myself at the September meeting. Lynne's compilation of the Group's history & parts Di & I played in it was absolutely amazing. The plaque now has pride of place on my desk where each morning it sparkles when the sun shines on it. This presentation was a very proud moment in my life thank you all.

Lorraine Taylor

18th September 2006

Dear Lynne, committee & members of the NWDFHG,

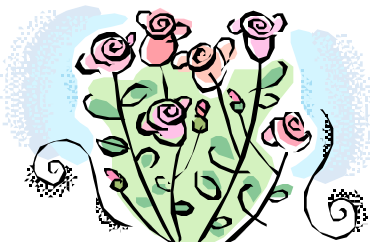
I wish to thank you very sincerely for the presentation of flowers and inscribed memento presented to me last Wednesday evening. I was totally taken aback and am just pleased that Lynne asked us to sit down.

It has been a great pleasure to be of service to the Narre Warren & District Family History Group over the past 14 years. I admit that at times it was very hard work but the end usually justified the means. Through my membership of the group I have met many lovely people, not just here but throughout the region, the state and Australia. Representing Narre Warren on VAFHO, and indirectly, on AFFHO has been a very interesting, educational and happy experience. I thank you for the opportunity to do this. I remember when I attended my first Australasian Congress in Brisbane in 1994 I knew no one there. Of course now I number amongst my friends many people who attended that Congress.

I have visited many groups in Victoria, and read much of others, and feel that Narre Warren stands in a class of its own – at the top. The group has had many ups, and just a few downs since it was commenced by Lorraine those years ago. However we seem to have jumped these hurdles. I have seen amazing changes in some of our members – those who have taken on various challenges during their years as members – they have flourished magnificently. The committee will continue well under Lynne's leadership but we must think of next year, and the years following and encourage others to join the committee.

Thank you once again my friends,

Di Christensen



High Tech Solutions to Unmarked Graves

One of the vexing problems with old cemeteries and historical sites is the difficulty of finding the locations of unmarked graves. The locations may have been marked at one time with wooden or even stone markers, however, the ravages of time, weather, animals, and vandals over the years may have removed all traces of those markers. Locating unmarked graves is also vitally important in solving murder cases.

Historically, the only method of finding unmarked graves has been to start digging - not a very practical solution. However, modern technology now allows cemetery associations, historical societies, family societies, genealogists, archaeologists, police departments, and others to identify the locations of buried bodies and other objects with no digging required.

Ground penetrating radar systems (GPRS) work in a similar manner to normal radar systems: a radio signal is transmitted, and the reflected radio wave is measured and then displayed on a screen or printer, showing the distance and size of objects. We normally think of aircraft radar as measuring distances of airborne objects many miles away. However, the same technology works in the ground, measuring distances of a very few feet. Ground penetrating radar systems generally are used to locate underground water and sewer and gas lines. However, their capabilities have also been used in everything from crime scene investigations to finding lost graves and artefacts at historical sites.

GPRS operates like the radar at an airport, but on a smaller scale. The operator drags an antenna that looks like a box across the surface. The antenna transmits radar waves downward to search at a certain depth. A receiver on the antenna picks up the reflected radar waves and sends them to a computer, which displays the results on a graph similar to a heart monitor. The line varies according to the consistency of the soil or materials buried in it.

The reflection of pulses of energy transmitted into the ground generates radar data. The energy bounces off the buried features and is detected with a receiving antenna. Each below-ground feature reflects this energy in its own unique way. Objects and soils of different densities will generate detectable signals. By providing the user with the ability to "see" below the surface without disturbing anything, GPRS is the ideal tool for locating sensitive features such as graves.

GPRS can locate underground pipes. The metal pipes reflect strong signals that are easily identifiable. Other objects and even "disturbed earth" will also reflect radio signals. Any metal objects on a coffin, such as handles or even iron nails, will reflect strong signals. Older graves or buried bodies typically found in crime scenes are more difficult to identify. It is easier if clothing on the bodies have things like belt or boot buckles. However, trained GPRS operators have had great results in locating even graves that contain no metal at all since any digging and re-filling of earth will appear as disturbances in the radio signals that are reflected and displayed on the GPRS screen. While these

devices will show that something lies below the surface, a GPRS unit normally cannot identify the object. It could be a coffin, an oil drum, or the hood of a '57 Chevy. The only way to find out is to dig.

Finding graves is a rather common use for the GPRS units. For instance, a few years ago the Miami County Sheriff's Office in Ohio requested assistance from the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers in searching for possible murder victims buried in a 30-acre area. Chris Heintz, a geodist with the Corps, assisted in finding bodies.

Heintz and Mike Fowler, a realty specialist in Real Estate Division of the Corps of Engineers, also used the GPRS to locate graves in Tennessee near Fort Campbell, Kentucky. A demolition landfill encircled the cemetery, and Fort Campbell requested the graves to be moved so the landfill could be expanded. Fort Campbell officials thought there were just three graves at the site, but Heintz and Fowler found twelve graves with the GPRS.

"When they brought them up, it was just as we specified," Fowler said. The graves dated from 1865 to 1940. With the family's permission, the graves were moved to a cemetery 15 miles from the family burial plot. According to Boyd McClellan, chief of the Survey and Mapping Section, the families were cooperative since GPRS is non-destructive and does not disturb the sites.

GPRS has become a standard tool for archaeologists for the past twenty years, being used in "digs" in Israel, Egypt, England, and all across the United States. Not only will the GPRS units locate buried skeletons, but they also find old utensils, stone foundations, and other items of archaeological interest.

Though GPRS does not currently reveal details such as skeletons or coffins, it does show excavation features. In some cases the actual shafts of the burial were detected, while in other cases, only the near-surface soil truncation was detected. The best part is that ground-penetrating radar is non-invasive; you don't have to dig up a lot of land in order to locate buried items. Archaeologists also are adopting GPRS with enthusiasm as it often narrows the focus to the most likely places to dig for remnants of buildings and other items of interest.

An example of unmarked graves found by ground-penetrating radar is on the Web site of the Mt. Airy (Pennsylvania) Graveyard Association at: <http://www.horseshoe.co/pennadutch/graveways/pvcemetery/es/mtairy/magrecords/magrcrd.htm>

Several manufacturers of ground-penetrating radar equipment have interesting Web sites, including:

GeoModel at <http://www.geomodel.com/graves/>

Sensors & Software, Inc. at <http://www.sensoft.ca/applications/forensics/forensics.html>

You can learn more about this technology at: <http://www.archeologymapping.com/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on August 18, 2006 http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2006/08/finding_unmarked.html#m

Research Room Roster

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The Research Room will close for research at 3 pm on Tues day 12th December 2006 and re-open on Tues day 6th February 2007.

Along the Rhein

A website for several towns in the Rheinland state of Germany lists births and marriages from the 1600s to the 1800s.

There are literally thousands of records with some files having 14-15,000 records. It is best to use the old CTRL F function to search each set of records. Many of the records are church related. For example, the Osann-Monzel records were for the Saint Peter and Saint Nikolaus parish.

The area covered is quite large - mostly west of the Rhein (Rhine) River up to Koblenz, Bernkastel, Btburg, the Mosel Valley, over to Trier, and south toward the Saar.

You probably will need to know the town of origin in order to use this site successfully and to hone your German language skills.

<http://www.genealogienetz.de/vereine/wgff/trier/Familienbuecher>

Westdeutsche Gesellschaft für Familienkunde e.V (in German)

<http://www.genealogienetz.de/vereine/wgff/>

The home page of this organization (in English) is here:
http://www.genealogienetz.de/index_en.html

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VAFHO TREASURE CHEST

The VAFHO Treasure Chest was held on 19th August at the Dallas Brooks centre. The VAFHO Committee was delighted with the day and with the friendliness shown by all who attended. Another Treasure Chest may be held in the future, but maybe not next year. We thank all groups who participated and all who attended.

FOUND - An exercise book was found at the Treasure Chest, titled "**Roaming the Unknown**". The owner attended Lesle Berry's talk on "Writing your family history" and they are interested in the Ballarat and Creswick area and had relatives who worked on the railways in the 1870s in Western District. If this is yours contact Di on 9703 2985 or: robert.c1@optusnet.com.au

SPEAKER'S CORNER

In September, Amanda Third, from Monash University spoke on "Race, Gender and the Red Headed Woman". This talk was taken from her chapter in a book "The Irish In Us" edited by Diane Negra. It was a most interesting and informative talk.

In October Tom and Libby Luke from VICGum spoke on the Legacy Family History Program. Although not all who attended use Legacy they also found it very informative. Those of us who do use Legacy had our eyes opened with the amazing amount of options found in the program. The time allotted was not enough but we all went home and spent some hours looking at what our Family History program can do.

Di Christensen



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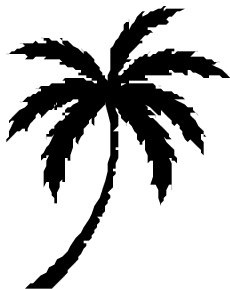
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