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Cambridge University 1209-2009

Did you know that Cambridge University has been around for 800 years? In fact it is their 800th anniversary this year. I recently discovered that Ancestry.com have released a CD of the



General Meetings

8 pm Wednesday 10th December
Diana Wheeler's
Christmas Extravaganza!



8 pm Wednesday 11th February
Wendy Eldridge
New South Wales Records



Wednesday 11th March at 8 pm
To be Advised



university's Alumni. Did you have a university graduate in the family or perhaps an ancestor dropout! Cambridge University is consistently ranked one of the world's finest educational institutions, being an academic institution of choice of the Royal Family (King Edward VII, King George VI, Prince Henry of Gloucester, Prince William of Gloucester and Edinburgh and Prince Charles). Historically, Cambridge University

has the reputation of producing most of Britain's prominent scientists and mathematicians, including Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin.... the list goes on. The University has also produced 82 Nobel Prize winners.

If you would like to find out more about Cambridge's long and illustrious history there is a plethora of information on the internet.

Do you have a hunch that an ancestor may have been a student of the uni? Well here is your chance to find out. I would



be happy to lookup a name or two on the index of Cambridge University Alumni 1290-1900. Email your ancestors name/s to Pam at newsletter.editor@nwfhg.org.au

More information about Cambridge University and its 800 year history:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Cambridge

<http://www.800.cam.ac.uk/page/168/800-years-of-history.htm>

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Membership & Meetings

Membership:

Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee

Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee

Payable 1st July each year.

Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

Nov - May: 8 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the month (except January)

Jun - Oct: 2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month

The cost is \$2 and includes a light supper.

Family History Research Room

Our Family History Research Room is located within the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

Family History Research Room hours:

Tuesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Research Queries

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.

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.



Family History Research Room Information Sessions

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. Jane Rivett-Carnac 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 Jane

Phone: (03) 9796 1421 *or*

Email: research.room.workshop@nwfhg.org.au

Members: Free Visitors: \$5 charge.

Publications for Sale

Microfiche:

Berwick Cemetery

Register & Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00

Harkaway Cemetery

Register & Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00

Pakenham Cemetery

Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00

+ \$2.50 postage & packing for up to 3 sets of fiche

Books:

Harkaway Primary School - Origins to 1975

by Jennifer Boyer = \$20 (postage included)

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.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

In June 2008 the committee approved a list of purchases totaling just over \$2,000, these have all been sourced and ordered with the last few purchases coming in, when you add the Hawthorne Bequest to this we will have acquired new resources worth over \$4,000 in the last six months. I hope to see lots of members in the research room in the New Year taking advantage of the new acquisitions. Our thanks must go to all who've sizzled a sausage to get them, and then to Jane and Pam who are largely responsible for their processing and appearance on the shelves.

The wind up to this year will be interrupted by the forced closure from Monday 17th to Friday 28th November due to maintenance activity within the library and our research room. This means that we will have to close the room to volunteers as well. At the time of writing this, the committee is trying to work out how to bring the planned reorganization of the research room over the Christmas break forward a few weeks - a lot of work now, but at least we'd all get to enjoy the Christmas break as well.

The research room will be closed for approximately 6 weeks over the break, of course, volunteers can gain admittance to the room to carry out research and we will happily open for visitors with at least 48 hours notice. Why are we closed so long some might ask - well, we have ¼ of the membership doing research room duty keeping everyone else happy - those ¼ get tired and deserve a break.

I'd like to thank the committee for all their hard work, it's often unseen, always unpaid and sometimes unthanked (if that's a word).

And lastly, I'd like to wish our committee and members a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Lynne



WAS HENRY MAPLE A BUSHRANGER?

Henry Alexander MAPLE died 28 March 1922 in Neerim Junction, Gippsland, Victoria. His death was the result of a shoot-out with police and members of the local community who had known the youth all of his life. Henry was only 15 years old at the time, the second of six children born to Joseph Henry Maple and Ethel Louise (nee Awty). He appeared to have a normal childhood growing up on his father's farm in the Neerim area with his brothers and sisters. There is however evidence from the inquest into his death that he once spent time in the Royal Park Neglected Children's School and made the acquaintance of the other lad involved in the incident, Joseph Banks.

It all began with a robbery at Neerim Junction general store that belonged to the Bloomfield Co-operative Butter Factory. The store was broken into and goods to the value of 60 pounds were stolen. They consisted of clothing, drapery, groceries and about 2000 rounds of ammunition as well as a Winchester rifle and a breech loading shotgun. The police discovered that a local youth (Henry) and a friend of his could not be found and they were suspected of the crime.

At 5am on the third day after the robbery the lads had been seen firing 12 shots at a local house occupied by a settler and his family. One of the shots just missed one of his girls. Warragul police and a detective from Sale joined the search. They were engaged all day Thursday searching the thick bush to the north of Neerim Junction and along the River Latrobe. In many places it was too steep and the forest too thick to utilize their horses. They came upon the suspects later in the afternoon and they were called on to surrender, but instead one of them fired point blank at a Constable from a distance of only a few yards, the bullet going through his helmet and only grazing the scalp. The youths fled down the gully.

Friday morning the officers came across a camp, evidently made by the youths and then while

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riding from Goodwood towards Neerim Junction they met Banks. He was unarmed and made no attempt to escape. He took his captors to a spot where he had concealed a shotgun and about 250 cartridges. Maple, he said, had gone to Neerim Junction to obtain a change of clothes.

While this was going on, the women at some of the farmhouses spotted the other youth with a rifle and when attracting the attention of the men with their cries they frightened the youth away. As he proceeded through several properties he could be seen brandishing the gun and before long one of the local identities approached on horseback to head him off. Shots were fired and one of Maples' struck the stock of the local identity's rifle, and was deflected into his right arm near the shoulder. Another shot entered his back and also near his shoulder and he fell to the ground. Miss Martin, the district bush nurse hurried to his aid and dressed his wounds before he was taken to Dr Ley's private hospital, Warragul.

Robert Banks, when brought to Neerim Junction said that he was glad that he had left Maple to give himself up. He said they had met at the reformatory and when they left it was arranged that they would meet at Neerim Junction. He made a statement: "We broke into the Bloomfield store on Monday night and hid the goods in different places. On Wednesday night we went to a place near Johnstone's where we had hidden food but it had gone. Maple blamed the Johnstones for taking it and we went to a gully below Johnstone's house. The girl Johnstone came to the back door and Maple fired several more shots but he did not know if he intended to hit the girl."

Banks then described the encounter with police and the Constable brought Banks by motor car to Warragul where he was locked up.

Henry eluded the police for six days but on the seventh day he was seen crawling through some bracken on a local identity's farm. Friends called out to him, telling him that the man he had hit



had not died, and tried to persuade him to give himself up. The only reply was a volley of shots. As it was obvious that he was not going to give himself up, shots were fired into the bracken; more shots rang out, then silence. After some minutes a search was made and his body was found slumped in the bracken. His rifle had jammed.

Did he take his own life or was it accidental?

In a report which appeared in The Argus April 1922 it was explained: "Since the post mortem examination of the boy Henry Alexander Maple by Dr. Trumpy and the extraction of the bullet from the brain, the opinion is expressed that the fatal shot was fired by his own pea rifle. The bullet, flattened to the size of less than that of a threepenny piece is about the same weight as the bullets found in Maple's pockets. Maple had told his comrade Banks that he never would be taken

alive. However it was also possible that the rifle had accidentally gone off when caught on the thick bracken fern near the log where he was found.” The coroner’s finding left the verdict open “Death from a gunshot wound while resisting lawful arrest”.

This episode in 1922 was probably not technically “bush ranging” but because Henry was on the run in the bush for six days, he and his mate became known in the area as the “Young Bush Rangers”. Henry is buried in Neerim cemetery. C/E Monumental section 27/3/1922 grave 100G.

Abridged statements by Henry’s father Joseph Henry Maple from coroner’s inquest:

Statement 1: 28th March:

“Yesterday morning 27 March I proceeded to Warragul hospital and then saw a body abed I identified as my son Henry Alexander Maple age was 15 years. He was born on 10th July. He was between 15 and 16 years of age. I had seen the deceased alive on 20 Mar-Monday. He was in my house. I said to deceased it was time to go to bed, will you have a cigarette. He was playing cards at that time. A lad named Banks was at that time out in the kitchen. As they were going to bed I asked deceased if he would have a cigarette. he replied, “no thanks dad”. He came in and said I might as well have one and I gave him a cigarette. He lit the cigarette then went to a room off the building. That was the last time I saw deceased alive. The next morning I went to the room and said to the little girl to call them. The girl went to the room to call them and came back and said they are both gone. I then went to the front gate to look for any tracks to see if I could see which way they had gone. Not finding any tracks at the front gate I went up to the other corner of the block. I saw some tracks where they had gone out on to the road. I never saw the deceased after I gave him the cigarette. I next saw the dead body of the deceased at the Warragul Public Hospital.”

Statement 2: 29th March:

“The state of health of deceased was always good. When I last saw deceased alive he was in his usual good health. Deceased was able to read and write. I never read the books the deceased read, bush ranging yarns at home. At a small age he returned from the Neglected Children’s Dep. to one place at Thorpdale. He never had any strange habits. Deceased had a single barrelled gun. It was in

my house. It disappeared. I can’t say when I saw the gun. I knew the deceased had the gun. I had 25 cartridges at my place and they were missing. Sometime after deceased left I noticed that they were gone. I noticed tracks at the front gate. I wanted to know which way they had gone as I had an idea of going after them. Banks was at my place from Saturday to Monday when they disappeared. I had to find the tracks so I could trace them. I was not aware then that the gun and cartridges were missing. I was somewhat alarmed when they both left. I was surprised when they had gone without saying something. I got up between 7 and 8 am. I can’t say what time they did go. The last time I saw deceased alive was 9pm on 20 March last.”

Statement 3:11 April:

“I do not want to add to my evidence I gave on 28 March last. There is an error in the said evidence I wish you to correct. When I got up on the morning it is stated in said evidence” I went to the room” the words should be “I sent on the little girl to the room.” With the said exception my previous evidence deceased was a left-handed shot. I know the handwriting of the deceased. The handwriting you produced is much like the handwriting of the deceased, I wouldn’t swear the said writing is my deceased son’s. It is much like his writing but the said writing is with a pencil and mostly his writing was with a pen. I stated previously that I did not know the exact age of the deceased. The deceased produced a birth certificate containing my wife’s name and the name of the child registered- Exhibit C Before the boy going away he was working on the farm for me. He was a good worker, cutting trees and falling timber. He was quite contented at home. Nurse Martin was the first nurse who attended deceased after the shooting. I got a statement from the said nurse.”

These three statements were the only ones made by Henry’s father. There was however another 41 pages of evidence in the coroner’s inquest records which I obtained from Public Records Office of Victoria containing statements from every individual involved in the capture of the “Young Bushrangers”.

Jeanette Angee

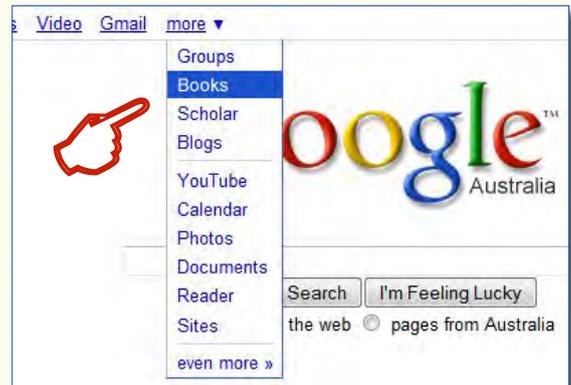


Google Book Search

I make most of my great finds when I am looking for something totally different. I found this little family history treasure trove quite by accident. I was searching for a copy of a digitized directory that was out of publication, the company no longer existed. So I went to Google's book search as I had a few times before. I had previously searched for physical books, where to buy particular books but never complete digitised copies of books. There they were, complete copies of Directories and old books of all sorts.

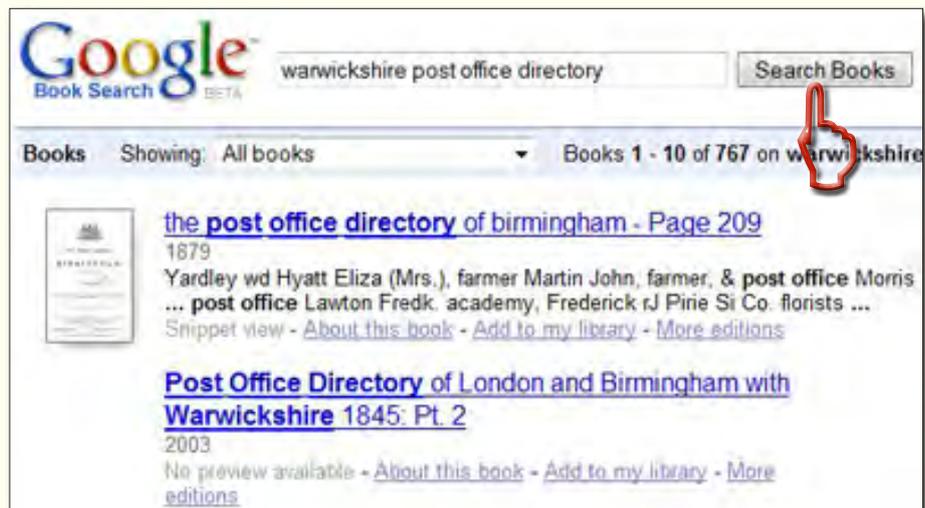
So how do you get to this great spot on the internet? Well it's easy, just follow these few simple steps to an array of great resources.

1. In your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc) go to Google's main page <http://www.google.com.au/>



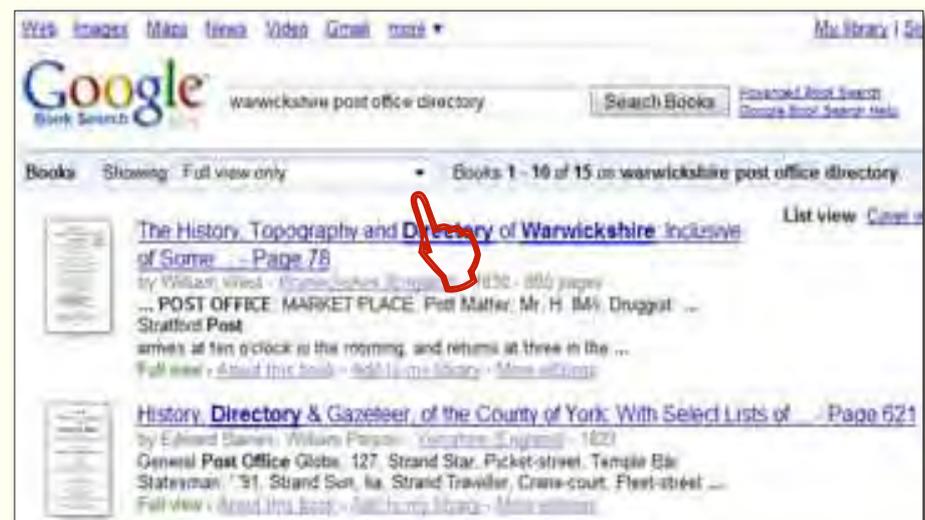
3. A drop down box will appear Click on "Books".

4. In this simple search type the title you want to search for and then click the "Search Books" button. (You will get loads of books that tell you there is either "No preview available" or "Snippet view")



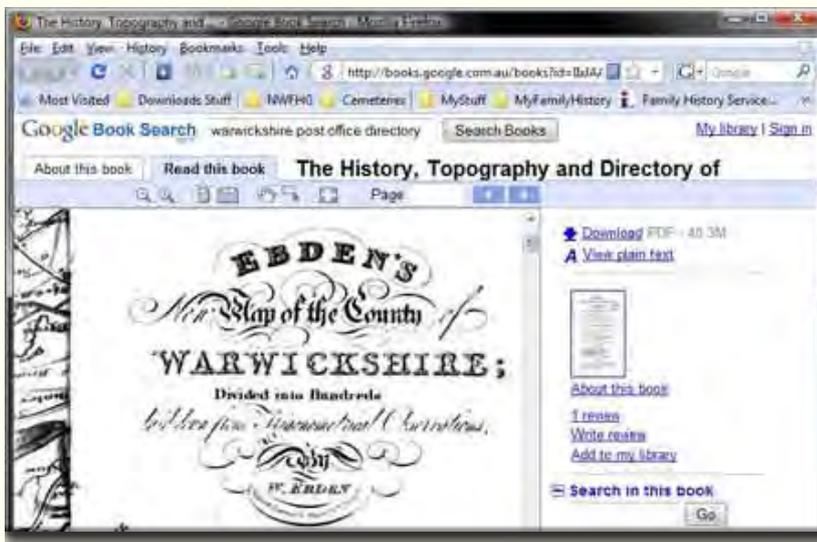
5. Now that you are into the next window you can sort which books you view. Just under the search box there is a dropdown box labelled "Showing" and by default it will be listing "All books". Change it to "Full view only"

When I searched for "warwickshire post office directory" I got 767 books (a heck of a lot to sort through) but none of the first few pages even had a preview. When I changed my search to show "Full view only", I got 15 hits and most were useful.



When you find a book or directory that you would like to look at you have a few choices:

- View and search the title online The “Read this book” page is easy to navigate and gives you loads of options to set the window up to suit you. You can navigate through, page by page, jump by page number, choose from chapter headings or the contents menu.
- Download the entire book/directory to your computer to view at your leisure most books are in a standard .pdf/Acrobat Reader format. (Note these are large files and may take some time to download but a broadband connection will make this task manageable)
- Add the book or directory to your Google “My Library”. Then it can be accessed via your own online library and you won’t have to go searching for it again! (You must already have a Google account/email address to use this service)



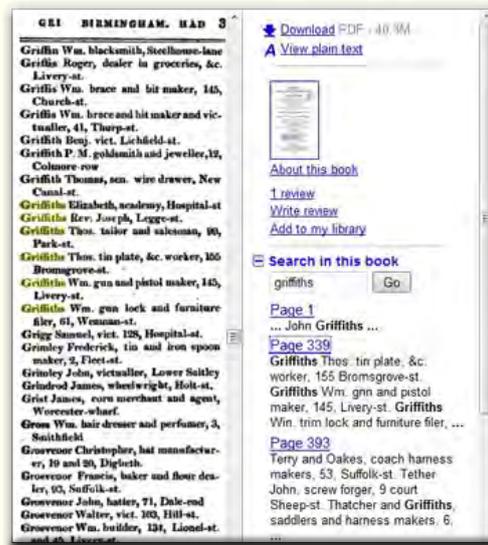
This is by no means a perfect system, you may have to wade through quite a few American titles depending on your search words. (Obviously a lot of places in the USA are named after those in the UK and you will get the lot!)

You can also search a single book. I tried this with a few books and

got nothing. Then I tried searching for an ancestor’s surname in a Warwickshire directory and got quite a few results. Give it a try you may get lucky!

This is just an example, the scope and variety of books is limited only by your imagination. Have fun reading!

Pam Lowther



BOURKE Catherine
(nee Kelly)
OBITUARY- Mrs M.
Bourke, senr., of
Pakenham, died on
Monday last after
a lengthy illness.
Deceased, who was
93 years of age, was
born in Limerick, and
arrived in Melbourne
with her husband in
1839. They went to
reside at Moonee Ponds
where they lived till
1844. They then took
up their residence at
Pakenham at what was
known as Bourke's and
Neville's station,
on Toomuc Creek.
Here they had many
exciting experiences
in the early days.
Deceased was of a most
generous and kindly
nature and during
her long residence
in the district she
made a large circle
of friends. She
leaves three sons
and five daughters
to mourn their
loss. The funeral
took place to-day
and was a large and
representative one.
Deceased's remains
were interred in the
Pakenham cemetery,
the mortuary
arrangements being
carried out by Mr J.
Grant. Sympathy is
expressed for the
bereaved relatives
in their trouble.
Berwick Shire News
26 Jan 1910



New in the Research Room

	Biographical Register of Canberra & Queanbeyan 1820-1930
	Clonmel to Federation: Guide to people in Port Albert 1841-1901 A-K & L-Z
	Dalrymple Parish Church Monumental Inscriptions Ayrshire Scotland
	Dating 19 th Century Photographs
	Dating 20 th Century Photographs
	Friend & Foe: Caroline Chisholm and the women of Kyneton
	Gippsland Historical Newspaper 2 copies <i>Donated Di Wheeler and Mary McGrath</i>
	Making Sense of the Census Returns for England & Wales 1801-1901 <i>Donated Di Christenson</i>
	Memorial Inscriptions Kilsyth Stirlingshire Scotland
	Memorial Inscriptions Kirkwynd Maybole Ayrshire Scotland
	Monumental Inscriptions Churchyard Largo Fife Scotland
	Past Images Present Voices Kingston <i>Donated Jane Rivett-Carnac</i>
	Root & Branch Wellington St. Presbyterian Church Ballymena 1828-1978 <i>Donated Mr & Mrs Sweeting</i>
	Rosenberg from Gruenberg Silesia- Life & Descendants in Australia <i>Donated D. Davis</i>
	South Australian Record Series Books 1-7 including as follows Coroner's Reports 1870-1899 & 1900-1910, Inquests 1880-1942, Deaths in Public Institutions, Burial Orders 1926-1944 & 1945-1954 and Mental Patients Estates.

	Sunshine Railway Disaster 1908
	The Feisty Phoenix The Real Story of the CWA Victoria 1928-2008
	With Naught But Kin Behind Them <i>Donated Wendy Brook</i>
C/C	Dandenong from Slab Hut to City
C/C	From Tent to Township <i>Donated by Max Thomson</i>
C/C	Hear The Train Blow
C/C	Information files for Cranbourne
C/C	Letters from an ANZAC Gunner <i>Donated Lynne Bradley</i>
C/C	Prolific in God's Gifts



Thank you everybody,

I missed the last Newsletter, and I wanted to say a special thank-you to the group, after my recent back problems.

Lynne visited me during my recovery with a big smile on her face a very warm get well card and a lovely rose to plant in my garden which I can now tell you has bloomed beautifully, "lovely pink flowers"

When you are flat on your back and in pain and cannot get on with your life that's when you really appreciate your family and friends, for their help and support.

To me "this group is like an extended family". After Hydro and Physiotherapy I am almost right back on track.

I would sincerely like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee and members for their kind thoughts and get-well wishes.

Shirley Peterson





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The Deadline for the February 2009 edition of *Spreading Branches* is 15th January 2009

Research Room Roster

DECEMBER	Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday			
	2	Bev Lambie Fay McCoubrie	4	Nowella Ahlgren BI & Gen Di Christensen Aus	6	Robyn Jones Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen		
9	Jeanette Angee Aus & Gen Lynne Bradley C/C							
						Closed For Christmas & January 2009		
		FEBRUARY	3	Lynne Bradley C/C Mary McGrath	5	Wendy Eldridge Donald Connop	7	Val Holland Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen
			10	Wendy Brock Judi Harris	12	Win Preston Wls & Shp Valma Newson	14	Wendy Goodwin Tas Shirley Dwyer
			17	Val Bennett Bev Lambie	19	Eileen Durdin C/C Gail Quinn	21	Shirley Peterson Wendy Brock
24	Fay McCoubrie Jeanette Angee Aus & Gen		26	Wendy Eldridge Donald Connop	28	Carol Krygger Pam Lowther IT & Cem		

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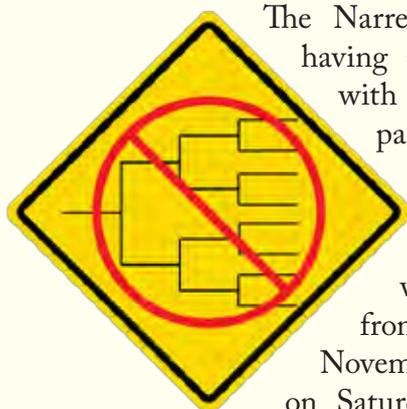
Aus = Australia
Con = Convict
Shp = Shipping

BI = British Isles
Eng = England
Tas = Tasmania

C/C = Casey/Cardinia
Gen = General
Vic = Victoria

Cem = Cemeteries
IT = Computers
Wls = Wales

Works in the Research Room and Narre Warren Library

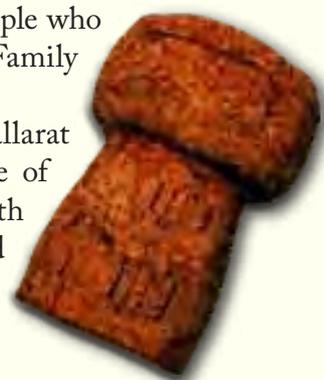


The Narre Warren Library is having a bit of a makeover with a fresh coat of paint and new carpet. The research room will close to everyone (members, volunteers and visitors) from Monday the 17th November and will reopen on Saturday 29th November.

Cork Donations ~

Thank You!

Thank you to all those people who have left corks in the Family History room. They are taken up to Ballarat to help fund the purchase of wheelchairs for people with Motor Neurone Disease and are greatly appreciated. Many thanks



Lyn Olney

Thank you

Thank you to those brave people who have recently become Research Room Volunteers Judi Harris, Val Bennett, Wendy Eldridge, Carol Krygger and Shirley Dwyer. If you are thinking about becoming a volunteer in our research room please don't hesitate Wendy Eldridge to discuss the matter. It's lots of fun and there are great benefits, oh and a little bit of work. Best of all it is a great way to learn about family history and our very own collection. For more information please contact Wendy Eldridge research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org

Also a big hand goes to our newest committee member Wendy Eldridge who has taken on the role of being our new Research Room Manager. Welcome to the mad house Wendy!



On the Web

The War Graves Photographic Project
<http://www.twgpp.org/index.php>

Western Australian Post Office Directories 1893-1949
http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/pdf/battye/pods/Post_Office_Directories_Contents.html

Limerick City Council - City Archives
<http://www.limerickcity.ie/Archives/>

Centennial Park Cemetery - South Australia
<http://www.centennialpark.org/>

BDM Victorian Place Name Abbreviations
<http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/ifhaa/misc/vicnames.htm>

Victorian Place Name Abbreviations
http://myweb.westnet.com.au/talltrees/resources/vic_abbr.htm

Placenames in Ireland
<http://www.n-ireland.co.uk/genealogy/placenames/index.htm>

Griffiths Valuations
http://griffiths.askaboutireland.ie/gv4/gv_start.php

County Fermanagh - Northern Ireland GenWeb
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nirfer/index.html>

RootsChat
<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php>

Bute Sons and Daughters
<http://www.butesonsanddaughters.co.uk/index.shtml>

Ireland Genealogy Project
<http://www.igp-web.com/>

GENUKI: Lanarkshire - Glasgow
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/LKS/Glasgow/>

the times of my life
<http://www.thetimesofmylife.org/home/>

South Derbyshire Genealogy Pages
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brett/sdindex.htm>

Australian Cemetery Geolocations
<http://members.pcug.org.au/~pblair/auscem/auscemlist.php>

Member Profile	
Name	Merryl Krummins (Hansen)
Born	Melbourne
Siblings	David, Chris & Glenda
Education	Blackburn High School
Profession	Driving Instructor
Married	Yes, 30 Years
Spouse	Fred
Children	Carl & Dale
Time in the district	30 years
Hobbies	Reading, Walking & Travelling
Researching	Hansen, Clark & Reid
Reason for starting	Family History Unknown
Time researching	2-3 months
Most Interesting Find	Extra 2 generations, Illegitimate and unmarried Irish girl

How do you know if you are hooked on genealogy?

You know when the majority of hits that come up when you Google an ancestor's name are your own queries on the genealogy boards!



Research Room News



Hello fellow Genies,
Well as I noted in the last newsletter Mum and I had a great day in Geelong at the Rotary book sale, the organisers had refreshments and a spot to sit, after a pleasant couple of hours I had a boot load of books. Then I suggested we try and find the home of one of my mother's great Aunts, we both laughed when we realised how many times we have driven past it unaware that it has a family connection. A short drive to the Eastern Cemetery and we found a number of graves for Mum's family, she had never been to this cemetery and was rather moved to stand in front of a well maintained monument to her maternal great grand-parents.



It was a long day but fruitful in so many ways, lots of reading, photos, a few more links on the family tree and Mum remembered a number of stories of her Aunts and Uncles which she chatted about on the drive back to Melbourne. If you are lucky enough to have older relatives it's so important to spend time with them on a simple day like Mum and I had. It's amazing the way memory works with seemingly little things, it can open up all sorts of information.

My Mum then became ill and has been in Casey Hospital for just on seven weeks, needless to say my work for our research room has fallen behind, that may have given the volunteers a

breather as nothing has shifted for two months. Once my Mum has settled into her new environment I can get back into organising the fiche files before the stock-take.

The committee have recently purchased a number of new resources for the group and these books and CD's are completing the available BDM's for Australia. Don't forget to check the "WHAT'S NEW" icon on the computer as Pam is updating this data regularly. The areas our new books cover include Scotland, Ireland, England, South Australia, Canberra and the ACT, Port Albert and Victoria.

Happy reading,

Jane Rivett-Carnac

VICTORIAN CROWN GRANTEES INDEX

"We've just purchased the Victorian Crown Grantees Index (Part 2) 1838 to the present day. The CD lists the names of persons who are recorded as the first buyers or selectors of land from the Crown. Part 1 published in 1998 on fiche lists 67,000 names and is in our research room. Part 2 lists 148,000 names from 700 parishes and will be in the research room shortly.

A special thank you to Graeme Brownfield, Fay McCoubrie, Valma Newson, Shirley Dwyer, Heather Arnold and Jenny Hayes for their very generous donations.

We need your memories

for our 20th Anniversary publication

Did you know we are nearly 20 years old? The group's 20th Anniversary is next year. To celebrate we are going to be publishing a book of the group and its member's memories.

We would love you to share your memories.

Do you remember a funny thing that happened in the research room or at a meeting?

A great event or an away day that the group held?

Do you have any photos or other memorabilia that will help us tell the history of our group?

All of our memories will be published in a book that will be release at our official 20th Anniversary celebrations next year.



Please contact either Wendy Goodwin publicity.officer@nwfhg.org.au or Lynne Bradley president@nwfhg.org.au if you would like to contribute.



Guinness Book of Records longest line of bras

1026 km long line of bras. What does that have to do with family history you may well ask? In short not a lot!

A group in Bundaberg, Queensland will be attempting to make the longest line of bras and break the current world record. This very worthy fundraiser will donate

funds raised by the event to the Jane McGrath Breast Cancer Foundation.

If you can help please deposit your bra/s in the box provided in the research room before 28th November 2008.

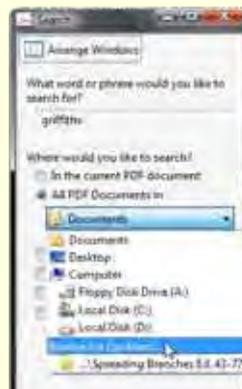
Val Holland

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NEWSLETTER

As we saw in the last edition's tip, one of the greatest time saving features of Adobe Acrobat files (pdf's) is that they are generally searchable. But did you know that you can search more than one document at a time. For example if you put all of your copies of Spreading Branches in one folder you will be able to search them all with a single click!

To search more than one document at a time follow these simple steps:

1. Open the document you want to search
2. To begin a search click on the Binoculars icon or go to >Edit > Search
3. When the "Search" box appears, type in your search term
4. Change the option "Where would you like to search?" to "All PDF Documents in"
5. Then select the location of the documents you wish to search (either choose an entire drive or browse for a location)
6. Once you have chosen the location of your documents - Click the search Button
7. The result of your search will list each document with an instance of your search term
8. Clicking on each item will take you to the specific page in each document that contains an instance of your search term. Each one is highlighted to make it easy to find



Instead of pouring through a mass of documents just type in your search term and hit the search button sit back and watch it happen. It's that easy!

Pam Louther

To get the most out of this great feature packed, interactive Spreading Branches you may want to consider updating to the newest version of Adobe Reader. It's easy just click the button.

Have you shopped at Ritchies lately?

When you join Ritchies community benefits scheme you will get a keytag or a card that will be swiped as you go through the checkout. Each time you shop the group benefits. We have recieved a few community benefit cheques. But the more people shopping at Ritchies the bigger our cheque. No we don't want you to change your shopping habits but consider shopping at Ritchies once in a while. You can sign up at any Ritchies store. Every little bit counts!

CARTRIDGE WORLD

Like most people with a personal computer you probably have a printer. Whether it is an ink-jet or a Laser printer it will need refilling every now and again.

The kind people at our local Cartridge World have offered to donate 5% of each purchase to the family history group. Just mention the "Narre Warren & District Family History Group" when you go in to buy a new cartridge or have your old cartridges refilled. At the end of each financial year they will send us a cheque.

It's that easy!

Call in and see Rae and Anthony for all of your printer needs.

Unit 11, 3 Webb Street,
Narre Warren, Vic
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