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Harkaway Cemetery Tour

By Lorraine Taylor

Our day began with cloudy & overcast skies although the weather forecast had promised us a warm and sunny day.

The newspaper article with the photograph did a great job of promoting our tour, I thought Valma & I came up really well (especially from a distance)!

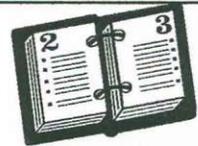
We had 19 paying visitors including 4 members, who enjoyed their morning tea in the small garden beside the Bell Tower - but then Val Holland's baking is always a treat.

Our tour took about 1½ hours to complete, zig zagging up one side & then down the other, the general consensus of opinion was that the tour was both interesting & informative. We also had the pleasure of meeting descendants of two pioneering families mentioned in the tour.

We came away feeling pretty pleased with our efforts, the weather had kept its promise, the tour had gone very well and we had collected \$95, which will make a start towards a new index for our research room.



Harkaway Cemetery Tour: 27th March 2003
Photograph courtesy of Valma Newson



*** Away Day**

Friday 23rd May
St.Kilda Cemetery &
Prahlan Mechanics
Institute Library

*** LDS Braeside**

Open Day
Saturday 24th May

*** General Meeting**

Saturday 14th June
Marj Knight - Stories of
Social History from an
Inquest Indexer

*** Away Day**

Thursday 26th June
State Library of Vic -
Manuscripts Section

*** General Meeting/AGM**

Saturday 12th July

*** Away Day**

Thursday 24th July
East Melbourne Churches
(see pg 12)

*** General Meeting**

Saturday 9th August
Lesle Berry - Copyright
& Privacy Rules

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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 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January)

Jun - Oct: 2 pm on the 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 am to 3 pm

Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm

Saturday 11 am to 3 pm

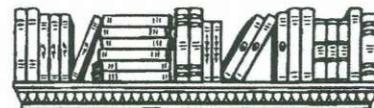
We have an ever growing collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members.

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.

Friendly and informal information sessions with small groups of members are currently being held by Pam Lowther.

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.

Members: No charge

Visitors: Gold coin donation please.

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 and packing for 1, 2 or 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 the facilities at the Narre Warren Library.



From Doreen Lawson:

For those with ancestors in **Cheshire, England**, there is a searchable database for Wills now online at:
www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/eshop/wills/home.htm

And Leanne Cairnduff:

Middle Name Index for England and Scotland
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/index.htm> *(all one line)

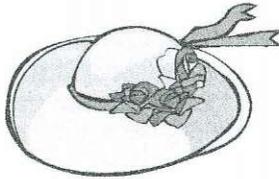
Hugh Wallis believes that middle names are an invaluable resource for finding clues to family relationships. Often a person's middle name is the same as the maiden name of their mother or a grandmother or it reflects some other familial connection (maybe the name of a patron or benefactor). It may also be the father's surname for births occurring out of wedlock. According to Hugh, they have significant value in genealogical and family history research.

My Hat History

Copied from 'This England'
by Pam Sweeting

I wore a fluffy bonnet as I sat
on Mother's lap,
And then, at six, a coloured
and well-fitted crocheted cap.
At school, a winter velour, then a
summer panama,
Next came a pale-blue halo-hat just like a movie
star.
Later, hats were all discarded, some were even
scorned,
Though still at special functions, heads were
suitably adorned,
Because of summer dangers, hats have returned
once more –
None, alas, as beautiful as those Great Grandma
wore.

Hope Hucklesby



Away Day - Mystery Tour

By Lorraine Taylor

Drivers were given instructions & a map in a sealed envelope. An hours' drive away from the city (about 40 mins from Narre Warren), we arrived at Mont De Lancey Historic Home, Garden, Museum, Chapel & 1880's Kitchen at Wandin.

First off we watched a video explaining the history of the area & the families that settled there, then we set off on a conducted tour which included the chapel, garden, the house, the separate outside kitchen and the magnificent view.

Mont De Lancey has one paid staff member & 100 volunteers, these include tour guides, carpenters, gardeners & kitchen staff. The museum and house are kept in wonderful condition, some could not get over how white the lingerie was. Some of it dated from 1877.

The silver ware looked like it had just been cleaned, the crockery also sparkling, all set up in glass cases, with information labels on many items that told where they came from, who they had belonged to, and the date. Some really lovely gowns were also on show.

For lunch we had a sandwiches, strawberries and ice cream and a home made scone with blackberry jam and cream and of course your usual tea or coffee.

A Plea from the President

This is the last newsletter before the next Annual General Meeting. A few of our long serving Committee members will not be nominating for re election this year, myself included.

Please think seriously about taking on a Committee position this year - don't think that we don't need you, we do! Don't think that you can't do the job - believe me, if we can, so can you. We don't always know exactly what we're doing either but we're willing to muddle through!

If you, as members want to ensure the survival of the Group as a whole and enjoy the convenience of having a family history research room at the Narre Warren Library then this is the time to step forward, put your hand up and give it a go.

The committee is listed on page 2, if you're not sure what is required in any given job, I'd be happy to discuss it - so would the person doing that job at the moment.

Nomination forms are available in the research room or from Valma Newson, both Valma's and my contact details are all on page 2.

Lynne

A Timely Lesson

by Lynne Bradley

Trying to find the room in our little research room for all the resources we'd like to have is a constant problem. I'll not deny that sometimes I've been guilty of wondering whether or not some of the magazines and newsletters that are 10 years old or more warrant being kept considering the new resources we have today.

At least, I did until during the Christmas holidays I was flicking through some old magazines that were donated to the group, I wasn't reading them, just scanning the pages for names when I came across one that I recognized - William Craig. A fairly common name, nothing too much to get excited about, except that this William Craig emigrated to America with his wife and three children. I thought that was a bit funny - because so did mine. Then I looked carefully at the article, it was titled '*Poor Law Records As A Source For Genealogists*' and was citing the parish registers from Chartham in Kent. Exactly the place where my William Craig was living, in fact, he was my William Craig, **my ggg grandfather!**

So, here it was - in black and white, a paragraph detailing how the parish had given him £10 and his brother had paid the rest of the fare - in a magazine (Ancestor Summer 1991/92) that I had deemed to be of not much use to anyone along with those like it.

I don't know about anyone else, but my own stupidity can reach dizzying heights sometimes. Yes, the advertisements are old and some of the information is no longer applicable but I've now made a solemn promise to myself to read every single one of them because an article written 10 years ago about an event that happened 100 years ago is still relevant and who knows what other treasures are waiting to be found for the want of looking.



The Ryerson Index

The Sydney Dead Persons Society have handed over their entire death index data (now known as the Ryerson Index) to Rootsweb.

The Ryerson Index makes available to genealogists worldwide an index to over 400,000 (and growing) Australian death notices covering the period from 1985 to the present day. It also ensures that all the indexing efforts of our members are now in the public domain, freely accessible by all.

The new site includes additional search facilities. As well as browsing the index in the old manner, it is now possible to directly search by name (full or partial). To aid the local historians out there, the index is also searchable by any place name mentioned in the death notice. In addition, it is possible to add your own comments to a notice - a valuable way of recording your interest in a family for other researchers to find.

Although the Ryerson Index is now hosted by Rootsweb, the Sydney DPS is continuing to index both current and backdated death notices, and will continue to donate additional index entries to Rootsweb on a regular basis. We are also happy to include other Australian newspapers, from whatever state, but especially country NSW, in the index. Please contact us if you think you can help - many papers can be indexed from the web, so you don't need to have the actual newspaper available.

The data can now be accessed at www.rootsweb.com/~nswdps

or

via a link from the Sydney DPS site
www.ozemail.com.au/~johngrah/dps.html

John Graham, for the Sydney DPS
(cross posted to all major Australian mailing lists at Rootweb with permission to repost)

Due to the recent postage rise and the number of newsletters that are posted every quarter, at a recent general meeting we decided that Members newsletters will now be held in the research room for collection for two weeks after General Meetings and then posted.

Please direct any comments or complaints to the President/Newsletter Editor and not the volunteers on duty in the research room.

DISCLAIMER:

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

The deadline for contributions to the August edition of Spreading Branches is July 15th



Place Names in Victoria That Have Been Changed

Belvoir (1851) - Wodonga (1876)
Bernisdale - Bairnsdale
Black Swamp - Wendouree
Browns Waterholes - Lismore
Brandy Creek - Warragul
Burial Hill - Flagstaff Hill - Flagstaff Gardens, Melb.
Columbine - Malmsbury
Charlotte Plains - Maryborough
Consolation Plain - Walpeup
Canton Lead - Ararat
Castleton (1852) - Sandhurst (1853) - Bendigo (1891)
Cunningham - Lakes Entrance
Duncan - Camperdown
Dollys Creek Goldfield - Morrisons
Elephant Bridge - Darlington
Freshwater River - Yarra River
Grant Island - Phillip Island
Jan Juc - Bellbrae (1923)
Latts Ford - Ellerslie
Lawsons - Inverleigh

Lower Leigh - Stonehaven
(The) Leigh - Shelford
Middleton - Apollo Bay (1874)
Moorpanyal - Kildare - West Geelong
Maidens Punt - Moama NSW
May Day Hills - Beechworth
New Ballarat - Chiltern
New Chicago - Echuca
New Bendigo - St. arnaud
Pentridge - Coburg
Paywit - Mannerim (1911)
Rothwell - Little River area
Spring Creek - Torquay (1892)
Stringers Creek - Walhalla
Violet Ponds (1835) - Violet Town
Whiskey Creek - Drouin

found by Jeanette Angee in
The Pivot Tree - April 1991

Talking Rubbish

The next time you open a bottle of wine and are about to throw the cork in the bin - don't! The Motor Neurone Disease Organisation uses them to buy wheelchairs. It takes 30,000 corks to buy one wheelchair, so every cork helps. The Ballarat branch of the organization is now collecting for its seventh wheelchair. Lyn Olney will accept any number (even one or two) on their behalf.

Same goes for used stamps, instead of throwing them in the bin with the envelope, tear them off. One of our local special schools uses them to raise funds for maintenance and facilities for the kids. Lorraine Taylor will accept used stamps on their behalf.

The ultimate in recycling!



New members

Welcome to the Group:

Kaye Houghton	Carolyn Jones
Alex McDougal	Shirley Phelan
Jane Poulton	Lois Roy
Jan Strahan	David Thomson
Belinda Allen	
Margaret and Wally Goodwin	

Member Profile

Name: Eileen Durdin

Place of birth: Australia

Siblings: Geoff, Kevin, Robert, Jenni, Helen & Terry

Education: Clayton South Primary School
Westall High School

Profession: Secretary/Administration

Married/Single: married 1995

Spouse: Russell Durdin

Length of time in district: 5 years

Hobbies: Playing netball, going to shows,
researching family tree

Names Researching: Hynes, McFarlane, Walkom,
Foley, Griffiths

Reason for starting: discussions with family at
auntie's 80th birthday

How long researching: 10 months

Most interesting find: nothing yet

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday 12th July 2003

At 2.00 pm

The Meeting Room, Narre Warren Library
Overland Drive, Narre Warren

AGENDA

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2002 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the committee reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2003-2004
President Secretary
Vice President Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2003-2004
Librarian Research Room Manager
Newsletter Editor Publicity Officer
Research Officer Xmas Raffle Co-ordinator
Door Officer/s Away Days Co-ordinator
Supper Hostess Sales/Fundraising Officer

All positions will be declared vacant and a ballot will be held if two or more persons nominate for the same position.

Nominations in writing to the Correspondence Secretary.
Nomination and Proxy forms available from the research room and the Correspondence Secretary -(contact details on page 2)

**Only financial members may vote at the AGM -
Membership fees are due 1st July**

Members Resources Database

While many of us are busy collecting ancestors we're also adding to our own collection of books, maps, magazines, cd roms and possibly microfiche.

Leanne Cairnduff is compiling a database of resources held by members who would be willing to share these items - possibly at general meetings or whilst the owner is on duty in the research room or at some other time suitable to both parties. Please note that we are not suggesting that members loan out their hard earned resources to others, but just share them.

Submission forms are in the research room - please think about adding your own resources to the list.

Names - Gaelic to English

from Sandra Phelan

Elishe - Alice
Brian - Bernard
Graine - Grace
Bridgit - Delia (a nickname)
Liam - William
Cathal - Charles
Maire - Mary
Cealleigh - Kelly
McGowan - Smith (occ.)
Connad - Kenneth
Padraic - Patrick
Dathi - David
Ruadhri - Rory, Rodger
Dhonal - Daniel
Seamus - James
Diarmid - Jerehemia, Darby
Sean - John
Donogh - Denis
Tomoltach - Timothy, Thomas

Our ancestors often used the following naming procedure when picking out a name for a new child. This explains why certain names are very common in a given family line. Watching for these patterns can help in your family history research.

1st born son = father's father
2nd born son = mother's father
3rd born son = father
4th born son = father's oldest brother
5th born son = father's 2nd oldest brother or his mother's oldest brother

1st born daughter = mother's mother
2nd born daughter = father's mother
3rd born daughter = mother
4th born daughter = mother's oldest sister
5th born daughter = mother's 2nd oldest sister or her father's oldest sister

InMagic Catalogue

Members can now purchase a copy of our Research Room catalogue on cd rom to use at home for \$5.00

*Special price for Research Room
Volunteers: \$1

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra have a Family History Unit that can assist anyone of Indigenous heritage with their family history research. Their records include the usual birth, death and marriage indexes for all the Australian states and territories, the Aboriginal Biographical Index plus archive indexes such as the Aboriginal Welfare Board and Aboriginal Protection Board indexes.

The web site has a lot of information, together with fact sheets and links to other information - well worth a look.

AIATSIS can be contacted by
Mail: GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601
Phone: 1800 730 129 (free call)
Web site:
http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/lbry/fmly_hstry/fmly_hstry_hm.htm *(all one line)

Member Profile

Name: Shirley June Phelan (nee Smith)
Place of birth: Melbourne
Siblings: Alan, Bob (Dec.), Claire & Janette
Education: 2nd form
Profession: Retired receptionist/telephonist
Married/Single: widowed
Spouse: Ian Rayworth Phelan
Children: Graham, Jenny & Mark
Length of time in district: 1 year
Hobbies: Reading, Crosswords & Cross stitch
Names Researching: Shipton, Tutton, Lang, Wilson, Taylor, Healey, Weeks, Josephs, Wilkes & Pawsey
Reason for starting: interested in family history
How long researching: 6 years
Most interesting find: GG grandfather Healey was a Captain and fought in Peninsula Wars - wounded.

Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme

If we could get our members to shop just once a month at a Ritchies store with our Community Benefit Card we could buy some more resources for the research room. Application forms are available from our room or from any Ritchies supermarket.



Australian Folk Lore

Currency Lads & Lasses:

It is said that the paymaster of the 73rd Regiment first described the Sydney born children of the early colonists as "Currency" for the local currency, a Spanish dollar with a hole in the middle, was far inferior to good old English "Sterling". The local lads adopted the insulting term with delight.

Cornstalks:

In the early 1800's, newly-arrived English colonists compared the tall strapping children of the first convicts to cornstalks "because they shoot up so quickly". The native born white Australians thus added a second nickname to their language. "Cornstalks" would remain for a century the nickname for New South Welshmen, just as the "Sandgroppers" were Western Australians.

Overlanders:

In 1835 settlers and drovers began taking sheep and cattle from New South Wales to the new settlement of Port Phillip District.

Overstraiters:

Many new settlers came to Port Phillip District from Van Diemen's Land bringing with them cattle, sheep and horses. Captain Robert Gardiner of Berwick is said to have been one of the earliest to come. He had been whaling in the waters off Van Diemen's Land.

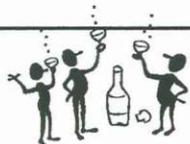
from *The Big Treasury of Australian Folk Lore*
by A K MacDougall and compiled by Lorraine Taylor

My idea of
housework is to
sweep the room
with a glance.



Research Room Duty Roster

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
June		
3 Judie Kohn/Lorraine Taylor	5 Di Christensen/Valma Newson	7 Lynne Bradley/Jeanette Angee
10 Jenny Patterson/Lynne Bradley	12 Nowella Ahlgren/Donald Connop	14 Lorraine Taylor/Carolyn Jones
17 Fay McCoubrie/Mary McGrath	19 Eileen Durdin/Lynette Murray	21 Pam Lowther/Jessie Eth'ton
24 Lorraine Taylor/June McAlpine	26 Leanne Cairnduff/Jane Poulton	28 Betty Jones/Val Holland
July		
1 Anne Blair/Lorraine Taylor	3 Di Christensen/Gail Quinn	5 Carolyn Jones/Pam Lowther
8 Judie Kohn/Jenny Patterson	10 Nowella Ahlgren/Lynne Bradley	12 Lorraine Taylor/Jeanette Angee
15 June McAlpine/Lorraine Taylor	17 Leanne Cairnduff/Jane Poulton	19 Jessie Eth'ton/Shirley Peterson
22 Mary McGrath/Fay McCoubrie	24 Eileen Durdin/Valma Newson	26 Lynne Bradley/Val Holland
29 Anne Blair/Lorraine Taylor	31 Donald Connop/Lynette Murray	
August		
5 Judie Kohn/Jenny Patterson	7 Di Christensen/Gail Quinn	2 Carolyn Jones/Lorraine Taylor
12 Diana Wheeler/Lorraine Taylor	14 Leanne Cairnduff/Jane Poulton	9 Betty Jones/Pam Lowther
19 Mary McGrath/June McAlpine	21 Nowella Ahlgren/Valma Newson	16 Jessie Eth'ton/Shirley Peterson
26 Fay McCoubrie/Lorraine Taylor	28 Eileen Durdin/Lynette Murray	23 Jeanette Angee/Lynne Bradley
		30 Carolyn Jones/Lorraine Taylor



Three Cheers for our newest research room volunteers!
A very warm welcome to Fay McCoubrie, Eileen Durdin, Carolyn Jones and Jane Poulton

New Arrivals in the Research Room

Books:

Names of East Gippsland
Taming a Town - Law and Order at Omeo
The Dog's Grave
Names on the Omeo Highway
Bairnsdale Shire Council Centenary 1868-1968
The Village School
Victoria's Forgotten Goldfields
Across the Alps to Omeo
The Silt Jetties of the Mitchell River
Reflecting Gippsland
Meeniyan 1881-1981 - A Centenary of Progress

Microfilm:

Tasmanian Family History Society: Members Interests 1998-2002

CD Rom:

Shire of Berwick Rate Books 1900-1920
Shire of Cranbourne Rate Books 1900-1913 & 1913-1920



Local History

One Hundred Years Ago



Pakenham

On Monday last Mr. John Wadsley, one of the Iona representatives in the Berwick Council met with a painful accident at the local Railway Station. It appears that whilst helping to push a truck loaded with flour, &c, Wadsley, who had his shoulder to the buffer, was caught by an empty truck that was being pushed from further back along the line, and was struck near the shoulder. His injuries were at first thought to be of a very serious nature, but we are glad to state that the doctor attending him says otherwise.

(South Bourke & Mornington Journal 3rd June 1903)

Narre Warren

The debate, "Should the Victorian Railways be leased to a private company," which took place under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement and Debating Society, drew a large number of visitors to the

Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night last. The speakers debated the subject with marked ability, and the lady speakers deserve great credit for their first attempt at public speaking. The affirmative speakers were Messrs.

Richardson (leader), J. Lindau; J. Goding; B.

Buchanan, and Mrs. Ellis; whilst for the negatives the speakers were Messrs. McClure (leader), Dunkinson, McKinnon, Ellis and Miss Buchanan. Mr. Manchester was appointed judge, and filled the position to the general satisfaction, his decision being in favour of the affirmatives by 4 points, the scores being affirmatives 53, negatives 49. The secretary was absent owing to some unaccountable reason.

(South Bourke & Mornington Journal 15th July 1903)

**editors note: the older I get, the more I realise that there is not much that's really new - 100 years on and we're still talking about it!*

Dandenong

This (Wednesday) afternoon as Mr. W. Williams was driving in company with Mr. Whitehand along the Frankston road in the direction of Dandenong, an accident happened, but fortunately without fatal results.

From the particulars obtainable, it seems that the horse which was being driven got out of control, and, galloping until near the railway gates the buggy was suddenly overturned, and the occupants were landed under the vehicle. Luckily the shafts snapped, and the horse was thus enabled to free itself.

The services of Dr. Lee Brown were obtained, and upon examination it was found that Mr. Whitehand had numerous nasty skin wounds on face and body, whilst Mr. Williams, who did not suffer to the same extent in this respect, but sustained a severe bruising on the back. Mr. Williams, who is the youngest son of Mr. Williams, senr., an old and respected resident of Dandenong was at the time of the accident on his way to the Dandenong Methodist Church, to be joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Hendy, eldest daughter of Mr. Thos. Hendy, who has recently taken up his residence at Dandenong.

The doctor having dressed the wounds of his patients, the 'man with matrimonial intentions' bravely continued his way to the church, and the marriage was duly solemnised in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends.

(South Bourke & Mornington Journal 20th May 1903)

Beaconsfield

A very old resident, Mrs. Catherine Buchanan, died at Lower Beaconsfield at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Cameron, last Wednesday. She had nearly reached the age of 107. Born on 28th December, 1796, near Portree, in the Isle of Skye, she came of a hardy Gaelic stock, her people being of the McLeod family, farmers and graziers. She came out to this country in the "Albion" in 1851. She was then a widow with six surviving children, and went into the dairying business at Coburg, Wallan Wallan, and Beaconsfield successively, residing at the last place for the past 30 years. Up to within a week of her death she could see to read and thread a needle without spectacles. Her chief delight was in repeating passages from the Psalms (knowing them all from memory) in the Gaelic tongue. Her descendants number 184, viz., 6 children (the eldest being nearly 90), 47 grandchildren, 124 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren. The five generations were represented among the large numbers which followed the remains of the venerable lady to the local cemetery on Friday, July 10, the whole family being much respected in the district.

(South Bourke & Mornington Journal 15th July 1903)





Speakers Corner

by Di Christensen

At our February meeting, **Jenny Harkness** from the LDS Church at Wantirna spoke on the Irish records we would find there on our visit later in February to the Family History Centre which specialises in Irish Records. This was a most interesting talk, and provided us all with some resources to search for. Some members came home with many happy finds but as always, some did not.

In March, **Judith Scurfield**, Map Librarian at the State Library of Victoria displayed some of the thousands of maps the Map room holds, focusing on some maps relevant to this area. This session followed our trip to the Map Room last year which was fascinating. Maps hold many valuable leads for family historians

Sandra Riordan from the National Archives in Melbourne spoke at our April meeting. To co-incide with Anzac day the topic was Defence Department records available from the National Archives for Army, Navy and Air Force personnel. Sandra showed us some examples of each and gave us a few pointers on how to find what we're looking for, Sandra also kindly donated four books from the National Archives to our research room.

** don't forget that most of our talks are taped and available for members to borrow from the research room.*

Are you having trouble using any of our software?

Our software collection is growing and I'd really like to see our members get the most they can from it. To ensure this, instead of group sessions, I've decided to offer one on one sessions to members and research room volunteers on those days when I am on duty in the research room for either an hour before the room opens, or on Tuesdays and Saturdays, an hour after it closes. I'm no guru, but I can get the information I'm looking for out of the programs and this way I won't have to take time off work because I'll be there for duty anyway!

There's only one catch - you will have to let me know at least 24 hours before the day, and that's probably not so hard. You can see when I'm rostered on duty on page 8 and all my contact details are on page 2 - and if there's anyone else who is comfortable enough with any of the programs to run a small workshop, please let us know.

Lynne Bradley



A BOOK REVIEW

"Private Lives, Public Records- Family History Resources at Public Record Office Victoria."

By Di Christensen

This new book, launched in late April 2003 should be in all genealogist's collection especially if most of your ancestors lived in Victoria. It has been written by Bronwyn Fensham, Barbara Wels and Kasia Zygmontowicz of the PROV staff, assisted by other staff and researchers.

Contents include chapters on Arriving in Victoria, Land and Housing, School Days, Making a Living, Body and Mind, Legal Matters, and Continuing the Journey. Each chapter includes a case study on families who lived in Casselden Place, and uses the records showing how each case study has been researched.

There are also important tips for researchers, some that frustrate us in our search for our elusive ancestors including - *'Remember some items listed in an index or register may not exist. Not all records survive and some items may have been removed, misfiled or lost during their administrative life'*.

This book is now available from the PROV - Cost \$19.95 + \$5.00 postage, inc GST.
Phone: (03) 9285 7999

Family History Events

Saturday 24th May

Braeside Family History Centre Open Day
Springvale Road, Braeside.
Resources available on the day include some from Latin American cemeteries.

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October

Central Highlands Historical Association is holding their Annual Family and Local History Expo at the Australian Catholic University in Mair Street, Ballarat. The theme this year is "Batons, Bayonets and Bushrangers".

For further details see their website-
www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/chha/chha.htm

Spare Certificates

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Name/s	Date	Event	Place
Downward, Alice Mary	08/05/1895	Marriage	Mornington, Vic
Doyle, Arthur James	07/02/1911	Marriage	Bairnsdale, Vic
Drake, John	22/04/1892	Death	Drysdale, Vic
Drew, Ellen Caroline	05/09/1877	Birth	Heyfield, Vic
Drigdale, Charles	18/10/1876	Death	Melbourne, Vic
Drinkwater, Laura Mary	20/07/1882	Death	Richmond, Vic
Driscoll, Edward	10/09/1869	Death	Emerald Hill, Vic
Duck, Henry	17/01/1882	Marriage	Melbourne, Vic
Dugdell, Alice May	01/03/1889	Death	Hotham West, Vic
Duggan, John	06/01/1842	Marriage	Melbourne, Vic
Duggan, Margaret	14/05/1899	Death	Auckland, NZ
Dumaresq, Catherine	09/06/1865	Death	Clyde, Vic
Duncan, Alexander	22/02/????	Birth	Tasmania
Duncan, Andrew	25/02/1860	Birth	Indented Head, Vic
Dunn, Elizabeth	13/08/1878	Death	Creswick, Vic
Dunn, Lewis Lethboy	30/06/1902	Death	Sth. Melbourne, Vic
Dunstan, Elizabeth Amy	30/04/1888	Birth	Fitzroy, Vic
Durvel, Paul Frederick	28/01/1863	Birth	Gisborne, Vic
Dwyer, Mary	28/07/??70	Marriage	Geelong, Vic
Dwyer, Mary	06/01/1842	Marriage	Melbourne, Vic
Dwyer, Patrick	03/03/1859	Death	Gnarwaree, Vic

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Name/s	Date	Event	Place
Eades, Ernest Albert	26/12/1911	Marriage	Carlton, Vic
Eastaway, Isabella	06/09/1861	Birth	Yarram Yarram, Vic
Edgar, Elizabeth	19/06/1857	Birth	Cardinia Creek, Vic
Edgley, Georgina Catherine	10/07/1890	Death	Ascot Vale, Vic
Edwards, Frederick Haggett	25/11/1860	Birth	Circular Head, Tas
Edwards, Robert Grant	02/01/1890	Birth	Wedderburn, Vic
Egan, Mabel	12/12/1928	Death	Brunswick, Vic
Ellard, Mary Anne	25/04/1853	Bapt.	?

Transcriptions of any of these certificates can be obtained by sending a self addressed stamped envelope and \$5.00 per certificate to our Librarian at PO Box 149, Narre Warren, Vic 3805.

'Settlers In The Sun'

Mildura & District Genealogical Society Inc, in conjunction with VAFHO are hosting the 5th Victorian Family History State Conference in Mildura from the 16th April to the 18th April, 2004. Mildura have been planning this conference for over 12 months. They are delighted that Jan Gow, one of New Zealand's most experienced professional speakers will be the Keynote speaker.

"Settlers In the Sun" will prove to be a wonderful experience for those who attend. Start planning now. There are some brochures in our Research Room. For further information see their website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ausmdgs/2004.html>

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Away Days

Friday 23rd May:

St. Kilda Cemetery and the Prahran Mechanics Institute Library.
Cost - \$5 per person - take own lunch & drinks or purchase near the library.
Arrangements - car pool (meet at Narre Warren Library at 9.30 am)

Thursday 26th June:

State Library of Victoria Manuscripts Section - **Numbers are limited to 12**
Arrangements - meet at Narre Warren railway station at 9 am. Sit in front carriage.

Thursday 24th July:

Visit to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Anglican Church in East Melbourne, and if time permits we will also visit St. Patrick's Cathedral. Guided tours for the first two churches have been arranged.
Arrangements - Meet at Narre Warren railway station at 9 am. Sit in front carriage. Take own lunch.
People are free to drive but parking for that length of time is difficult to find.