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Red Cross Wounded and Missing



As family history researchers most of us have researched a member of the family that fought and/or died in the First World War or subsequent conflicts. I know from my research I gained a much better understanding of the hardships and day to day happenings when I discovered the record of



Cross of Sacrifice

Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery

Private Alexander Kirwan. He is also recorded in the Australian War Memorial "Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files". This provided me with a wealth of information. It confirmed that both of his parents were deceased and his Aunt Katie was the next of kin. This twenty year old lad was reported missing in action 12 May 1917 and a "Court of Enquiry" was assembled in the field. They took statements from his mates and others and concluded that he was in a dug-out when a shell lobbed over blowing it to pieces. He was never seen again.

I had wondered about the fate of this individual on many occasions as most of us do when we can't

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General Meetings

Wednesday 11th March at 8 pm



Ken Shewan

At Anchor off Sandridge



Wednesday 8th April at 8 pm



Your Family History

Live on the Internet



Wednesday 13th May at 8 pm



Family History Questions &

Answers - Ask the Experts!

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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 \$3 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

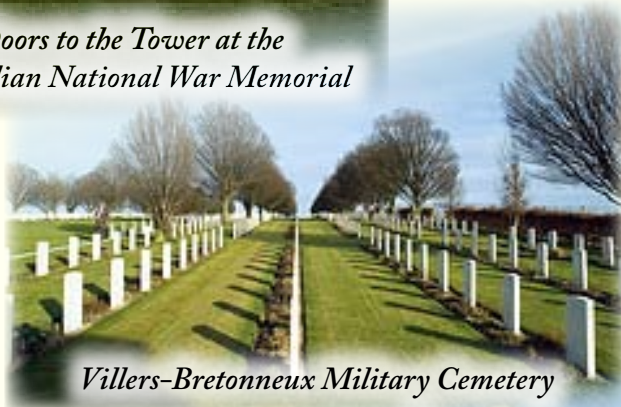
Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999
\$22.00

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

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.



Doors to the Tower at the Australian National War Memorial



Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery

These files may include: eye-witness accounts of the incident by those serving with the soldier; letters sent to the bureau by relatives and friends also replies to any correspondence; correspondence between the bureau and wounded or missing individuals.

Note: sometimes there seems to be incorrect pages in a file (as there are in this particular file) but as paper was reused, the back of the reused sheet was not relevant but retained to show the integrity of the file.

Commemorating the Australian soldiers who fought in France and who lie beneath the battlefields (located behind Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery)

Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files

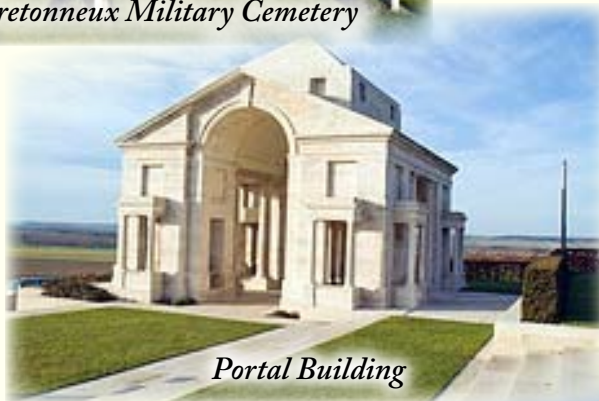
<http://www.awm.gov.au/redcross/>

Cont. from page 1 find someone in the usual places. I looked all over Australia, no marriage, no death and no burial. But when I first heard about this part of the Australian War Memorial website I went to see if I could locate any information about this mystery. Lo and behold there he was. A tragic story of a young man with a potentially long life ahead of him that made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation and our freedom. As many others did, he died fighting for our way of life. I suppose we all take it for granted at times but reading these records surely puts things into perspective and makes us grateful for all of the young men and women who gave of themselves for the rest of us and our future.

Private Alexander Kirwan is remembered at Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.

The Australian War Memorial "Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files" consist of about 32,000 case files of individual

Australian personnel who were wounded in the First World War. Most files cover those who served in the AIF but a few also cover the navy and civilians. Some files contain a great deal of information and others only a little.



Portal Building



Australian National War Memorial

Images of Villers-Bretonneux by Patrick Demory (Creative Commons Licence)



Stone of Remembrance



What is RSS?

How can it help in your family history research?

RSS (Rich Site Summary) is a format for delivering regularly changing web content. Many news-related sites, weblogs and other online publishers syndicate their content as an RSS Feed to whoever wants it.

What are the Benefits of using RSS?

RSS allows you to easily stay informed by retrieving the latest content from the sites you are interested in.

You save time by not needing to visit each site individually. The number of sites offering RSS feeds is growing rapidly.

Think of RSS as a bookmark that updates automatically. For example when the SLV add a new podcast to their collection they add that title to the RSS feed. The next time you open your browser it will automatically be updated to include the new podcast.

How do I use this RSS thingy?

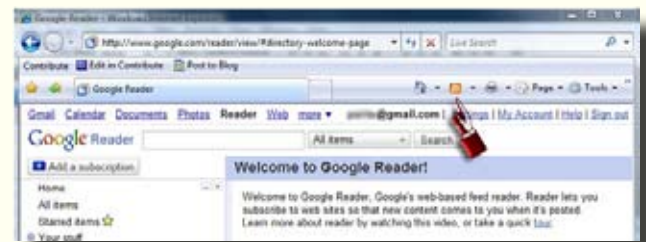
Once you have located an interesting site that has an RSS feed; subscribe to the RSS feed that interests you (some sites will have more than one). Work out which program you want to access the RSS feed from.

More than likely you have at least one program that will do the job. You just didn't know it!

Programs you can use to view your RSS feeds:

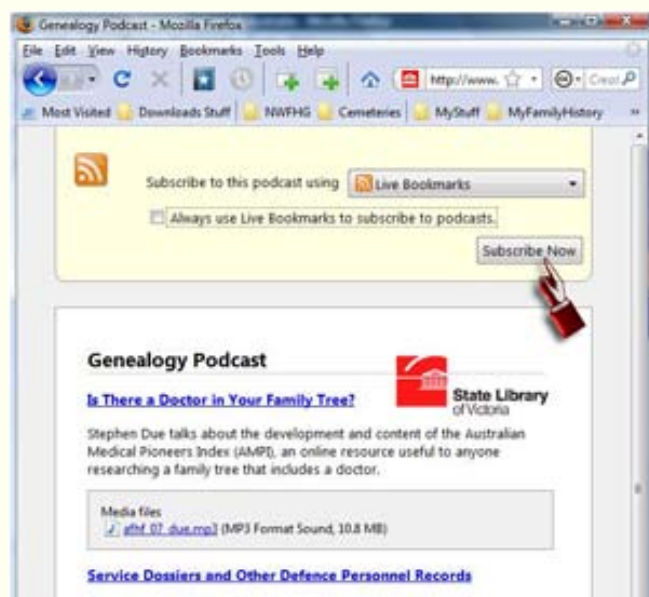
Email programs: Thunderbird (free), Google Reader (free), Microsoft Office Outlook

Internet Browsers: Firefox (free), Internet Explorer (newer versions).



Look for this logo on websites to locate RSS feeds

Owing to the fact that RSS feeds are a relatively new part of the internet you may need a newer version of a particular program to access this great time saver. There are RSS programs for most popular operating systems including Windows, Mac and Linux.



Many sites display a small icon with the acronyms RSS, XML, or RDF to let you know a feed is available. Usually you will just have to click on the feed button/symbol, choose your preferred program and subscribe.

Lots of Family History sites have RSS feeds with everything from podcasts, what's new, lectures, exhibitions.....the list goes on!

Just a few RSS feeds of interest to family history researchers are [State Library Victoria](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/), [Public Records Office Victoria](http://www.records.vic.gov.au/), [National Archives of Australia](http://www.naa.gov.au/).

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More information on RSS

<http://blogspace.com/rss/readers>

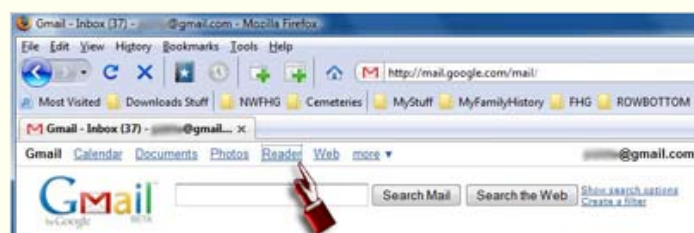
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_\(file_format\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_(file_format))

Cont. from page 4 Using Google as an example because it is free and easily accessible to all. You can access the RSS Reader from a Gmail account or straight from the main Google search page. It is an easy to use "plain English" reader. It also has a video tutorial to help get you started.

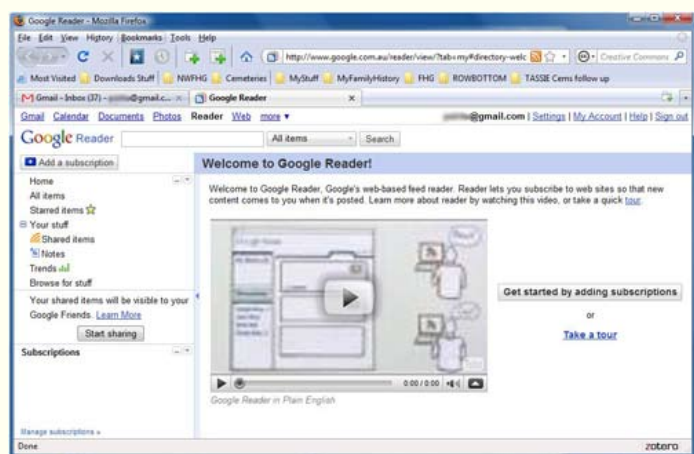


To go to the Google Reader from the main Google search page:

1. In your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc) go to Google's main page <http://www.google.com.au/>
2. In the top left 2. of the screen click on [more](#) ▼
3. A drop down box will appear Click on "Reader"



To go to the Google Reader from your Gmail account, simply click on [Reader](#)



Once you get to your RSS feed reader add the feeds you would like then sit back and wait for the great information to come in.

Note: You will need a Google account to access Gmail and the "Google Reader"



Happy
New Year!

Didn't that
Christmas break
go quickly, not to
mention January? I
can't believe it's February

already and we're getting ready to reopen the research room. Not everyone's been sitting around though, we've got new shelving, rearranged the layout in the research room, finished the Pioneer Profiles, continued to research and write up the history of the family history group, begun working on this edition of the newsletter and sizzled sausages amongst other things.

I hope many members will avail themselves of the results of our hard work and come in and browse what's new, and for that matter some of the older resources too. It's a good idea sometimes to take another look at a resource when you know a little more, possibly enough to appreciate something that you've overlooked in your early research.

I've found a new 'best friend' over the break thanks to Curious Fox (www.curiousfox.com). Bill is 84 years old and lives in Manchester, England, his wife's grandmother was a sister to my husband's great grandfather and we've never been able to move past this generation until now. In a week, we've got two generations further back and filled out the families with children. Not bad work at all! If you have English, Scottish or Irish ancestors then you really should take a look at this site.

We're celebrating our 20th anniversary this year and I hope that every member will in some way become actively involved by attending a meeting, coming into the research room, submitting something for the newsletter or contributing an idea for a new speaker, resource or activity.

Congratulations to Shirley and her sizzling band of helpers, now we've got just over \$1,100 to spend on more resources – what would you like to see in the research room?

Lynne Bradley

Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

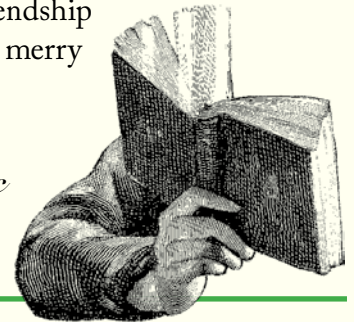
Due to the library being painted and carpeted the research room was scheduled to be shut for two weeks at the end of November. The ever willing band of helpers turned up at short notice as we tackled the task of packing all our resources away so that the room could be spruced up, I can't imagine what it was like for those who packed up the store room as I spent my time packing books. Once again it was Rex keeping his mermaids in order as he shuttled back and forth between rooms. With the usual laughter and goodwill we had everything packed in a day, then while the doors were shut it was raised at the committee meeting that while we had the opportunity would it be possible to get new shelves and do a rearrange as the room is bulging. More laughter and brain strain as people drew sketches and whipped out tape measures before Pam came forward with an amazing computer program that could do images

My computer had a major melt down in December and I have been surprised at how much frustration builds up when you can't do or check emails, cruise the Internet or do something as simple as type a letter. It's the second week of January and I've finally got a computer that I can at least type the newsletter report on but it's a procedure to email it to Pam, fingers crossed I'll be back on the airwaves before the research room opens in February.

I'm looking forward to another year of interesting reading, getting the micro fiche in order, adding more substance and gems on my family tree, while enjoying the friendship and company of our merry band.

Happy reading,

Jane Rivett-Carnac



of the room from many angles. We then had to unpack all the books back onto the shelves, those of you who have been into the research room would have seen we are in a skeleton state with things in a bit of a mess. Over the Christmas period we hope to have everything re-sorted, new shelves and the stock take done so that in 2009 we will be better able to look after our members and visitors.

Wendy Eldridge and I had a great day at Abracadabra Books in Kew, well worth the drive even if you didn't find a book or buy anything, what a fascinating collection of the Australian written word, everything from business pamphlets, magazines, books, cereal packets, photos, cards, programs, newspapers, plane tickets, maps, invoices and receipts, post cards and more all sorted and crammed into the lower floor, after lunch in the café next door we went back to look upstairs at the many books from the UK and old novels. We will both be going back to this treasure trove in 2009.

It was also a pleasure and great fun to be part of the group's Christmas festivities, with our Italian Christmas Lunch and then my first experience of Diana's Christmas brain strain at the December meeting, oh what fun I have missed the past few years, no more early holidays in December for me.

ARMYTAGE Carol
(nee TUCKWELL)

OBITUARY- We regret to record the death of Mrs C. Armytage, which sad event took place last Thursday at her town residence, "Cooma," South Yarra. The deceased lady is a very old colonist having arrived here in 1849. "Holme Park," Beaconsfield, was the late lady's country residence. Mrs Armytage's demise will be greatly felt by all the charitable institutions, to which she was a liberal subscriber, and her name always took the foremost place in any movement that was to the advantage and advancement of our district.

Berwick Shire News 17 Nov 1909

New in the Research Room

	Cossacks Cockneys & Colonials <i>Donated by Myra Fisher</i>
	The Convicts of Van Diemen's Land (1840-1853) <i>Donated by Nolan Hoxha</i>
	A History of The Emerald & District Co-Operative Society
	Forest to Farming Gembrook: an early history
	Lincolnshire 1841 & 1861 Surname Index Census
	The English & Irish Gazetteer
	Bairnsdale Cemetery Transcript of Registers 1871-2000
	Bendigo Advertiser Index 8 to Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, etc 1883-1884
	Bendigo Advertiser Index 9 to Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, etc 1885-1886
	Index to Bendigo Hospital Admissions Books 1 & 2 September 1856-November 1866
	Index to Bendigo Hospital Admissions Books 3 to 6 November 1866-May 1880
	Queensland Marriages Index 1920-1929
	Queensland Death Index 1920-1929
	Cambridgeshire FHS England 1841 Surname Index Census

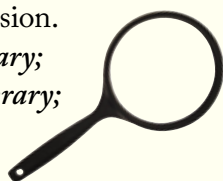
Library Internet Seminars

Casey Cardinia Library Corporation is presenting a series of seminars throughout the year on different aspects of the Internet. Everyone is welcome, they are all free, but you will need to book. I have just included the dates for the first half of 2009, contact me for other times and more details.

Australian Family History

We will look Library resources including Births, Deaths and Marriages records and Ancestry database. Plus useful free Internet sites for Australia and overseas. Presentation and question and answer session.

*17 February Pakenham Library;
18 March Hampton Park Library;
22 April Emerald Library*



Web2.0 – Sharing and Interacting on the Web

Take a tour through some popular Internet sites, many of which can be used to share your own family stories and photographs. We look at Social networking sites – Facebook, Myspace, Meebo, Twitter. Image and video sharing sites - Flickr, Photobucket, Youtube and the Information sharing site – Wikipedia

12 March Narre Warren Library; 30 April Endeavour Hills; 28 May Pakenham Library; 11 June Hampton Park Library

E-Bay

Learn about buying and selling on eBay - the “World’s Online Marketplace®” where millions of items are traded each day! Tips for both buyers and sellers.

30 May Cranbourne Library

Search

Top tips for finding what you want on the Internet, and who knows, you might find your long lost relatives via Google! The seminar looks at -

What’s new in Google and what’s happening with other Search engines.

Subscription databases - how to access them.
The Library catalogue – searching, finding and reserving – it’s free!

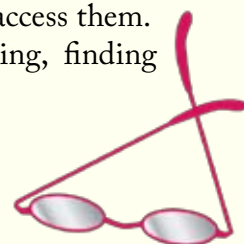
23 June Narre Warren Library

Heather Arnold

Local History Librarian

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Sizzling Hot!

Sausage Sizzle Jan 25th 2009
Well, we had quite a surprise for our New Year! Bunning's gave us a booking for a sausage sizzle because of a cancellation at the last minute. I thought, no, not a 40° day like last year. It was not, thankfully, but for afternoon volunteers it was quite hot.

On the Friday we met at Judi & Cliff Harris's house to cut up the onions. Judi graciously donated her home. And I do hope she has lost that onion smell that we left behind. I think I shed the most tears on that morning. My volunteers were Clare, Jeanette, Wendy E. Mary, Judi and Carolyn. Judi, Cliff and Wendy are relatively new members so it was great to see some new blood in the group boosting my old faithfuls. Thank-you so much.

Rex picked up the bread from Bakers Delight even though he did not have a clue where it was. (Good on you mate)!! My special thanks go to Rex as he was present for most of the day on Sunday. And I think he might have slept well that night. Lynne and hubby David did not get a sleep-in on Sunday as they were up and at it early having been to Brookmere meats and picked up the sausages before 8 am. Then they helped set up and stayed till after 1pm. What a great pair. What would we do without their support? A special thank-you from me as I could not have done it without them. To my other very important volunteers "Thank-you."

What a great bunch to work with. Everybody put in a tremendous effort. I want to thank you all. Our ever reliable spruiker Jenny Hayes, Fay & Robin McCoubrie, Wendy Goodwin, Val Holland, Ann Blair, Rex McFarlane, Clare Vivian, Lynne Bradley & David Allen and new sizzlers Irene

Finch, Wendy Brock, Judi & Cliff Harris. Robin & David are hubbies of members, not members so their help is greatly valued.

On the day, after expenses we cleared \$1,102.50 for our group - FANTASTIC.

By the way, I actually resigned as Sausage Sizzle Coordinator last year when I thought I would not be able to continue. When this came up unexpectedly, what else could I do? I now feel I can continue but I would appreciate a couple of Co-Coordinator's to help me especially on the day. So if there is some one that would like to help with fund raising for our group I would love to hear from you.

I find it very rewarding and enjoy getting together with other members away from meetings. We usually have one sizzle a year, at the most two.

Shirley Peterson.

Ph. 79047938



Some of our Dedicated Sizzlers

Left to Right: Wendy Brock, Val Holland, Rex McFarlane, Robin McCourie, Shirley Peterson and Jenny Hayes.

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

Research Room Roster

	Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
MARCH	3	Lynne Bradley C/C Jeanette Angee Aus & Gen	5	Di Christensen Nowella Ahlgren BI & Gen	7	Robyn Jones Val Holland
	10	Judi Harris Anne Blair	12	Wendy Eldridge Donald Connop	14	Shirley Peterson Wendy Brock
	17	Val Bennett Bev Lambie	19	Win Preston Wls & Shp Valma Newson	21	Carolyn Jones Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen
	24	Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath	26	Eileen Durdin C/C Gail Quinn	28	Wendy Goodwin Tas Carol Krygger
	31	Shirley Dwyer Jeanette Angee Aus & Gen				
APRIL			2	Wendy Eldridge Win Preston Wls & Shp	4	Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen
	7	Judi Harris Lynne Bradley C/C	9	Di Christensen Valma Newson	11	<i>Easter Saturday - Closed</i>
	14	Anne Blair Jeanette Angee Aus & Gen	16	Nowella Ahlgren BI & Gen Gail Quinn	18	Val Holland Carolyn Jones
	21	Val Bennett Fay McCoubrie	23	Eileen Durdin C/C Donald Connop	25	<i>Anzac Day - Closed</i>
	28	Mary McGrath Bev Lambie	30	Wendy Eldridge Pam Lowther IT & Cem		
MAY					2	Carol Krygger Shirley Peterson
	5	Anne Blair Val Bennett	7	Win Preston Wls & Shp Di Christensen	9	Val Holland Wendy Brock
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Legend

Aus = Australia
Eng = England
Shp = Shipping

BI = British Isles
Gen = General
Tas = Tasmania

Cem = Cemeteries
IT = Computers
Vic = Victoria

Con = Convict
NSW = New South Wales
Wls = Wales



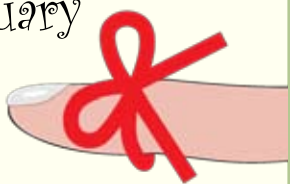
20th Anniversary Lunch



Where: Fountain Gate Hotel Function Room
Time: 12.00pm
Date: Saturday 9th May 2009
Cost: \$25.50 per person for 2 courses (mains and dessert)
and tea and coffee. Drinks at bar prices.
R.S.V.P.: Saturday 18 April 2009
To: Lynne Bradley or Wendy Goodwin
Ph: (03) 9704 9075
Email: president@nwfhg.org.au or publicity.officer@nwfhg.org.au

**Celebrating our first 20 years
and launching the history of the family history group book.**

A reminder
to everyone that
from February
2009 the
general
meeting entrance
fee is now \$3



On the Web



Irish War Memorials

<http://www.irishwarmemorials.ie/>

The Great War Archive - First World War Poetry Archive

<http://www.thegreatwararchive.org/>

Launceston Family Album

<http://www.launcestonfamilyalbum.org.au/>

Anzac Day

<http://www.anzacday.org.au/index.htm>

It Runs In My Family .com

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

Register of War Memorials in NSW

<http://www.warmemorialsnsw.asn.au/>

SA & NT War Memorials

<http://www.tributesofhonour.info/index.php>

War Memorials in Australia

<http://www.skp.com.au/memorials2/default.htm>

Australians on the Western Front 1914-1918 - Villers-Bretonneux Memorial

<http://www.ww1westernfront.gov.au/villers-bretonneux/index.html>

Western Australia Convict Database

<http://www.fremantleprison.com/history/history6.cfm>

Australia's War 1939 - 1945

<http://www.ww2australia.gov.au/>

Irish Ships

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

Index of English and Welsh Lunatic Asylums

http://www.mdx.ac.uk/WWW/STUDY/4_13_Ta.htm

The Domesday Book Online

<http://www.domesdaybook.co.uk/>

Member Profile	
Name	Kerrie Joy Hill (nee Trewin)
Born	Maffra, Victoria
Siblings	Wallace James (Jim), Janet Katherine, Helen Elizabeth, Glenda May, Jeannie Christine, Penelope Jane
Education	Form 5, Sale Technical School
Married	Widow
Spouse	Steven James Hill
Children	Robert James Paul, Bradley John Phillip, Samantha Jane Elizabeth
Time in the District	6 months
Researching	Hill, Trewin, Morrison, Brewer, Hampton, Hickling, Rowe, Farris, Beggs
Reason for Starting	My Grandfather's sister said he wasn't her brother
Time Researching	10 years
Most Interesting Find	William the Conqueror



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May 2009

The Deadline for the May 2009 edition of *Spreading Branches* is 15th April 2009



A Convict for Christmas!

Just what everyone wants for Christmas, especially we family historians. But alas, no I don't have any convicts. But some very long time family friends suspected that they did. So I went hunting with the hope that I could serve up this long lost piece of their family's history to them at Christmas dinner.

It was a story that I had heard since I was knee high to a grasshopper, about a convict in their family and of course back then it was seen as a shame on the family and kept as quiet as possible. As their father was born in Tasmania everyone assumed that this notorious criminal was on his side of the family. But I had a feeling there may be something that would surprise everybody. So I began with the obvious, asking the family what they remembered about their dad, his ten siblings and parents. What I got was more confusing than helpful though. Every one of the children in the family had a nickname which seemed to have nothing at all to do with their Christian names or anything else for that matter. So I really had to start from scratch in the end. Luckily the surname "Rowbottom/Robottom" isn't all that common. Eventually I found nine of Joseph Lyle's siblings through bdm's and cemetery records. The youngest two of his siblings were born after 1919 so I had to rely on family knowledge for the twins.

It didn't take long before I found my first convict, Joseph Lyle's grandfather, Adam Sampson. Adam was transported to Norfolk Island and then on to Tasmania. So I started looking a little more into their mother's side of the family, which the family all thought they knew all of the secrets about. Of course I didn't expect to find any convicts in this side of the family. They all lived in and around Shepparton for as long as anyone could remember. But there was a big surprise in store. I really stumbled upon this bit of information and I suppose that should be a lesson to all of us to keep an open mind, just because the rest of the family was from a particular place doesn't mean they all originated there. Keep looking and look everywhere, no matter how far and wide, you never know what you may find. I found that one of my friend's great grandfathers was born in Hobart. I started to follow that line and although there is a convict that matches one of these ancestors I have nothing to prove it at the moment. Then I happened upon another convict website which also had links, if anyone was researching that individual. Well I just got lucky! Scrolling down the page and a name jumped out at me, I looked,

then looked again. It is the right name the right ship and the right date. No it couldn't be, could it? But yes it was, definitely a convict on that side of the family. The best thing is that there is lots of great information on William Pinner. He was convicted of "Highway Robbery" at the Central Criminal Court, in other words the "Old Bailey". The Old Bailey trial proceedings are available online and it was a great addition to the story that I presented to each family member on Christmas day. I was lucky enough to find someone who is researching this side of the family too.

I have had the bare bones of this family tree sitting in Legacy for a couple of years but most of this research was done quite quickly. I still have a long way to go, but I was amazed to find how much information there is available online on convicts and Tasmanian research in general. I had done next to no Tassie research before I started on this so I am I by no means an expert on the state but I have increased my knowledge of the area greatly over the last few months.

After getting to a point I was happy with I didn't have a lot of time to think about how I was going to present all of the information. I tried a few different programs to print the information and make it readable to an average reader, not necessarily a family historian. The best alternative I have come across is "The Complete Genealogy Reporter". This program does a better job of automatically generating a story type of history than anything else I have tried. A couple of pedigree charts and I had a basic, alright a very basic family history. So give it a go. It makes a great present for a birthday, Christmas or any occasion. Or think about putting your own family history together into a bound volume. You can do it all yourself quite easily and for very little cost, assuming you already have your family history in a family tree program such as Legacy or Family Tree Maker. You can download a copy of The Complete Genealogy Reporter (as mentioned above). It is available for a 30 day free trial to give you time to experiment and evaluate the program.

Convict transportation registers database (State Library of Queensland)

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts/about>

Convicts to Australia

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

The Complete Genealogy Reporter (30 day free trial available for download)

<http://www.tcgr.bufton.org/>

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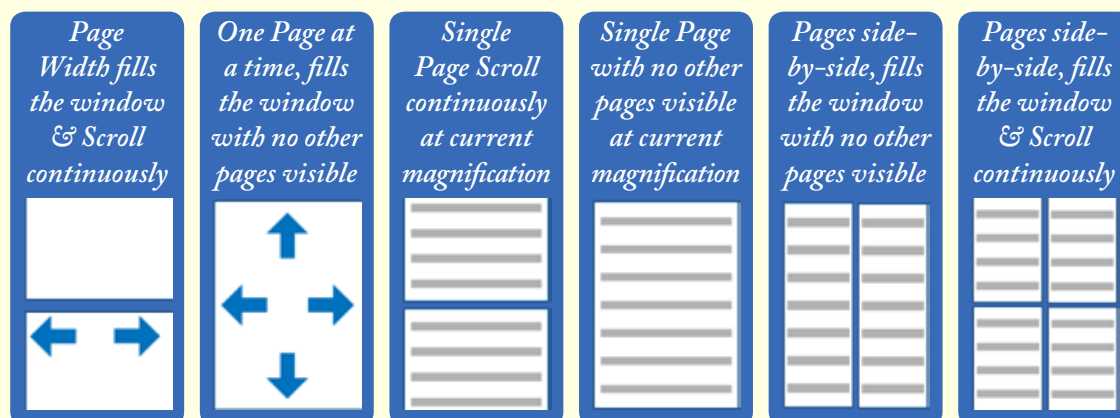
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