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Day trip to Gippsland cemeteries November 2011

On Sunday 20th November a very punctual Jenny Hayes drove the bus 8.00 am from the depot at Regency Drive with a small but enthusiastic group. After a few late withdrawals our numbers had dwindled to only nine; Paul, Claire, Cheyenne, Greta, Jane, Wendy, Val, Jenny and Bill. With much laughter, anticipation and lollies to keep up our energy, we headed off down the freeway to visit Drouin, Warragul, Yarragon, Trafalgar, Moe, Hazelwood and Traralgon cemeteries.

Our Away Day to Melbourne, Fawkner, Northern and Coburg cemeteries two weeks earlier proved that homework pays off and this time we had all been on the internet or in touch with the cemeteries trust. Nobody had ancestors in Drouin so Warragul was our first stop. A very pretty cemetery overlooking distant hills. After a study of maps and notes we split up. Those that didn't have any research teamed up with someone who did. We found all the required spots with mixed success, sometimes a clear headstone was our reward for tramping through wet grass and other times an empty space.

I was taken by the number of scaled down monuments and the number of children's graves. It was so sad to see the children side by side with their parents.

Back on the road and our next stop was Yarragon for a coffee break. On to Trafalgar and just as well Jenny had been here before, the signage to turn off the highway was not that clear. Trafalgar is a nice little cemetery on the side of a hill. A rotunda has lists of burials and their locations. There were enough concrete paths that we didn't get our feet too wet. Jenny was able to add another photo to her large collection. We then had a pleasant drive on the old highway road to Moe with a quick stop at the small cemetery on the south side of the freeway. This cemetery proved to be lacking in details so we moved on to Morwell.

The Melways is OK if you're in Melbourne not so when you're in a country town trying to find the turnoff to Hazelwood. After much laughter and Jenny's determination not to drive in circles, we asked for directions from the locals. The first man was not sure so on to an older Italian couple. A bit of waving arms "you goa over da bridge, you a turn a left ata roundabout, then a you go to the chimmanies. We had a great drive to the "chimmanies" with a few wrong turns. Paul's GPS on his phone, a few doubts and then we saw the sign for Hazelwood cemetery. It's on a hill behind the "chimmanies".

Success once more as we fanned out and found the required graves, took many photo's and wrote out the inscriptions. Back on the road with the next stop a late lunch at Traralgon. Bit of a walk to find somewhere to eat as most of the cafes were closed.

Gippsland cemetery was our next stop. It's out of town so with another u turn, we are back on the correct road. More success for the family hunters and then it was time for a group picture. Paul's skills came to the fore again as he balanced cameras on rubbish tins and ran back to be in our group shot.

Heading back to Melbourne our final cemetery was in the Haunted Hills at Newborough. Poor signage caused us to miss the road but we had a stop at the lookout over the open cut. Jenny asked for help again and we finally made it to another cemetery, again on the top of a hill. Quite windy up there but we drove in and straight to the final eureka moment for our day.

There was a pit stop on the freeway for ice cream and then back to the depot to clean the bus and the end of another great Jenny Hayes bus trip.

If you've never been on a day out with the group or its been awhile since your last away day, please think about joining us one day soon. You'll enjoy good company, a laugh or three and Jenny is a great tour leader. She keeps us moving so we all achieve another piece in our family research. Watch the notice board and lookout for Jenny's emails for trips in 2012. A suggestion list is also in the research room, so join us.

Jane Rivett Carnac

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"Chimmanies" at Hazelwood hiding the cemetery



General meetings:

February 8th @ 8 pm
Guest Speaker - Dr Celestina Sagazio. (Cemetery Tales)

March 14th @ 8 pm
Questions & Answers

April 11th @ 8 pm
Guest Speaker - Joan Vanderhorn (History of Clyde)

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Family History Research Room

Location:

Casey Cardinia Library Corporation, Narre Warren Branch; Overland Drive, Fountain Gate Vic 3805.

Research Room: Within the Narre Warren Library.

Opening Hours for Research: Tuesday 11am to 3pm, Thursday 7pm to 9pm (From November to May),
Saturday 11 am to 3pm, Sunday 2pm to 4pm (From June to October).

Meetings: Narre Warren Library Meeting Room. Entry Cost \$3.00

November - May: 8 pm 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January). June - October: 2 pm 2nd Saturday of the month.

Membership: Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$ 40 + \$5 joining fee Payable 1st July each year. Casual visitors \$5.00 per day. We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. Visitors are also welcome.

Research Queries:

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Research 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 \$15.00 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address or email: research.officer@nwfhg.org.au

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Casey – Cardinia Library Corporation and City of Casey in allowing us the use of facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

President's Report

Welcome back after the Christmas, New Year break.

Wendy Brock and I will be attending a meeting of the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group on Thursday 2nd of February at the Emerald Museum.

On Saturday 4th of February our Research Room volunteers will gather at the Pancake Parlour for a friendly meal and chat about any issues or ideas they wish to discuss with our research room manager Wendy Eldridge.

On Sunday 5th of February our Group will co-host the meeting of the South Eastern Historical Association with Heather Arnold, the Local History Officer in the meeting room of the Narre Warren Library. Lunch will be at the Fountain Gate Hotel and our Group will provide afternoon tea.

Our first speaker for the year on February 8th will be Celestina Sagazio. She will speak about, "Interesting Cemetery Tales and Humorous Epitaphs."

Our March meeting will be an in house event. Members and visitors will be able to discuss any research problems they may be having.

The speaker for the April meeting is Joan Vanderhorn who will talk about the history of Clyde.

May's speaker will be Ruth Crofts from the Casey Cardinia Branch of the National Trust and she will talk about the Trust's recent publication, "Pages from the Past", a collection of stories about the Casey/Cardinia area.

We have June, July, September, October and November without any speakers so if anyone has any ideas for a speaker or in house subject then let me know.

Lastly a big welcome to our new members; Caroline Ball, Debbie Hanssen, Heather and Russell Nielsen.

Wendy Goodwin

President

Publications for Sale

Microfiche:

Berwick Cemetery Register and Headstones 1867—1999
\$22.00 + Postage & Packaging

Harkaway Cemetery Register and Headstones 1863—1999
\$6.00 + Postage & Packaging

Pakenham Cemetery Register and Headstones 1850—1999
\$22.00 + Postage & Packaging

Postage + Packaging add \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche

Books:

Kindred Spirits.

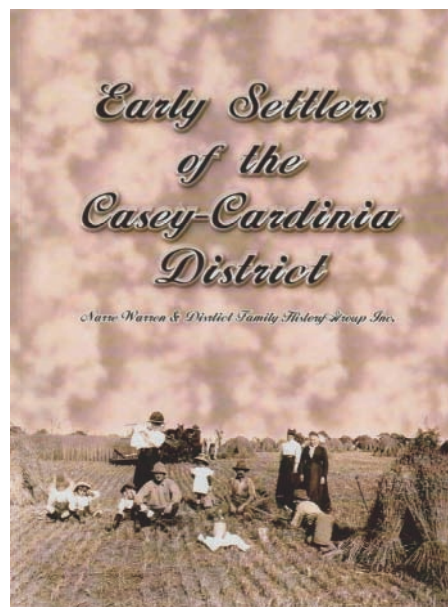
20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group
1989– 2009.

\$25.00 + \$6.00 (Postage + Packaging)

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District.

\$30.00 + \$11.50 (Postage + Packaging)

Order forms available from the Research room or download from our web site.



The **Early Settlers of the Casey Cardinia District** (published 2010 by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.) is a 274 page book complete with index to people, properties and ships; plus a bibliography. There are over 300 entries containing birth, death and marriage information for individuals and families, many of which were submitted by descendants of those people and include photographs not published elsewhere. In many cases detailed biographies have been written by descendants or compiled by the family history group, giving an insight into the early days of many Casey Cardinia families and individuals.

Member Profile

Name	Leone Hambly-Clark
Place of Birth	Maylands, SA
Siblings	William (Bill)
Education	High School + TAFE
Profession	Retired
Married	Divorced
Children	James
Length of time in district	6 years, In Victoria 11 years
Hobbies	Genealogy, Auctions, Museums, Big Things, Churches, Puzzles
Names researching	Wear, Martin, Wade, Peters, Barden, Wilders, Topperwien, Bremer, Wallmann, Paul, Meyer
Reason for starting	So my granddaughter will know her family's history
How long researching	Off & on for 25 years
Most interesting find	Proving that I am related to William Wade of the Railway Accident in Gawler SA in 1869

Spreading Branches Deadline

The deadline for the May 2012 edition of Spreading Branches is 15 April



Above & Below: Headstones from Gippsland Cemetery



Below: Weary travellers at the Gippsland Cemetery



The Prahran Mechanics' Institute

Last year the Narre Warren & District Family History Group formed a joint venture with the Prahran Mechanics' Institute. For those unaware of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute, located at 140 High Street Prahran, just 50 metres from the Chapel Street intersection and the services that it offers, you are missing out on a most wonderful treat.

The Institute is a library for the family historian, genealogist or anybody interested in history. Having spent a reasonable amount of time in book shops both new and second hand and in libraries in four states of Australia, I find the material at Prahran exciting and rewarding. But the best is yet to be told, you can borrow the books and magazines that they have there. They have books that I have not found even in the regions that they are written about.

This is a very special place and deserves the patronage of everybody involved in historical research. If you are a member of the Narre Warren and District Family History Group and would like to participate in our borrowing venture, ask our Research room volunteers for more information. Otherwise, for a very reasonable yearly fee you can gain so much from the Prahran Mechanics' Institute.

Wendy Eldridge

Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

Welcome to a new year of family history research. I'm writing this report only days before our annual stock take. We have had a successful year as far as the number of new additions to our resources. The purchasing sub committee have added many cemetery records, Police and Government Gazettes for all states of Australia and this year we will be increasing our records for the British Isles.

Thank you to members and friends who have donated many interesting books and magazines to the group. We now have more than four and a half thousand individual items listed in the InMagic program with over 300 of these being CDs.

As you can see by our list of new items, we have many avenues for research in cemeteries. We also have books covering the small rural cemeteries, convicts on Norfolk Island and pioneers in suburban Melbourne.

Some cemetery CDs include transcriptions, monumental inscriptions and some photographs of headstones.

Cemetery records are a valuable source of information for finding elusive family members. May I suggest next time you're in our rooms to go into InMagic and enter the word Cemetery into either Subject or Abstract and you will find hundreds of items that may help you add another ancestor or fill out the family story.

One thing I have learnt while researching items for the group to purchase is how spoilt we are with the wealth of information available in Australia and the ease of access. We all take the wonderful Digger Birth Death and Marriage Indexes for granted and assume that we can get the same for Britain but not so. We have to look at purchasing individual parish and church records, some books, some CDs, some micro fiche and not always searchable and not always with the amount of information we are used to. I'm looking forward to the coming year's meetings and increasing our records.

Happy reading

Jane Rivett-Carnac

New to the Research Room

Books	Blood on the Wattle	Boy Soldiers of the Great War
	Bairnsdale portrait of a Country Town	Tracing your Roots at Home and Abroad
	100 Years Gympie Queensland	Writing a Family History
	A Girl at Government House	Nepean River Valley City of Penrith
	Convict Kingston	Gateway Heritage St Louis Missouri
	Colonial Era Cemetery Norfolk Island	Family History Comes To Life
	Finding your family history East Gippsland Shire and Wellington Shire	From Conflict to Reform G Bass to Mornington Shire 1798-1994
	Tour Guide of Britain	History of Heyfield Football Club 1954-1999
	Essex	Purvis for Survis: History of the Purvis Family their Staff and Stores in Gippsland
	Cotswolds in Colour	
	Southern England	
	In And Around London	
	Gaslight on the Cobbles	

Donated by: Greta Bain, Judy Mehegan, Steven Smith, Fay McCoubrie, Diana Wheeler,

New to the Research Room

Books	Australian Family Histories Bibliography & Index	** Purchased for the group**
	Footprints Lucy & Percy Pepper	
	Pages from the Past Casey Cardinia	
	Buln Buln Shire History	** All 3 purchased for the group Casey Cardinia Collection**
Microfiche	Immigration to Victoria Inwards passenger lists British Ports 1880-1889	
	Immigration to Victoria Inwards passenger lists Foreign Ports 1880-1889	
	WA St Georges Cathedral Perth Burial Register 1854-1916 Anglican	
	WA Mining lease holders names index 1892-1909	
	WA Index to accession 1829 Parkhurst Prison	
	WA Albany shipping arrivals from interstate 1873-1924	
	WA St Georges Cathedral Perth Burial Register 1854-1916 Anglican	** Purchased for the group**



CDs	Australian Fighting Sons of the Empire 1914-1918 NSW & QLD	QLD Funeral Records Index 1972-2010 Caloundra Maroochydore & Nambour
	General Index to Australians in Papua New Guinea 1888-1975	TAS Police Gazette 1861-1933
	Commonwealth Public Service List 1904 & 1920	QLD Crown Land Sales 1842-1911
	SA Government Gazette 1841-1850	QLD Police Gazette 1864-1900
	SA Police Gazette 1871-1890	QLD Government Gazette 1859-1870
	VIC Police Gazette 1896-1905	NSW Waverley & South Head Cemetery Transcriptions
	VIC Patients in Melbourne Hospital 1856-1905	NSW Police Gazette 1901-1919
	VIC Transcriptions and Memorial Inscriptions St Kilda Cemetery & Index names	NSW Government Gazette 1832-1840
	VIC Cemeteries of the Surf Coast Shire	NSW Manly Cemetery Transcripts 1845-1993
	VIC Bendigo Dist Cemetery Headstones Lockwood & Maroney	WA Convict ticket of leave register Toodyay
	VIC Bendigo Kangaroo Flat Cemetery	WA Government Gazette 1879, 1880, 1881, 1885
	VIC Bendigo Eaglehawk Cemetery	WA Passenger arrivals 1839-1890
	VIC Bendigo Axedale & Goomang Cemeteries	WA Warders Gaolers Prison Officers 1829-1879
	VIC Bendigo Runnymede Cemetery	Orwell Cemetery Inscriptions County Kinross Scotland
	VIC Cemeteries of the Southern Golden Plains	Kilmany Cemetery Inscriptions County Fife Scotland
	VIC Bowmans Forest Cemetery	Leuchars Cemetery Inscriptions County Fife Scotland
	VIC Mitiamo & Pyramid Hill Cemeteries	Dysart Cemetery Inscriptions County. Perth Scotland
	VIC Tarnagulla & Waanyarra Cemeteries	** Purchased for the group**
CDs	VIC Cardinia Shire Heritage Study	** Donated by Cardinia Shire Council**
	NZ War Census Service Personal and Reserves Index	** Donated by Heather Arnold**

Research Room Stock-take

Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen who gave their time over two days of the January holiday's to come into our room and count the 4000 plus items we have. Anne Blair, Val Bennett and Wendy Eldridge came on both days, Jenny, Fay, Mary, Di, Shirley, Carmel, Rex, Eileen, Paul and Cheyenne came on either the Tuesday or the Wednesday. We have a few items on the missing list but hopefully I will find them maybe on a different shelf when I cross check all the lists. Please, if you do find you have mistakenly not returned one of our books and it's hiding in your house, don't be embarrassed. We don't charge a late fee just pop it back to the room and one of the volunteers on duty will pass it on to me. Thanks, Happy Reading.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

Research Room Roster

Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
March 2012					
		1	Wendy Eldridge Donald Connop	3	Wendy Brock Judy Mehegan
6	Fay McCoubrie Greta Bain	8	Claire Stevenson Nowella Ahlgren	10	Steven Smith Jan Reynolds
13	Lina Butler Joy Masters	15	Eileen Durdin Di Christensen	17	Wendy Goodwin Lyne McGregor
20	Anne Blair Lynne Bradley	22	Valma Newson Nowella Ahlgren	24	Robyn Jones Shirley Peterson
27	Bev Lambie Rona Gibson	29	Wendy Eldridge Claire Stevenson	31	Wendy Goodwin Lynne Bradley
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
April 2012					
3	Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath	5	Eileen Durdin Valma Newson	7	Easter Holiday
10	Val Bennett Greta Bain	12	Wendy Eldridge	14	Wendy Brock Judy Mehegan
17	Bev Lambie Rona Gibson	19	Claire Stevenson Di Christensen	21	Robyn Jones Jan Reynolds
24	Anne Blair Lina Butler	26	Nowella Ahlgren Donald Connop	28	Steven Smith Shirley Peterson
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
May 2012					
1	Fay McCoubrie	3	Wendy Eldridge Donald Connop	5	Wendy Goodwin Robyn Jones
8	Val Bennett Lina Butler	10	Claire Stevenson Nowella Ahlgren	12	Shirley Peterson Val Holland
15	Anne Blair Greta Bain	17	Eileen Durdin Di Christensen	19	Jan Reynolds Steven Smith
22	Mary McGrath Rona Gibson	24	Valma Newson Nowella Ahlgren	26	Wendy Brock Judy Mehegan
29	Anne Blair Joy Masters	31	Wendy Eldridge Claire Stevenson		

Where was your family on this day?

James Cook was born at Marton in North Yorkshire, on 27 October 1728. At age 17 he was taken on as a merchant navy apprentice. Here he was educated in algebra, trigonometry, navigation, and astronomy, which later set Cook up to command his own ship. On his third journey, commencing in 1776, Cook visited and named the Sandwich Islands, known as Hawaii, and unsuccessfully sought a northwest passage along the coast of North America. Returning from this journey, he stopped at Hawaii again. After a boat was stolen by natives, he and his crew had an altercation with the Hawaiians. On 14 February 1779, Cook was speared by Hawaiian natives. It was a horrific end for one of the world's greatest navigators, and a man who contributed so much to charting previously unknown areas of the Pacific.

Sunday,
February
14,
1779

The Walter Taylor Bridge is a suspension bridge crossing the Brisbane River between the suburbs of Indooroopilly and Chelmer. Several signifying points distinguish the bridge. Its support cables were actually surplus support cables used to hold up the incomplete halves of the Sydney Harbour Bridge during its construction. It is also unique among Brisbane bridges in that the two towers of the bridge house residential accommodation, and is still occupied. It operated as a toll bridge up until the 1960s. The Walter Taylor Bridge was opened on 14 February 1936 by the Governor of Queensland, Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, and named after the local contractor who built it.

Friday,
February
14,
1936

Decimal currency was first introduced in Australia on 14 February 1966. The new Australian dollar replaced the Australian pound, which was different to the Pound Sterling, and introduced a decimal system. Initially, the Australian dollar was introduced at a rate of two dollars per pound, or ten shillings per dollar. The Australian dollar, AUD or A\$, is the official currency of the Commonwealth of Australia, including the Australian Antarctic Territory, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Heard Island and McDonald Islands and Norfolk Island, as well as the independent Pacific island states of Kiribati, Nauru and Tuvalu.

Monday,
February
14,
1966

Port Phillip is a large bay in southern Victoria, on the northern end of which is situated the Victorian capital city of Melbourne. Port Phillip is dotted by numerous smaller bays; one of these is Corio Bay, in the southwest. The first non-aboriginal person to visit the Geelong region was Lieutenant John Murray. On 14 February 1802, Murray manoeuvred the Lady Nelson through the narrow, treacherous entrance to Port Phillip in order to explore the bay. Murray discovered Corio Bay on 21 February 1802, but made no particular recommendations for settlement. Finally, in March 1836, three squatters by the names of David Fisher, James Strachan and George Russell arrived to settle the area. By 1838, when Geelong was first surveyed, the population was 545.

Sunday,
February
21,
1802

Matthew Flinders was the Sea Explorer who was also the first to circumnavigate the continent, and between December 1801 and June 1803, he charted most of the coastline of Australia. Flinders had two small cutters which travelled with his ship 'Investigator', which was used for landing parties. On 21 February 1802, the cutter's captain was sent to the mainland with a crew of eight to search for water. Not a single man returned. After the cutter was noted beginning its return journey, sight of it was then lost. The other cutter was sent to search for the first vessel, but all that was found of it was broken pieces on the shoreline. Despite searching the coastline extensively, no survivors from the cutter were found: hence Flinders' naming of the headland Cape Catastrophe.

Sunday,
February
21,
1802

Foot and mouth disease is an extremely contagious viral disease of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and other cloven-hoofed animals. Effective quarantine measures have meant the disease has been excluded or eliminated from North and Central America, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. In February 2001, Britain experienced its first outbreak of foot and mouth disease for twenty years. The disease was found at an abattoir near Brentwood, Essex. On 21 February 2001, the European Commission was forced to ban export of all British milk, meat and livestock products in an attempt to control the outbreak and prevent it from spreading. Further cases followed: in all, there were 2,030 confirmed cases of foot and mouth in the UK and Northern Ireland, resulting in the slaughter of about six million animals.

Wednesday,
February
21,
2001

John Irving, came to the penal colony of New South Wales with the First Fleet, after being sentenced in 1784 to seven years for stealing a silver cup. Irving proved an able surgeon's assistant, both on the voyage to New South Wales, and once the settlement was established. His hard work and "unremitting good conduct and meritorious behaviour" earned him an early reprieve from his sentence. Governor Phillip signed his Warrant of Emancipation on 28 February 1790, making Irving the first convict to be freed. He accompanied surgeon Dennis Conisden to Norfolk Island, where he remained as surgeon's assistant for over a year before returning to Port Jackson in May 1791. He was then awarded 30 acres of land at Parramatta.

Sunday,
February
28,
1790

On 5 March 1803, publication commenced of "The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser". Initially it was printed weekly, and held four portfolio pages of official material, with a small number of private notices. Early editions comprised shipping news, auction results, crime reports and agricultural notices, poems, literature and religious advice. Due to the lengthy shipping journeys, overseas news tended to be out of date by 10-14 weeks, but it was still eagerly received by the public. Howe's newspaper remained the only one in Sydney until the appearance of explorer William Wentworth's "The Australian" in 1824.

Saturday,
March 5,
1803

The Reverend Samuel Marsden was born in Yorkshire in 1764. After he was ordained in 1793, he sailed for the new penal colony of New South Wales, arriving on 10 March 1794. He settled in Parramatta, becoming Chaplain, land-owner and magistrate. He also earned a reputation as the "Flogging Parson", because even by the standards of his day, he inflicted extremely severe, cruel punishments. His savagery to convicts was probably the result of his hatred for Roman Catholics, as many convicts were political prisoners of Irish origin.

Monday,
March 10,
1794

Thursday, March 17, 1910	It is believed that Fred Custance was the first person to make a controlled flight of a powered aircraft in Australia. Custance flew a Bleriot monoplane for 5 minutes and 25 seconds near Bolivar, near Adelaide. Custance allegedly took off at 5:00am on 17 March 1910 for his first flight. On his second flight at 6:15am, he over-corrected and crashed. The flight was witnessed by F H Jones, owner of both the aircraft and the property where the flight took place.
Wednesday, March 20, 1602	The Dutch East India Company, also known as the Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie or VOC, was established on 20 March 1602, when the Estates-General of the Netherlands granted a monopoly to trade from the Cape of Good Hope to the Straits of Magellan. The company operated for around 200 years, trading spices like nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon and pepper, and other consumer products like tea, silk and Chinese porcelain. The Australian state of Tasmania owes its discovery to the Dutch East India Company. Abel Tasman was a Dutch seafarer who was ordered to explore the south-east waters in order to find a new sea trade route to Chile in South America. In November 1642, he discovered a previously unknown island on his voyage past the "Great South Land", or "New Holland". He named the island "Antony Van Diemen's Land" in honour of the High Magistrate, or Governor-General of Batavia. It was later renamed Tasmania by the English.
Friday, April 12, 1895	The construction of the Melbourne Sewer system, begun in 1892, was a huge civil engineering undertaking. Its design involved a network of gravitational sewers which would bring sewerage from throughout Melbourne to a central pumping station at Spotswood. From there, it would be pumped to a treatment plant at Werribee, on the western side of Port Phillip Bay. In order to tunnel underneath the Yarra River, a special Gateshead tunnelling shield was imported from Britain. Because the tunnel was below the water level of the river, pumps were employed to continually drain water from the work area. By Good Friday, 12 April 1895, construction of the tunnel had almost reached the centre of the river. Around 8:00pm that evening, water burst through the tunnel at the leading edge of the Gateshead Shield. Five men working the nightshift and an engineer were all drowned as water swamped the workings. All men were local residents. Their deaths are commemorated in a monument which was unveiled on 18 October 1996, and is now incorporated into the Westgate Memorial Park.
Friday, April 12, 1861	The US civil war began over the issue of slavery. The first African slaves arrived in North America in 1526. On 1 January 1808 American Congress voted to ban further importation of slaves, but children of slaves automatically became slaves themselves. Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, was not in favour of abolition of slavery, but he opposed its expansion into new territories and states in the American West. It was this issue that led to the secession of the southern states to form the Confederate States of America, and ultimately also led to the Civil War. Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor had caused tension between the Union and Confederacy for several months, as the Union could not allow it to fall into the hands of the Confederacy, and it was a stronghold which the latter wished to capture. When Confederates fired on the fort on 12 April 1861, it signalled the beginning of the US civil war.
Wednesday, April 17, 1935	Qantas is the name of Australia's original airline service. The name Qantas was formerly an acronym for "Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services". Qantas was founded in Queensland on 16 November 1920, and operated air mail services subsidized by the Australian government, linking railheads in western Queensland. In 1934, QANTAS Limited and Britain's Imperial Airways, formed a new company, Qantas Empire Airways Limited. QEA commenced services between Brisbane and Singapore using deHavilland DH-86 Commonwealth Airliners. On 17 April 1935, the first overseas passenger flight from Brisbane to Singapore was operated in a journey which took four days. In 1967, the name was changed to Qantas Airways Limited.
Saturday, April 25, 1896	Women in South Australia gained the right to vote in 1894, and voted for the first time in the election of 1896. The first election after women gained the right to vote was the Legislative Council election of 25 April 1896, for which women enrolled quickly and in considerable numbers. South Australia was the first colony in Australia and only the fourth place in the world where women gained the vote.
Monday, April 25, 1859	The Egyptian pharaohs were the first to conceive the idea of linking the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea. During the Pharaonic age, a canal was dug linking the two seas. It was not until November 1854 that French engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps managed to sign a concession with the Egyptian government to dig the Suez Canal. Work commenced on the construction of the canal on 25 April 1859, and continued for ten years. Over 2.4 million Egyptian workers were involved in the digging of the canal; over 125,000 lost their lives during the construction. The Suez Canal was opened for navigation on 17 November 1869. Currently, it transports around 14% of the total world trade, 26% of oil exports and 41% of the total goods and cargo destined for ports in the Arab Gulf. Prior to its construction, shipping was required to go south of the Cape of Good Hope.
Saturday, May 5, 1906	Some of Australia's cities ran extensive tram networks in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The city of Melbourne, the second-largest city in Australia, boasts the third largest tram network in the world, consisting of 245 kilometres of track, 500 trams, and 1770 tram stops. In 1885 the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company began operating Melbourne's first cable tram line. The first service ran from Spencer St/Flinders St, to Hawthorn Bridge. As the city grew, the technical limits of the cable tram system became apparent, and electric trams were developed and implemented. The first electric tram in Melbourne began operating on 5 May 1906, and ran between St Kilda and Brighton.
Thursday, May 9, 1901	On 1 January 1901, federation of the colonies was achieved and the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed. Australia's first Governor-General, John Hope, made the proclamation at Centennial Park in Sydney. Australia's first Prime Minister was Edmund Barton. The first Australian Federal Parliament, held in the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne which was the only building large enough to house the 14,000 guests, was opened by the Duke of Cornwall and York, later King George V, on 9 May 1901.

Mmmmm..... Delicious!

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Lynne Bradley

The Writing on the Wall or Practical Patriotism shown at Broadford.

Five of my great uncles were World War 1 veterans. One of them was **Wilfred John Herrick**, pictured on the postcard on right, whom my mum had told me had taught her to swim. He died in 1938, aged 46 through complications from his war injuries, so of course I never knew him. However through my research I found one of his sons, John Leslie Herrick living in Torquay. Unfortunately this was only a short time after my mum passed away in 2002. She would have loved to have seen him again! Mum was fourteen years older than John and he showed me evidence that she had been his godmother and he had always thought of her as his favourite cousin. But as happens in families, cousins drift apart. John was a Navy Pilot and later an airline pilot which took him and his wife and family far and wide, including New Guinea where his first son was born.

Shortly after my husband David and I met John and his family, there was a reunion organised by some other family members. It was to be a "Commemoration of the Spirit of the HERRICK FAMILY PIONEERS", who were now spread far and wide throughout Australia. It included a blessing of a new monumental stone in Inverleigh cemetery for the grave of Bridget Herrick who died in 1862, and also one of her sons. The graves had been damaged over the years. Bridget had emigrated from Ireland with her husband John Marksman Herrick and their family in 1851. This event was followed by a luncheon at the nearby Bannockburn Hotel, where some money was raised towards the cost of the monument. I have written about this event in a previous newsletter, but it was here where we met other members of our clan.

John Leslie Herrick's wife Claire was very interested and supportive of us coming into John's life because she knew that he had only bitter memories of growing up with a father whom he described as a tough angry man. John was only ten when his father died, and he had an older brother Ronald and an older sister Pauline. John and I had clicked straight away, we even looked alike and there was a great affinity between us. I gave him a copy of my first book that I had written about the Herricks and he began to understand at last where he came from and felt like he belonged to a family again.



Above: Clockwise from left: Wilfred, James, Edward & Ernest with youngest Harold in the centre.



He and Claire went to Canberra to research more about his father Wilfred John and the horror of his war experience and he then began to realise why his father had behaved as he had and was brought closer to a fonder memory of him.

Some of my research about Wilfred John Herrick follows:

National Archives: WW1 Private age 22, Telegraphist Single of 21 Orrong Rd, Elsternwick. Father James Herrick Broadford. 17.8.1914. During 1914/18 war he joined the 6th Battalion AIF on August 17 1914 (HMAT Hororata), left Australia October 21. in the 1st Division Signal Co., was wounded in May, repatriated to Egypt and later served in France and Belgium, returning to Australia in October 1918.

Source: Argus newspaper 8 Jun 1915: PRIVATE W. J. HERRICK. :Private W. J. Herrick (wounded) is 22 years of age, and the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Herrick, formerly of Woodend and Shepparton, now of Broadford. **He was a postal assistant in the Post and Telegraph department at Woodend,** Shepparton, and Portland, and prior to enlisting was appointed telegraphist in the Melbourne General Post-office.

Source: Timely Anzac Lesson April 26, 2010: (Portion only) Article in The Age newspaper written by grandson, Andrew Herrick two days after his father John Leslie Herrick's death: 'Grandfather Wilfred Herrick who waded ashore at Suvla Bay with the Anzac 1st division at Gallipoli on April 26, 1915. He served as a signaller at Gallipoli for eight weeks until he was wounded. After recovering Wilfred was sent to lay telephone wires through the mud of the Somme. He survived the battle of Villers-Bretonneux and returned to Australia suffering the result of mustard gas.

So it was that John Leslie Herrick was inspired to write about his own life which proved to be a very interesting one. Not long after he began this task 'with the help of a professional writer and editor', he became very ill and cut almost all ties to everyone in his endeavour to finish his book before he died. John finished writing the three volume book "A Moving Life" shortly before his death in April 2010 aged 81. I was proud to be the person who gave him the incentive to achieve this wonderful goal.

But John's death was not the end of our contact with the family. Claire kept in touch and earlier this year she discovered through John's nephew that there was an **Avenue of Honour** in Woodend where this nephew, Peter was living.

Source: Vic Govt Heritage website: "It was an extensive oak avenue of 224 Oak trees planted on both sides of the road along a stretch of High Street, 2.5 kilometres in length starting near Clarkes Lane and extending south to Woodend. All trees once had memorial plaques to those who served in World War I but they are now in storage in Woodend. The trees were planted by the local community with each tree planted representing an enlisted soldier from the Woodend area. The opening ceremony for the Avenue was held on 14 September 1918".

Peter is a member of the Woodend RSL. The memorial plaques were stored there when they had been removed due to the threat of fire, or removal of the trees. So looking through them there he found his great uncle W.HERRICK on one of the plaques and organised a day for us to meet up to see this and another piece of evidence that Wilfred indeed was in Woodend at some point in time.

When we met at Woodend in October this year with some of John's family whom we had not met before, Peter showed us the plaques which he had at his home. He had been given the job of making a display for them to be exhibited in the Woodend RSL. He took us to the Woodend Historical Group which is housed in the old court house. Having been welcomed by the volunteers we finally saw what we had come to see. At the back of the building is situated an old thunderbox (updated because it is still in use) which we believe had been moved several times around the town and was once part of the Woodend school.

And there it was, scraped on the toilet wall:

W Herrick, April 7 1902 (Two days after his 10th Birthday)

Jeanette Angee



Grill'd Restaurant February 2012



Grill'd Restaurants have advised our entry, from Jenny Hayes, is in for a chance of sharing \$500. The idea is to write 45 words about the Group and those words would appear on one of 3 jars at the local Grill'd Restaurant, this time for the month of February. Customers would read the words then decide which group they would like to support and place their token in that jar. At the end of the month the tokens are counted. The jar with the most tokens wins \$300 for that local group. \$100 goes to each of the other groups. I encourage you to please visit the Grill'd Restaurant at Fountain Gate and try their burgers, hopefully you will be able to encourage others to place their tokens into our jar.

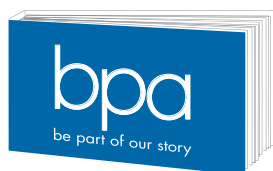
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