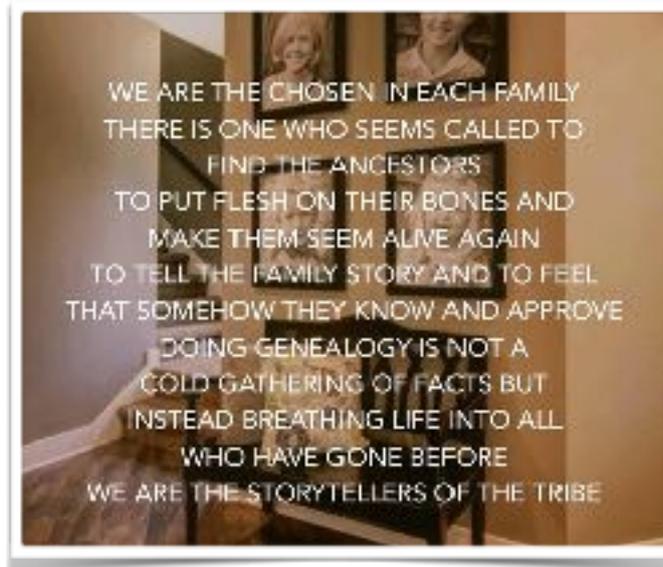




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Would you take on a 6 million dollar project? We have and all for the benefit of people who are looking for family history, studying, and looking at history in general. See what this is and how we are progressing on page 10.



Massive Changes to BDGD Website including membership renewal and management. Please read on page 14

Read about Carol Armstrong's Hero ancestor. A woman of strength and resilience who was a pioneer Australian. We want to be able to publish about your Ancestor. Please contact us with your story.

Do you like our masthead and noticed the difference? Read about the history and the addition to this on page 5

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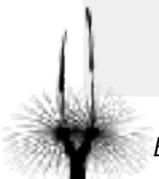
Membership year from 1 July to 30 June

The Society's Library is housed in the Australiana Research Room

Ballarat Central Library 178 Doveton Street, North Ballarat
Room open for "Members" 5 to 7pm Friday Nights

Certain Books from our collection are able to be borrowed by our members for up to 2
weeks.

Visitors are most welcome to meetings held at the Ballarat Library in
Doveton Street on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm
No meeting December or January.



Note from the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of LINK. It is quite late due to a number of reasons that I will not go into but it is here now.

It has again been a busy few months for the Society and no sign of this letting up in the near future. We strive to bring you a strong society that is able to cater to the needs of our members in the best way possible.

Jennifer and Ben have been working very hard to get the web site updated and on to the new server with a smooth transition. Although it seems easy for members it is a lot of hard work for our volunteers who have shown wonderful skills and knowledge to our advantage.

We have people looking at our web page from all over the world proving that many people have some historical link to Ballarat.

Our Facebook page has hit 1000 followers, which is great and is a good forum for suggestions, questions and announcements.

As usual I am looking for articles for LINK or at least ideas of what members would like to see in LINK that would assist in their journey into the past. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas and feedback on info@bdgs.org.au

Please note that all memberships are now due and can be renewed on the web site or by filling out the form included in this newsletter. Remember it is your membership that helps keep the Society going.

We are also looking for ideas to bring in the younger generation. What do you do to try and get your family interested in past generations? I know I often tell stories to my grandchildren about their ancestors but not sure it will help in the future. They do love trying to work out how we are all related.



Mr. L. R. Fordham, foreman of the carpenters' shop at Ballarat North Workshops, retired ~~secretly~~ after 50 years' service. At his farewell, he was presented with a wristlet watch and a gift for his wife.
Back row—left to right Messrs. H. J. Mitchell, T. Hocking, L. R. Fordham, P. James, C. Wallis. Front row: A. W. Feaver, M. Galvin.

Mr. L. R. Fordham's retirement from Ballarat North Workshops in 1956. Pictured with him, first on the left, is my grandfather Horace Joseph Mitchell in the dark overalls. My grandfather Horace died the year before I was born. I share this here in the hope that maybe some ancestors of his work colleagues may have photos which include him. Or may remember him.

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President's Report

Genealogy and family history as a voluntary, not for profit activity has been placed under increased pressure from the growth and vigour of the large, international digitally based agencies that have changed the approach to creating, accessing and maintaining records of interest to many researchers. Another challenge to genealogy is the emphasis on immediacy, especially in locating the specific detail that the researcher is seeking. For some the painstaking research is a lost strategy. A third significant challenge is the understanding that genealogy like many other activities brings commercial activity into a location. While competent genealogical research continues to draw on diligence and corroborative evidence probably from more than one reputable source, other pressures aspire to promote some other approaches to the evaluation of important details on which family history is developed. In an attempt to cater for at least some of those pressures, the Ballarat History Festival – the last weekend in May – continues to find this Society offering crucial services to members and public alike.

The Committee is particularly pleased with the growth in the activity that is attributed to the use of the social media and the websites.

In conjunction with The International Settlers' Group of The Genealogical Society of Victorian Inc , Ballarat is pleased to present Tracing your European Ancestors at the Ballarat Public Library Meeting Room in Doveton Street on Saturday 27th May. It augers as a wonderful day of insight into research strategy as well as important ways to approach research in Europe. It may not be an understatement that many of the political and administrative boundaries in Europe have changed over the centuries. In recent decades the geographic map has changed.

A very pleasant interlude was spent by a number of Society members who attended the launch in Ballarat of Dr Robin Droogleever's recent publication – *A matter of Honour*. This work has a lengthy sub-title : Being the history of the 5th Contingent of the Victorian Mounted Rifles in the Boer War, 1901-1902 and including a biographical sketch of all who served in the unit. Dr Droogleever has reviewed considerable contemporary evidence to revise the earlier writings of the war service of these Victorian enlistments. This work is in the sequence of his earlier research and publications pertaining to the first four contingents of this widely known Victorian military unit. Dotted across Victoria are many memorials to these men, including the famous depiction of the rescue of Saddler Arthur Short by Lieutenant Leslie Maygar. That latter monument stands above the large plaques, that bear the names of Victorians who died in the South African War. It is possible that the names are of the deceased soldiers born in Victoria.

With 30th June approaching, the end of the Society's financial year is almost upon us. Nominations for the new committee to take office from the next Annual General meeting in August 2017 will be accepted.

A MASTHEAD



Technological change may be gleaned from the inspection of the series of Ballarat Link. For thirty years readers have devoured the pages of Ballarat Link, which began to carry this masthead in June 1987 (No 47) but continued the numbering from the Newsletter that stemmed from the origins of the Society. Newsletters had been typed for a Gestetner publication using the dreaded black ink stencils. Photocopying commenced with April 1987 (No 46).

Four pages turned to six in April 1989 (No.58). In August 1990 (No.66), computerised font was introduced. Production time was cut by 2/3rds. A few carefully chosen filler articles that had special application to Ballarat assisted the timely production. Those unclaimed letters led to some disappointed readers who asked for the letters. They were probably 138 years late as the advertisement was probably the process to enable the letters' destruction. The set frequency of editions varied over the years but pages per edition increased much to the discomfort of numerous editors who might scan a slim in-tray.

A cover emerged with more detailed information of the Society. A publisher program was inserted to replace the word processing arrangement that had appeared in earlier editions. Email delivery came. Colour print arrived in May 2011.

The rudimentary attempts at graphics had appeared with the detail of the 1960 re-numbering of Humffray Street South and remain a far cry from the pristine work in the replication of pictures and the imposition of graphics in recent years. The first photographs had appeared in February 1990 (No 63).

The graphic that has accompanied the masthead over these three decades came from a drawing by noted field naturalist and recognised genealogical searcher, Florence Chuk. It not only depicted a plant native to the location but also had two branches. In part, this attempted to depict the branching without the recall of the spreading oak tree. Something local and distinctly Australian had been chosen. That graphic appeared in a reduced form in the earlier editions before some additional graphic changes were applied to meet the technological development.

More recently we have added the Ballarat Tartan. Registered in 2015 with the Scottish Register of Tartans (No. 10988) as a regional tartan, representing aspects of Ballarat's proud history.

Dark grey is for the volcanic basalt of Western Victoria.

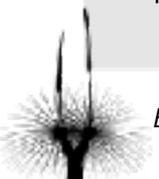
Deep blue represents the Southern night sky and the background of the Eureka flag.

White is for the stars in the sky and on the flag, and also for the gold-bearing quartz veins and reefs of the Ballarat goldfields.

The thread of gold represents the seams of precious metal that brought prosperity and fame to Ballarat.

The Curator is pleased that we are continuing to use works from the Art Gallery of Ballarat to promote our Society, They are very happy that Ballarat people are adopting the tartan as our own.

Content may change but the emphasis has been unmistakably on Ballarat and its environs. just as the title proclaims.





Headstone of Daniel Stanfield Snr with plaques of other family members to the right.

My Family Hero

Carol Armstrong

Alice, my fourth Great grandmother, has become something of a hero to me as I have looked deeper into her story. The first woman in my family line to arrive on Australian shores, she was a First Fleeter, who lived through experiences far beyond my imagination.

Alice was born to John and Elizabeth Mansfield, 1751 in Barkway Hertfordshire. She married in 1780, to Thomas Harmsworth, a private in the Royal Marines and had two children, Anne and Thomas

Junior. Soon her life was to change forever as she and Thomas, together with their children embarked on a journey of a life time. Filled no doubt with high hopes and trepidation, they sailed for Botany Bay in 1887, on the 'Prince of Wales'. Her second son John was born at sea in the December, during high seas and in bitter cold.

Imagine her despair when three year old Thomas jnr, died of fever, one month after arrival in NSW. He was the first free settler from the First Fleet to die on Australian soil and is buried in Sydney. Then her husband, Thomas died of fever and flux in April 1878, whilst stationed at Port Jackson Garrison.

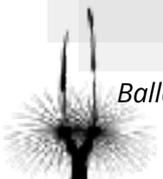
How did Alice support herself and her two children?

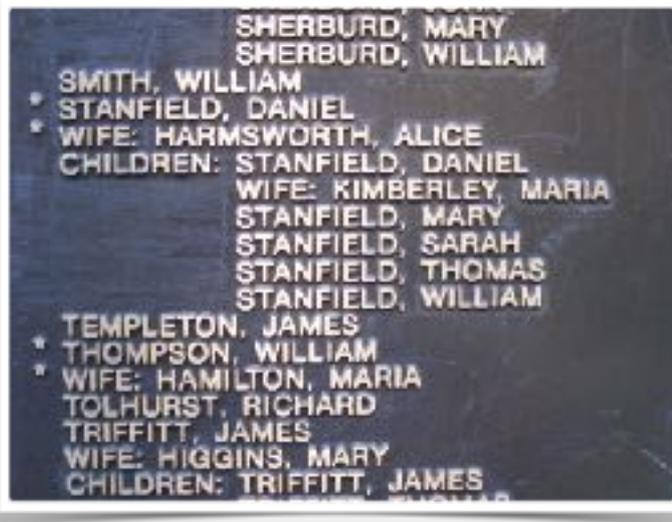
I wonder was it love or a choice born of necessity when she began a relationship with Daniel Stanfield, another First Fleeter marine, who had arrived on 'The Supply'.

Daniel was transferred to Norfolk Island, leaving her with their infant son Daniel Junior, to be baptised in Sydney 1790. Again Alice was alone. However, after discharging from the Marines, he returned to marry Alice 1791. He took his family back with him to Norfolk Island, where he was a constable and a farmer.

Once again the growing family was uprooted to return to Sydney, where Daniel then joined the NSW Corps for three years. After his discharge the family went back to Norfolk Island again and he became the holder of one of the largest parcels of land and farmed quite successfully.

Then in 1808, the Stanfields, with four of their children, sailed to Hobart VDL on the 'City of Edinburgh', leaving all they had achieved behind them. Alice's daughter Anne had married and stayed in Sydney.





Settling at Green Point, near Bridgewater on the Derwent, they established a farm. Daniel built a timber house which stood for 100 years. Daniel Junior established a post windmill in nearby Rokeby where the settlers could grind their grain.

With hard work the family prospered, the main problems encountered were raids by bushrangers stealing property. After giving evidence in Hobart, against a person receiving property stolen from him, Daniel died suddenly in 1826. Alice was to die in

1830 aged 74 and was buried in St David's Hobart, with her husband. She was survived by her five Stanfield children and her son by her previous marriage.

As a note of interest; John Harmsworth, had enlisted as a drummer boy at about age 6. He came to VDL from Norfolk Island with the 73rd Regiment. After service in Ceylon he returned in 1820. He managed one of Daniel Jnr's properties. When he died in 1860, he was purported to be the last survivor of the First Fleet.

Alice's plaque on the Pioneer's wall in St David's Park states-

A First Fleeter and courageous wife and mother, as a founder of our Nation, she bore trials and suffering with great strength of character and purpose.



Carol and her cousin Carmel travelled to Tasmania researching these ancestors. They not only went to the record offices but travelled to the places they knew their ancestors lived and worked.

There are many records on line to search for your history but going to these places and experiencing the views, finding graves etc adds more to your story.

It is wise to find as much as you can on line etc before going to your ancestral homes. BDGS can assist you if need be, but see the next page for some hints on doing your own research. Finding them yourself is much more fun than having someone do it for you.

However sometimes a second opinion helps.

Researching Your Convict

Do you have convicts in your family? The majority of Australian's do and for many years this was not talked about. Oh the shame! However, this has now turned around and most get excited to find a convict in their family. It has been found that many of these convicts settled in Ballarat East after they gained their freedom.



One of the great things about having a convict is the records that are held for them. There is so much more information that can be found from a description of the individual, to when and where they were, to what they got up to and often what happened after the sentence expired.

I have one direct ancestor, along with his brother that I have discovered. Also a step ancestor and my great grandfather's brother. Then there are those connected to other family members. The later ones have much better records, as would be expected, while earlier ones can still be a little sketchy, but still worth the research. My ancestor came out in the 1840s so was one of the later ones and lots to be found.

One of the great things is the fact that convicts were always referred to by their convict number and the ship they came out on. All records, referring to them, have this number and ship. If you have one that has a common name or there is more than one with this name, you can more easily trace the correct person.

So what can be found and where?

I was able to find that my fellows were both arrested along with an older brother and their father.

This was in the British Newspapers, (available via the British Newspaper site, paid subscription. Find my past, also a paid subscription, or these are available at the Library as many libraries subscribe to these).

I also found previous convictions, (Find my Past) and these are also listed on their Conduct Record found at LINC (Tasmania) <https://www.linc.tas.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx>.

James came out on Marion2 (2 meaning this was the second trip for the Marion). This ship is listed against James in all newspaper and other records within Tasmania.

So what do I have for James?

1. An article found in the Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser 4 June 1842. Says he was sentenced to 7 years transportation, but he was instead gaoled for 8 months.
2. An article found in Manchester Times and Gazette for the arrest of his father, and two brothers. His father is listed as imbecile. He was asked if the belongings found were his sons, he replied if they say so. He was found not guilty, older brother William was



sentenced to 8 months in gaol while James and younger brother were both sentenced to 10 years transportation.

A letter written by their father begging for them not to be transported. This is addressed to Sir James Graham on London and scribbled on the envelope says they had been convicted before, bad characters and their father believes them to be wrongfully convicted. He also states he was blinded while serving his country, so not imbecile.

3. This letter also states they have been taken to Milbank prison while waiting transportation.

4. Conduct records for Milbank, James charged for singing loudly and other unseemly conduct. James is listed as the ringleader. Conduct Bad. (Findmypast)
5. Appropriation Lists, This was to record the trade of the convict and how his or her skill was used.
6. Conduct Record which describes the crime, when and where convicted, record of their behaviours during their term. Who they were assigned to, who they appeared before. When they were released, Ticket of Leave etc.
7. Description List. Describes the convict, height, facial features, tattoos etc.
8. Indents, which gives a record on board ship on their way to the colonies
9. Muster Rolls
10. Trove (Australian Digital Newspapers)
11. I also found that James registered the birth of his niece, showing he kept close contact with his brother.
12. James eventually went to Gippsland with his brother and was killed in an accident, so

Baptisms at Christ Church, Geelong that pertain to Ballarat district, 1853-1859

This sequence is by date of baptism.

BLACKBURN Duncan, born 22 Sep 1853, baptised 27 Oct 1853, son of Richard and Ellen, carpenter, Ballarat

VINING Julia, born 28 May 1853 Ballarat, baptised 10 Nov 1853 dau of George William & Louisa, gold miner, Eureka Diggings

GODDARD James Henry, born 26 Jul 1853 Ballarat, baptised 8 Dec 1853, son of James Gibson and Amelia, carpenter, Geelong

WHITE Elizabeth Ann, born 6 Sep 1853 Ballarat, baptised 8 Dec 1853, dau of James & Martha, labourer, Geelong

BILNEY Robert, born 15 May 1853 Ballarat, baptised 20 Dec 1853, son of Thomas & Sophia, gold digger, Ballarat

WILSON Hugh, born 25 Dec 1853 Creswick, baptised 11 Feb 1854, son of Alexander McGregor & Agnes, goldminer, Creswick Creek, Ballarat

BAKER Eliza, born 28 Oct 1853, baptised 19 Jan 1854, daughter of George & Elizabeth, carrier, Buninyong

Would you tackle a \$6 million project ?

Did I hear you say, "Not likely !" In about 2009 this was the estimated price for *The Courier* (Ballarat) since 1867 to 1954 to be uploaded into Trove. – the National Library of Australia's website This was only one long-running newspaper among many reels of film in the drawers at the State Library of Victoria. It is not telling tales but Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc's Committee set out on such a path.



The State Library of Victoria had a budget for such projects but the dimensions of its holdings of even the C19 newspapers meant that the significant country papers in Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat could not be included. Uploading those would have left no funds for the numerous smaller publications. It was understood that certain country newspapers were preferred to cater for a regional aspect for the project. *The Maryborough Advertiser* is one said to be relevant for this district. This showed that *The Star* and *The Courier* could only appear in Trove by some local initiative.

A visit to Newstead and District Historical Society revealed one technique for this work. Capital outlay, anticipated maintenance and the need for high production standards acted as a mild deterrent until another option emerged.

Perhaps many had overlooked any crucial significance of 1836. The year set 2011 as the 175th celebrations for the geographic and political entity that became the Colony and, later the State of Victoria. Grants were available. Criteria were dissected and addressed within strict word limits. Success – a grant of \$12 000 was gained to work with *The Star*, a Ballarat paper from 1854. Some small assistance from the National Library of Australia to supplement the funds was greatly appreciated. Philanthropy might be a solution to access the funds needed for this work. A Local History Grant enabled *The Star* to late 1869 to be uploaded. Should the scheme continue with this masthead or switch to *The Courier*, which commenced in June 1867 ? Some of the better analysis of newspapers as sources of important societal views and values asserted the importance of the C19th *Courier* in the world of newspapers and journalism. There would only be an overlap of a few weeks between the end of one film and the start of a reel of the *Courier*.

A search for suitable philanthropy might support the next steps toward this scheme. Not all grant applications were successful. Successful grants usually fell short of the initial request. Some philanthropy appeared more interested in funding tangible structures. One that over the decades would have been perceived as receptive to the Society's interests had changed focus to other social features. Gaining a favourable response from philanthropy can be a challenge. Digitisation and optical character recognition might be tedious to explain and frequently stand for nought against some physical, visible construction or current social phenomenon. Moral



correct coverage of the Courier on TROVE Ballarat Star is previous to this and is accessible

more tedious grant application since the application needed to demonstrate community benefit. At last success almost coinciding with a hospital admission occurred. These new funds brought some early years of *The Courier* into the website.

A form of sponsorship did not elicit interest. Perhaps another grant from the Public Record Office's Local history scheme might be rewarded. The result was a smaller amount but no one was worried when the application achieved success.

To support these grant applications important society funds, usually raised by Gift Recipient Deductions through the Society's Charitable status were used. Supplemental funds came from the hours of research work undertaken for the public. Other donations have been used. One of these came for support in the display of the Women's Suffrage petition at the local Museum about Democracy at Eureka was included. About \$17 500 has come from these two sources. The money from winning the Victorian Community History Award in 2016 for a project about the impact of World War One on Victoria or Victorians will be applied toward the next step. The prize probably only recouped the Society funds used in that project anyway.

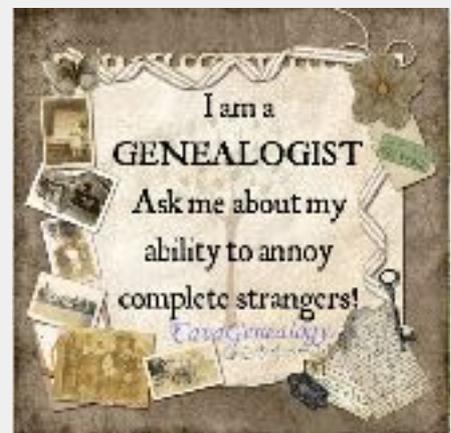
Probably no one thought that back in 1987 the Ballarat Group's donation to fund one reel of film a few hundred dollars would return to assist the current Society. The Courier into 1881 has been uploaded with editions in the following decades having increased page numbers in each edition of the newspaper.

Excluding the \$17 600 used for *The Star* some \$43 000 has been applied to *The Courier* project. That means the Society might be only \$5.997m short of that \$6m, should the price of a page not have increased in the meantime or in the future. Now that is a bit unlikely isn't it.

While to arrive might obscure the pleasure of the journey, the distance may be nothing, only the first step is difficult. So history is not all old things. Something from 2009 onward is already part of history and a prominent part of this Society's progress, confidence and contribution.

Support abounded. University students wanted the product to enhance research. The days of turning the microfilm page by page and reading the columns of text might be replaced by the speed of a word search. The thesis and research might be completed quickly. Family history searching could be strengthened with significantly reduced effort and time. The Society was spurred to greater effort.

Some City of Ballarat Councillors drew attention to their Community Impact Grant scheme. That proved a



BALLARAT COURIER PERONAL NOTICES INDEX



Above photo BDGS members applauding Marilyn when she accepted a small token of appreciation in the Library in May 2017

Compiled by Marilyn Millar

Updates have recently been added to this data. The date range is now 1945 to 2016. This covers 72 years of local events in the 20th and 21st Centuries. Our honorary research team and members who come into the Australiana Research Room at the Ballarat Library are finding this index invaluable. Just imagine into the future how grateful family historians will be for the compilation of this index and its electronic publication.

Great War Peace Photo 1918 showing Lucas Girls celebrating in Union Jack flag outfits. Written on the back of this postcard: At the end of the war 1918 is Lucas Girl, Rosa Hilda Ann WALTERS, 2nd from right. She is in the Home Front Ballarat WW1 at www.ballaratww1.org.au

Below is her entry as it appears in the database. Please tell us who brought this photo to the BDGS March meeting. Email: info@bdgs.org.au

WALTERS

SURNAME: WALTERS

TITLE: Miss

GIVEN NAME: Rosa Hilda Ann

YEAR OF BIRTH: 1892

PLACE OF BIRTH: Ballarat East

YEAR OF DEATH: 1938

PLACE OF DEATH: Blackburn

FATHER: WALTERS William Henry

MOTHER: HUDSON Mary Ellen

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Miner

RESIDENCE: 109 Humffray St Nth, Ballarat

EMPLOYER: E Lucas & Co

RELIGION: Church of England

YEAR MARRIED: 1921

SPOUSE: SMITH Isaac Robert Egbert Edwards

WAR WORK: Avenue of Honour tree planter

WAR LINK: WALTERS Francis James Garfield b 1886 Tree 2734, WALTERS Philip Richard b 1897 Tree 3565 (brothers)



Research

queries that have come in to BDGS
If you have information please contact us

CHERRY I recently purchased a postcard of some philatelic historical importance, addressed to a Mrs Olive Agnes CHERRY (nee SHEPHERD) in Sale Victoria in 1919 from a serviceman in Zomba, Nyasaland (now Malawi). I have established she was a Sale resident at the time, however her family resided in Ballarat for some time. The postcard was written by Allen CLARK. I am trying to establish a family connection between he and Olive. It may have been the generation prior.

COTTEE I am hoping to make a trip to Ballarat mid May and hope you might be able to help in my search for the COTTEE family. Three brothers came out – Henry, Spencer & Benjamin COTTEE. I know this from your previous research in 2014. In 1856 the COTTEE brothers were Timber Merchants located Bakery Hill, East Ballarat. We were told the timber yard was where the Eureka Stockade started and would love to know if there are any historical records of this.

CROSBIE Looking for information and ownership of land in York St in the 1890's

DAWKINS (E) Can you please point me in the right direction to find more information about the DAWKINS family of Illabarook. In particular I am trying to find information on Mary DAWKINS daughter of William Henry DAWKINS.

EGAN (E) I have been trying through Ancestry to locate any descendants of Daniel and Lillian EGAN from Smythesdale. I have also been trying to locate their graves and other family members' graves. Daniel and Lillian are my gr grandparents. My grandmother Kathleen EGAN never spoke of her family. We gather she left

Victoria around 1917-18 never contacting her family again.

FOGARTY/CAMPBELL I am looking into any evidence of the presence in Ballarat of my gr grandfather Hugh CAMPBELL who I believe came to Australia on the Empire of Peace in 1861 and lived in Ballarat in Ripon Street until 1872 when he took up a selection at Cope Cope. I am also looking for similar information about his wife Margaret Fogarty and her younger sisters Mary (Marianne) and Catherine. Not sure what ship these ladies came to Victoria on and they may have come at different times. Catherine married James Kelly in 1864 and had several children, but Mary/Marianne disappears from sight after being a witness at Catherine's wedding. Hugh and Margaret CAMPBELL probably baptised their children in the Presbyterian Church as children born in Cope Cope apparently were christened there. I would be interested in any church records. Hugh and Margaret had five children born in Ballarat: Ellen, Thomas Mary Ann Margaret (known as Jane) and Elizabeth.

GALWEY I would like any information re George GALWEY who was a Postmaster in 1860 or thereabouts.

GRIBBLE I require information about Benjamin and Mary GRIBBLE and their 5 daughters and 1 son who migrated from Redruth Cornwall to Port Phillip on the "Blonde" arriving 15 Oct 1848. The son, Benjamin John Brown GRIBBLE (known as John Brown GRIBBLE) was born 1847. I would like any marriage and death details for the family members apart from John BROWN, whose details I already have, and any information about their lives.

KENWORTHY (E) I am doing some research on one of your early settlers and was wondering if your archives might have some helpful information or pictures. Dr. Charles J Kenworthy was apparently a significant presence in a variety of activities, from horticulture to medicine in Ballarat until he returned to the States in the mid-1860's

LAWS I am travelling to Australia from the UK towards the end of May. I am looking for descendants of Robert LAWS and Caroline CLEMENTS who married in 1844 in the UK. Several of their 9 children went to Australia and specifically to Ballarat. What I would like to know is, are there any living descendants in the area still and what did the ancestors do in Ballarat. Are they buried in Ballarat??

MURPHY I was wondering if you had any information regarding the Ballarat Young Catholic Mens Society or the Irish Foresters? My gr grandfather may have been a member in the early 1900s. Also he may have competed (and won) in the South Street competitions. I have found someone with a similar name and wondered whether membership records exist.

RASMUSSEN Am hoping you may be able to help me with my 2nd gr grandfather, he was Erik Jorgen Ole RASMUSSEN born 1830 Thuroe Svendborg Denmark, came to Australia after the Danish 1860 Census, jumped ship (I have been told in Melbourne) and married Charlotte ROWE in Ballarat 14 April 1862. I found a clipping of his death 21 Dec 1916. I know from the newspaper he was a Grand in I.O.O.F. Wondering if you have any more info on him.

ROBERTS John Bryson ROBERTS and wife Catherine HAYES had 8 children in the Sago Hill district. Any information about him that may identify whether he came from Ireland or England is the ultimate aim. Possibly a printer or storekeeper.

WALL (E) I am a descendant of William WALL (my gr gr grandfather) who according to his Probate document owned property in Ballarat around 1864-1879 prior to his death. I am wondering if there are records showing the current day address of the Allotment and what stands on it now?

MASSIVE UPRGRADE TO **www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au**

Ballarat & District Genealogical Society has undertaken the biggest upgrade since the website was redesigned in May 2014. The site has been moved to the most up-to-date server available. We are most grateful to Lateral Plains support staff who manage the community servers on which not-for-profit organisations, such as ours, can be hosted. This is at no cost courtesy of the City of Ballarat.

On the new server we are using the latest version of the Joomla platform software. This has resulted in the revision and testing of extensions and plugins to ensure that all content (images, videos, text, and forms) will display to our satisfaction. The website finally went live on Monday 26th of June 2017.

The biggest difference for users will be the loss of some content until it is re-written from scratch to suit the newer versions of some software.

The biggest difference for BDGS members is the introduction of a **Membership Management Program**. This innovation is most welcome as it will improve the efficiency of the organisation and ease the workload and duplication of related tasks by committee members. This new function is working beautifully with many successful membership transactions in recent weeks. However with any new system, there are generally user problems until people become familiar with the new procedure. cont pg





WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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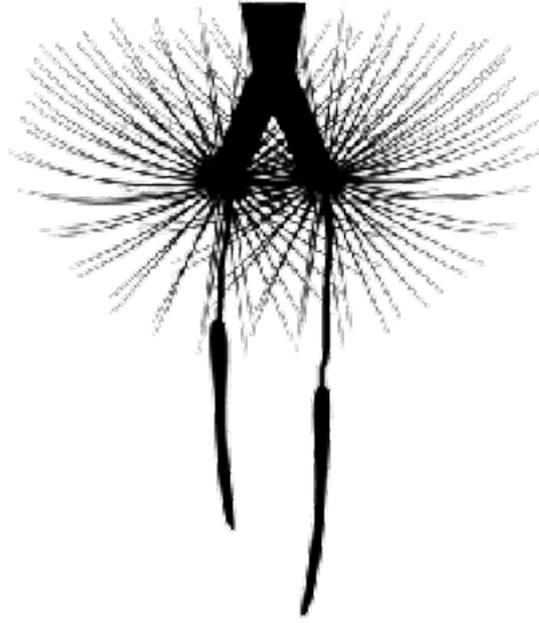
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