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Photo Left:
Girls who competed in the Calisthenics Comp in South Street Competitions. Taken at the City Oval. Barry Swingler's Mum on the left and her sister on the right (of Swinglers Lane near the cemetery). I think this is correct. thanks to Judy Jahnke

Obstetric Practice on the Goldfields

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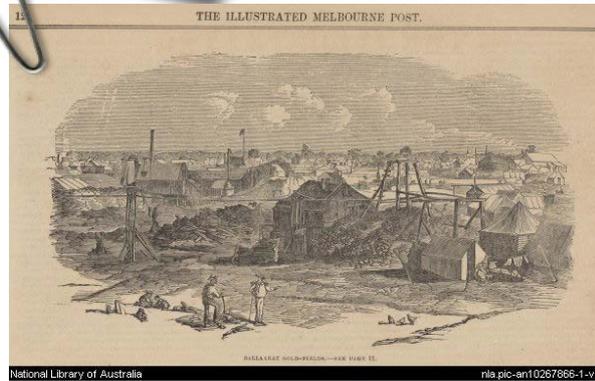
A Journey to Smythesdale

A story submitted to *The Star* of an experience taking the carriage from Ballarat to Smythesdale in 1860. Today this is about a 15 minute drive on the highway, not so back then and not in the comfort of a modern day car. Did your ancestor endure such journeys?

A Family Portrayed

This is a series of photos donated of one of Ballarat's families. It shows a family portrait and the interest of the patriarch.

Does this family home still exist?



<http://www.ballarat.com/history.htm>



"He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." -- Old English proverb





Runaway tram hits doughnut cart and Dickens window, thanks to Fiona Beaumont



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

The Society's Library is housed in the Australiana Research Room, Ballarat Central Library, 178 Doveton Street North, Ballarat 3350.

Australiana Room open for "members only" every Friday evening 5pm - 7pm.
Certain books from our collection can now be borrowed by members for 1 - 2 weeks, between 6 - 7pm on Friday evenings.



FROM THE EDITOR

Yet another year has passed and oh so quickly! I am of course looking for articles for the next LINK and a couple of ideas have come to mind. Next LINK is due out in February 2014 which will cover ANZAC day which we all know is the 100th Anniversary of WW1. A lot of work is going into the the remembrance of our Soldiers and their family during this horrendous time in our recent history. Do you have stories passed on to you? Pictures of Ballarat ANZACs, diary extracts of either soldiers or those left at home thinking about their loved ones? If so are you willing to share so. I am sure readers would love to hear and see some of these.

This issue I have featured some photos of a Ballarat Family and would like to be able to do this for you if possible. Joan Hunt has also sent a story, printed in the Star, of an experience of a carriage drive from Ballarat to Smythesdale. How things have really changed, only a 15 minute drive along the highway now was such a long ordeal in the very early days and something many of our ancestors possibly experienced.

Do you have any of these experiences recorded in your family. Please share them as I am sure others would like to hear of these experiences.

You can email or post these before Christmas if possible so you do not forget.
Carmel Reynen, Editor

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FUTURE EDITIONS

Please send in your stories. the sooner the better so you do not forget. Especially with Christmas Holidays coming.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On 27th August 2013 the remaining business of the Annual General Meeting was passed. This included the audited statement of accounts and the appointment of a new auditor. Mr Bruce Thomas, the previous auditor, had passed away late in the financial year. His assistance for the Society many years has been greatly appreciated. Mr Ian Pym was invited to complete the 2012-2013 audit. The members have extended this appointment.

Many incorporated associations in Victoria have had to address the implications of the new Model Rules that were presented. For this society, a slightly amended version was brought to the Special general meeting on 24th September. Members have approved this amended version, which is simply identified as September 2013. Advice from the Consumer Affairs Victoria, that the version complies with the legal requirements, is anticipated.

Those preceding paragraphs only show that for members to enjoy their interest with such enthusiasm, some of the formal aspects have to be quietly addressed to facilitate the smooth function of a cordial and welcoming society.

Now, I may turn to the topics that foster interest in family history research.

To contribute to the celebration of the centenary of the Great War, now called World War 1, from about November 2012 the Committee considered options before bringing a recommendation to the members in ordinary meeting.

This Society proposes to identify civilians of Ballarat and the immediate district, who were involved in the community efforts to support Australia's war effort. Research to identify the individual will be enhanced by establishing this person's fuller picture from other contemporary records.

While this project will focus on civilian work, it will include the many roles of women either in fund-raising for provision of comforts for troops, developing Red Cross supplies for the wounded or imprisoned or missing, activities in recruiting and its varied methods.

The manufacture of woollen goods in the district dropped civilian lines of production for part of the war. Many women were employed in the local mills. The role of the Lucas employees to establish an arboreal memorial to enlisted and not necessarily deceased soldiers, provides another remarkable aspect of the civilian life in the war.

The Society has found some hundreds of names of these people. More are anticipated.

When a name is identified, the name will be checked against other, contemporary records in an attempt to provide a more detailed account of this person and their activities in the war effort.

This Society recognises that there is a limited range of information on the civilian population for this period of the C20th and more so when the focus is placed on women. Further the Society is aware that there is remarkably scant literature on any Australian civilian role in this war.

Approaching the end of year, the Committee and wishes all members of the Society and interested readers, a Happy Christmas and every good wish for the Coming Year.



Obstetric Practice on the Ballarat Goldfields

Some Records

Richard Mahoney, a sometime medical practitioner, who is the principle character of Henry Handel Richardson's trilogy *The Fortunes of Richard Mahoney*, draws upon the colonial experience of the author's father, Dr W L Richardson. Richardson had practised in Ballarat from 1856 to 1864 and for short times in England, Hawthorn and Chiltern. In the medical world Richardson is notable for his obstetric experience. He was considered a specialist at the time. His records in the area of practice are one of the few to have survived. These records are now in the Richardson papers in the National Library of Australia.

Richardson records 698 cases. The first 120 cases are in England. The next 563 pertain to Ballarat. The final fifteen refer to Rawcliffe, Yorkshire.

Perhaps an oversupply of medical graduates in England encouraged his emigration on the Roxborough Castle to arrive in Victoria, in August 1852. For four years he struggled as a store keeper on the Ballarat goldfields. On Christmas Day 1855, he was one of the masonic brethren involved in laying the foundation stone for the Ballarat District Hospital. Failure of the store business and some occasional medical work led him to register for medical practice in December 1856. In March 1857, an advertisement of his resumption of practice mentioned his pupillage with Professor Simpson and his

preference to confine his practice to the diseases of women and children.

Forster (1970) drew on medical and press description to suggest that there were much truth in the frightening description of midwifery on the goldfields. Suggestions of illiteracy and drunkenness showed one facet. The women's fee of one third the doctor's demonstrated the difficulty for a medical practitioner. There was an argument that only legally qualified medical practitioners or at least a person with a obstetrical competency certificate, attend a birth. Only with the Midwives Act 1915 were the untrained removed from attending the birthing mother.

Richardson practised in Mount Pleasant. A log and canvas store is depicted. He was appointed an honorary surgeon at the local hospital in 1860. In 1862 he had moved to Webster Street.

His case book is titled *Registry of cases*. This records sequential number of the case, and a number of the following details - name, residence and station, age, number of pregnancy, menstrual detail, defined concept and expected date of labour and important occurrences, duration of pregnancy, date and hour of commencing labour, presentation occurrence during and after labour, time of termination of labour, duration of labour, number of children at the birth,



C 1859 Ballarat Hospital
Goldfield Medicine
Sovereign Hill
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sovereignhilleducation.wordpress.com/
2013/07/12/goldfields-medicine/](http://sovereignhilleducation.wordpress.com/2013/07/12/goldfields-medicine/)

sex, whether living or still, weight and length of child or foetus, occurrences to child in the next month. Not all details are recorded.

Some records are believed missing for the final case, 2nd November 1864, had a comment to refer to the 'new' record.

Year	Births recorded	Notes
1857	6	
1858	41	
1859	53	Did not work 6 weeks
1860	67	
1861	130	
1862	86	
1863	76	
1864	101	to 2 nd Nov

Forster collated some of the information to compare 100 English and Ballarat women.

- England women moved after the birth of the first child;
- Ballarat mothers were older but there were less women in the extremes of the age range, and
- both groups of mothers had markedly less pregnancies after the fourth child.

Naturally, Richardson's practice functioned as a consequence of the local hospital rules that precluded the admission of women for childbirth under any circumstances. The possible preference for the cheaper midwifery service created some situations where significant medical complications occurred. Medical fees were between £2/2 and £3 (1860 minimum) and up to £5. Richardson rarely called for other medical assistance but three to four times a year, his record showed one of another fourteen doctors being called. Holthouse, a fellow graduate, was called in the early years. Bunce was preferred in the later years. Bowden (1974) has noted the feature in the goldfields of doctors being committed for trial on charges of malpractice and manslaughter. The common technique to dissipate this was to call and consult with colleagues. For medical

1 in 48 instances. His work in complications led him to publish in *Medical Record of Australia* (1863) He noted four cases of eclampsia, which was a much greater rate than in Europe. Victoria held an unenvied position in this regard for decades.

Forster assets that Richardson's practice was conservative for the time, and more representative of his training period. Although each of the doctors named by Richardson remain worthy of biographical study, Hillas, who had graduated three years after Richardson and arrived in Ballarat gained high regard in the profession.

Before August 1859, Dr Thomas Hillas resigned from the Ballarat Hospital where he had been resident surgeon. He resided for some years at a home in Sturt Street, beside the Ballarat Fire Brigade. This and the adjoining buildings formed the nucleus of the medical practices in central Ballarat for many decades.

In 1872 the operating theatre at the Ballarat Hospital was a small upper chamber in the Ladies wing, about 18 feet square illuminated by a large skylight and with four reflector gaslight reflectors for night emergency. A revolving table was in place. On 13th June 1872, Hillas in this room performed the first Australian recorded case of caesarean section upon a living woman. Hyslop *Sovereign remedies* (1989) cites the *Australian Medical Journal* February 1875 and Forster in *Medical Journal of Australia* (1970). Hyslop noted that Hillas performed the operation in the presence of three other surgeons and honorary physicians. The child was born at about eight months gestation. Caesarean section had been long-established in European practice by 1870 but even in less difficult circumstances that found by Hillas, the mortality rate for the woman was no less than 75%. Hillas had begun to operate to address ovarian dropsy. At the second incision he had found a gravid uterus. Draining the dropsy fluid left the problem of the uterus. Hillas chose alone to make the caesarean section knowing that an attempt at natural birth would rupture at the point of his original incision. The professional recognition of Hillas's work with this case, might best be noted by a later remark that in the 1930s before antibiotics when a honorary surgeon at Ballarat lost the first six caesarean cases through infection. The change from total to spinal anaesthesia and antibiotics changed later outcomes.

Thomas departed Ballarat in 1874. He died at Wagga Wagga, NSW on 25th January 1892, aged 64 years.

A JOURNEY TO SMYTHESDALE

(From a Correspondent) –

The Star, Wednesday 4 July 1860, page 3.

A few days ago I had occasion to make a tour through this district. About seven in the morning I took my seat on one of Wrathall's coaches; the three horses started at a brisk trot from Bath's, and up Dana street. So far the riding was not to be complained of, but after crossing Eyre street along the old boundary of the Ballarat township (I have forgotten the name of the street) we received the first jerk, not a small one either, but those acquainted with the road said it was nothing, although had my tongue been between my teeth, I expect it would have received a no very small injury: but as they said, such it was. At the Redan Hotel, on going in through the fence, such a rough road I have seldom seen; the metal having been thrown on some as large as my head; in the front of the house a few days' work would have made it decent and respectable, and yet I am told that the toll collected (for the privilege of passing through the paddock) is enormous; in going through the paddock the jerking of the coach was not much, but the splashing was fearful; we appeared much the same as boys at school who had been throwing mud one on the other. On leaving the paddock we had a second edition of the roughness of the entrance; but off the horses went, and down to the creek in front of Fisher's paddock. Here there is another toll, and I was told by one of the passengers that he had no doubt but that the total received at the two tollgates would in ten years pay the principal and a handsome interest for making the road the whole length from Ballarat to Smythesdale. In passing through this paddock we received several good shakings, and one got a sharp blow on his bumps of firmness, by striking against the top of the coach. My own equanimity did not last long: being the outside passenger in the first seat, I nearly got my nasal organ out of joint by a blow from the pillar of

the top of the coach, and had what the P.R. would say "the first blood," which damped much my spirit for the journey. We passed Messrs Fishers' dairy farm, on the south of which there is another very sloppy piece of road, and from this place all the way to the Travellers' Rest it is very heavy, and in one or two places there is sludge knee-deep to wade through. In front of this hotel we got another edition of sludge and boulders of rough stone. Luckily the coach did not stop long, and off it went this time over a piece of road really made up ship-shape-like with a culvert and a bridge opposite to Messrs Jenkins' farm. This, I am informed, is the only piece of public work done in the whole district, and furthermore I was told that the half of the journey we had just finished was nothing to the other and the one we had just commenced, which piece of information did not in the least allay a curious (sea like) sensation in the stomach (being I may tell you, rather bilious); but as far as the Banner of War the anticipations were not realized, and at this hotel it seemed our coachee takes his morning meal, and those that like to, join. Felling the cold rather sharp I went in and got an excellent cup of coffee and some toast. Being an abstainer I did not use, as some of the others did, anything stronger. After every one that wished it had satisfied the inner man off we went, and certainly the worst portion of the road was before us. The flat after leaving the hotel was in



a very bad state; the splashing and grinding of the horses, mixed with the noise of the whip and coachee made it a regular Babel – quite colonial, as one remarked. At last we came to the top of the hill, but the ruts and sharp turnings of the track made it anything but comfortable, and after many ups and downs

we came to the head of the diggings. On the left is the fence of Messrs Darlot's paddock; on the right the shaft and machinery of the Last Push Company; further on is the Smythesdale Company, who, it seems, have been at war with the watery element for the last six months. After passing this engine the track keeps higher up the hill side than when I travelled before. The Chinese have taken possession of the old track, and between sludge and their shafts it is impossible for anything to pass. We arrived at last before Wrathall's store, where a change of horses took place and now we passed over the worse piece of road I ever travelled on in my life. All the way to the Post Office the driving of the coach is a pilot's business. Between Dent's Hotel and the Post Office there is a company right on the road, who have arranged their plant and machinery in the only way that they could entirely block up the street, (because here a road has been surveyed), but unfortunately for the district – not proclaimed. How the authorities could be so neglectful and blundering to allow a few greedy persons to do so to the great injury of the entire district, is astonishing; the loss already to the district is far more than all they will get out of the claim, irrespective of their labor. I

have often read of the complaints of the neglect this district has suffered under but did not dream that it was carried to such an extent. I find that in the district itself there is not an inch of road that has been made by the Government, and although three or four surveys for the main Government road have been made, yet the delay of the Government is such that, after each survey, the mining interest jumps in and prevents its being proclaimed. So I was informed that the last surveyed will (if not soon proclaimed) be stopped by mining. Here I noticed the first attempt at the shape of a street; stores and houses being regularly built on both sides of it. Nearly in front of the Post Office I noticed also the effect of undermining in two or three places, two large sized stores being screened in every shape, and one of them being, like Venice, surrounded with water. Our coachee again called "all on board," and off we went through a labyrinth of tents, stores, schools (through which a stranger would require a map to find his way), and at last we arrived at the Eldorado Hotel, where I was to wait for my friend, but who was not there, and so had to wait till the next morning.

In another letter I shall give you my notes on Smythesdale.

1. *Fisher's farm was just before you get to where Smythe's Creek is today.*
2. *The Traveller's Rest was on the corner of the Glenelg Highway and Bell's Road.*
3. *The Banner of War was just along the road to the right before the turnoff to Haddon.*
4. *The site of this and the following buildings is immediately south of the driveway in to the tip, and is marked by some old fruit trees on the right side of the main road.*
5. *The Eldorado Hotel was in the main section of Smythesdale, opposite the present butcher's shop where there is now a car park.*



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Kitty Mines
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SPEAKERS

September 2013

Betty Slater spoke at the General Meeting about getting started in Genealogy.

She spoke about the important steps in starting your family tree. Some of the pointers are as follows.

Getting Started

Collecting information, interview family members, Bible entries, Birthday books, private papers, family photographs

Local library, Family History, Genealogical Society Catalogues

Keep evidence

When letter writing, always keep a copy. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Obtain birth, death and marriage certificates

Seek newspaper notices, obituaries, inquests, wills, probates, cemetery records, shipping lists

Supplies needed

Note Book, black ink pen, lead pencils, family group sheets, generation sheets, card systems

Where to start

Always work from the known information and work back, ie. YOURSELF

Each time you go back, obtain a birth, marriage and death certificate. Death certificates can contain other important information not found anywhere else.

The various Australian States certificates can vary both with the information provided and costs.

Be aware of variations in spelling, often can be phonetic before 1890's

Keep checking Census records, (held every 10 years). "Find My Past" is an excellent site for Census records.

Our library has Marriage and Baptism registers for some surrounding parishes, mainly protestant. Local Catholic records are more difficult to access. Some possibly "Lost" between church and Registry Office.

"Mapping Our Anzacs" is an excellent site

What do we do with these records?

Robert Bell System

Cards to fit in a box, with alphabetical dividers

Plastic pockets, numbered with coloured dots, to keep documents in, eg birth certificates for a particular person.. The numbers correspond with the numbers on the card for that person.

Keep duplicates.

October 2013

Charlie Farugia Senior Archivist at Public Record Office Victoria spoke about the Soldier Settlement Records. It was late in 2011 when an accession from the Rural Finance Corporation and documentation was made available. The accession relates to settlement purchase leases within estates made to either soldier settlers initially under section 27 of the *Soldier Settlement Act* 1946 or land settlers initially under the *Land Settlement Act* 1959. The accession accounts for all of the VPRS numbers 16750 – 16760 inclusive and connects to records in slightly earlier accessions (refer to VPRS 16289, 16290 and 16540). These series mark the first major completed accession of lands records since the publication of our Lands Manual.

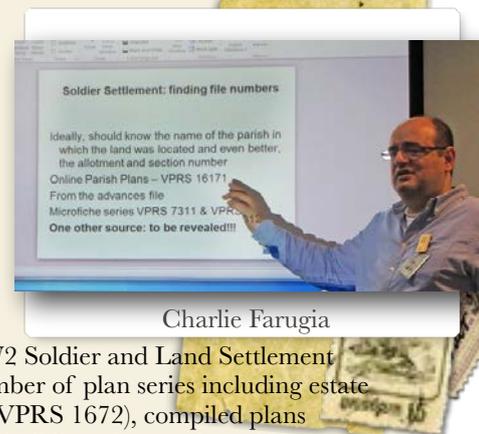
Collectively the series cited above appear to span a comprehensive range of activities related to post WW2 Soldier and Land Settlement estates. These include a number of plan series including estate plans (16751), survey plans (VPRS 1672), compiled plans (VPRS 16750) and standard building plans and specifications for structures that could be built on the allotments (VPRS 16754). Series containing information about individual settlers include purchase lease preparation files (VPRS 16540), estate development files (VPRS 16289 for land settlers and VPRS 16290 for soldier settlers), summary estate cards (VPRS 16756), a deed register (VPRS 16759) and a number of other registers accumulated within VPRS 16758. There are also information sheets regarding sales for the benefit of applicants (VPRS 16755).

Researchers interested in the administration of these schemes might want to look at a series of general subject correspondence files (VPRS 16760). Full descriptions for all of these series are available in the catalogue.

But there is one aspect of this accession that will benefit all researchers. Both the transfer archivist and the transferring agency have ensured that the names of individual leaseholders and estates have been listed for the file and card series and the estates identified for most of the plan series. As a result researchers can optimise their catalogue searching options for these series, particularly for those who already know the name of the estate.

Have you used these records already? If so, we'd love to hear from you

- See more at: <http://prov.vic.gov.au/collection-management/a-new-accession-of-lands-records#sthash.uarhvSWb.dpuf>



Charlie Farugia



Jesse Richard STOKES and one of his prize-winning clydesdales outside the family home of two generations at 186 Eureka Street, Ballarat East, about 1913.

A FAMILY PORTRAYED STOKES FAMILY OF EUREKA STREET

Gwen Levey of Cheltenham has sent in these beautiful family photos of her family who lived at 186 Eureka Street. Is the house still there?



Family photo of Catherine (JOHNSON) (1863-1947) and Jesse Richard STOKES (1861-1918) on their Golden Wedding Anniversary 25th May 1931 in Ballarat.

STOKES Jesse Richard Snr b abt 1811 Epping, London, England, arr VDL abt 1829, arr Vic abt 1849, d 1884 Eureka Street, bur Ballarat Old Cemetery m 1857 Geelong, Eliza SINNOTT (ms HALSE) d 1918 age 87.

STOKES Jesse Richard Jnr (~1861-1940) m 1881 Catherine JOHNSON.

Dau Eliza Ellen STOKES (1889-1986) m1. 1913 Robert Robertson PITTAWAY, m2. 1923 Colin Wm THOMPSON, m3. 1941 Geo HARVEY.



Do you have family photos or interesting stories of a Ballarat Families you may want to feature in Link?

Please let me know so this can be arranged. You can ask for assistance if you are not able to scan these.

Please contact me via Link@bdgs.org.au or see me at meetings if you can come along.

Or send a letter to
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Bakery Hill
3350

THANK YOU

Dr Andrew Dale in Melksham, Wiltshire, England has presented the Society with a CD of the DALE FAMILY TREE dating back to the 1600s with Alexander DAILL of Inveresk, Scotland, complete with a written history. Included are files and images relating to the descendants of Matthew DALE of Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland from the 1600s. This was compiled by Robin Parker of Maryborough, Victoria.

Early this year we looked into the death of John Shedden DALE (1826-1864) born Irvine, Scotland who died in a mining accident and is buried in the Ballarat Old Cemetery with John REID also of Irvine.



August 2013 Guest Speaker

Veronica Moriati Librarian at the Ballarat library spoke on her passion of collecting Samplers and researching the child who had stitched the sampler. Veronica is a great collector and enjoys the challenge of tracing the history of these items. She was able to show photographs of these items and tell the story behind each item.

In the library Veronica is running classes about how to date photographs. Beginners classes for family history and other initiatives.

A new piece of equipment purchased for the library (which is still to be connected to a computer) for reading and printing microfilm and fiche. This was because of the work and request by Veronica.

She is also trying to raise funds to scan the Ballarat Directories which are now becoming tattered with use. Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc are also interested in this project and have offered to assist with funding.

Jimmy Cadogan

has had a remarkable life. He is the grandson of an Australian couple who migrated to Paraguay in the 1890's. They were part of a socialist colony led by William Lane.

Jimmy was brought up by his foster parents in Paraguay and witnessed firsthand the turbulent, political battles that plagued the country in the twentieth century. As a young man, he became a political activist in a group trying to bring democracy to his troubled land.

Some of his stories tell of violence and bloodshed while others describe the beauty of his birthplace.

He describes with humour the antics of him and his friends when he was young and lovingly describes the generosity and kindness bestowed on him by many of the wonderful citizens of Paraguay.

He spent some years in the Argentine of Peron and later emigrated to Australia with his family in the 1970's.

Richard Paine, Editor and Publisher

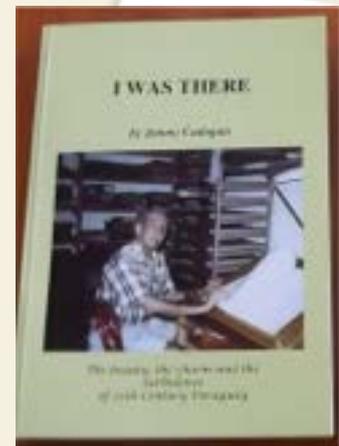
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"I WAS THERE"

Jimmy Cadogan



Please note publications on this page are submitted by members. Although the editor has not read these so for this reason, cannot recommend them The Society would like to encourage members to be able to succeed in their writing and sharing of genealogical information

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION; CAN YOU HELP

DAWSON Walter Duncombe m 1898 Ada DAWSON (**McINTYRE**). Ballarat Divorces VPRS 552/P0 Unit 6, Date: 1915/2 (also 1912/2, 1914/2)

FIELDER Edward age 30 and Thomas age 8 arr Vic Sep 1852 aboard *Negotiator*. Ann FIELDER 35, Thomas 15, Harry 11, John Wm 7, Ann 1, arr Apr 1854 aboard *Graham*. Obtain copy of shipping records at Ballarat Archives Centre of PROV.

FORBES James Alexander b Moulin, Perth, Scotland and wife Agnes Martha (**HOOD**) arr Melbourne 12 Mar 1865 as cabin passengers aboard *Suffolk*, left Melbourne 29 Jan 1874 for London, via King George Sound, WA and Point de Galle, Ceylon, as cabin passengers with an unnamed servant girl and five chn b Gledfield Stn, Mt William, Watgania. Brothers of JA who stayed are George Chirnside FORBES d 1898 Burrumbeep, Vic, and Thomas Andrew Chirnside FORBES d 1899 Hawthorn, Vic. Their mother was a **CHIRNSIDE** and it was her father who advised his nephews to become graziers in the Western District.

GEORGE Donald Joseph of 14 Park Street, Beaufort died 1983 bur Ballarat New Cemetery. Certified Will & Probate please.

GREGG family members (3 adults, 3 chn) buried Ballarat Old Cemetery – photo of plot please.

HARRIS Blanche Agnes d/o Wm HARRIS/Mary Ann (**MURRAY**), birth registration not found, nor death, two younger sisters b Ballarat East, living 102 Stevenson St, Richmond on 1919 Electoral Roll, m 1922 Carl Rudolf **SVENSSON** d 1969 St Ives, Sydney.

?HOWIE Robert, a horse dealer, lived at 12 Sebastopol Street in 1869. His mother Robina (**PENMAN**) d 1895, her funeral left her residence in Sebastopol Street. Would there be information about her husband in the rate books?

JONES Henry Alfred b 1865 Dunedin, NZ, s/o Edward Jacob JONES/Phoebe **JACOBS**, d 1948 age 83 Parkville, bur Ballarat Old Cemetery with wife Rosalia Sarah (**GOLDSTEIN**) and dau Bathsheba in Jewish Section Block G. Family lived 1311/1313 Dana St, 112 Errard St and 38 Webster St, Ballarat West. Business address in 1940, 113 Lydiard St, sole agent for 3 Bears Porridge, wholesale business, in 1905 took over Ballarat Agency for Swallow & Ariell, Will visit Ballarat in mid-October.

KENNEDY Charles Henry b 27 Oct 1881 Ballarat, d 26 May 1945 bur Ballarat New Cemetery, m 2 Nov 1908 at Ballarat, Flora PHILIPS. Did he purchase Permewan Wright & Co? A partner in KENNEDY MURRAY Pty Ltd Carriers & Forwarding Agents. When did he cease to own this? There was a carrier called KENNEDY MURRAY still operating in Ballarat even in the 1980s.

McAVOY/McEVOY Richard (Peter) b 1833 Prince Edward Island, Canada, arr 1853 Australia seeking gold, believed to have been in Ballarat for several years. His brother James 'Yankee Jim' was also on the Victorian goldfields. **Perhaps Peter McEVOY m 1855 Margaret FRAHAN or John McAVOY m 1856 Mary PENRITH?**

Research Enquiries

\$30 per hour for non members

\$15 per hour for members

Research enquires may be forwarded to the Society's Research Officer care of our e m a i l research@bdgs.org.au or can be posted to PO BOX 1809

Bakery Hill Mail Centre Victoria Australia 3354

Please remember to include sufficient relevant details. Payments can be made via PayPal www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/research.htm

MILLER Mary age 17 arr Jan 1855 Geelong with her parents (Walter & Elizabeth) aboard *British Empire* as Assisted Immigrants, m 1857 James Charles **SCOTT**. When did he arrive?

PARKINSON Henry m 1878 Ann **STOLLARD**, both b Bristol, England, sons b Ballarat: Benjamin (1859-1931), Joseph Frederick (1860-1941) and George (1862-1944) bur Ballarat New Cemetery. Son of Joseph Frederick was Joseph Henry who lived at Cowangie and Weethalle nr West Wyalong. Any information about generations of this family in Ballarat or Cowangie?

SCOTT James Charles m 1878 Mary **MILLER** who arr 1855 at Geelong with her parents aboard *British Empire*. When did James arrive?

SMITHERS Henry James (*alias Henry BROWN/E*) b 1823 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, NSW, imprisoned in Victoria following sentencing on 16 Dec 1852. VPRS 10861/P0 Unit 1, Folio 320 No 00489. Obtain prison records from PROV Nth Melb. In Ballarat, a member of the White Flat Drainage and Mining Company in 1856, involved in an assault at Corduroy Bridge Hotel, Buninyong Police Court 1857. Henry **SMITHERS** m 1862 Grafton, Mary Anne **EDDENS**, dau Nancy Violet **SMITHERS** reg 1863 Buninyong, lived Durham Lead until 1869. Recorded at Northcote Police Watchhouse 25 Jan 1869, died 1879 Grafton, NSW.

STOKES (see photos)

TEASDALE John b ~1821 Northumberland, England, arr July 1854 on *Red Jacket*, with Ruth **KNIGHT** b 1846 Hobart Town, VDL, (prob not Wiltshire, Eng); fathered chn: Thomas **James** 1859, Lilly 1860 reg at Ballarat West, Florence 1862 Creswick, John Knight 1864 Spring Hill, Ruth 1866 Springdallah, Wallace 1867, Robinson Lucas 1869, Alice Maud 1871 at Happy Valley.

TOPPIN Alexander, age 19, sentenced to 9 mos gaol on 13 Nov 1929 in Ballarat General Sessions by Judge Winneke, having been found guilty of shooting Alfred Clarence **RADFORD** at Willaura on October 7 with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm.

WHYBROW John bp Sandringham m 1888 Mary Ann **PEART** bp Piggoreet, Vic. Not able to read the place name on marriage certificate. What is it and where?

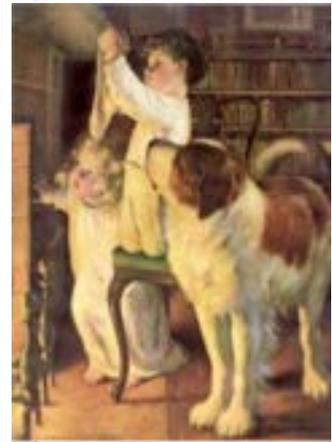
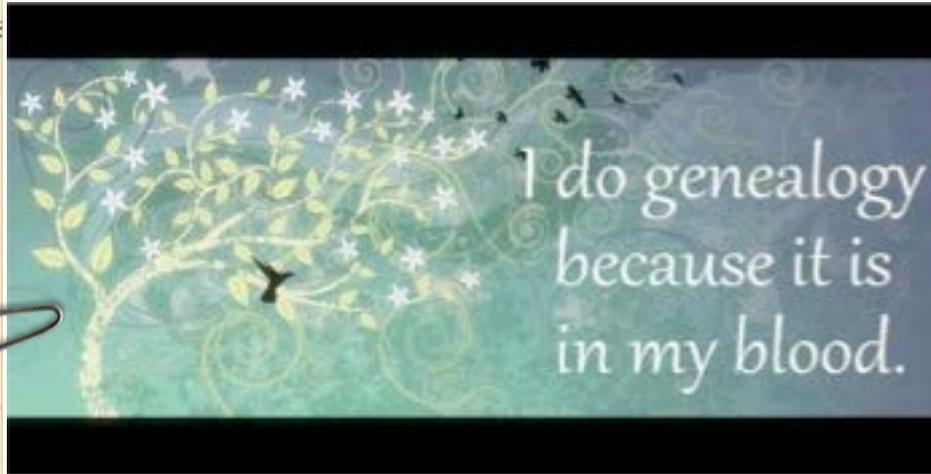
***WILLIAMS** Peter, DOB: 14 Dec 1931 attended Macarthur Street State School No 2022 from 29 Sep 1936 to 13 Nov 1937, transferred to Apollo Bay. Father: Robert Herbert **WILLIAMS**, 630 Doveton Street, Occ. Hairdresser. (Info from register)

WYLIE Mrs Annie (**McBAIN**) midwife and owner of birthing establishment "*Elsetta*", Palmerston Street, Buninyong from about 1915 to at least 1924. Dr Frank Reginald **LONGDEN**, lived Buninyong, on a 1924 birth certificate.

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Here is one for all to try and untangle -

*Richard Henry **HAMSON** (**HAM SULE/SULE**) born 1870 Castlemaine to Henry **HAM SULE** and Elizabeth **BIRD**, was married (?) to Fanny. They had three children, (Arthur Bird, Constance Bird and Tony Bird), all born soon after 1900 in Hong Kong. Nothing is known of Fanny - not even her surname. The inscription on her grave in Hong Kong provides the only clue - 'late of Ballarat Australia'. Perhaps someone has a Fanny (or Frances) in their family tree who vanished from Australia around the turn of the century.*



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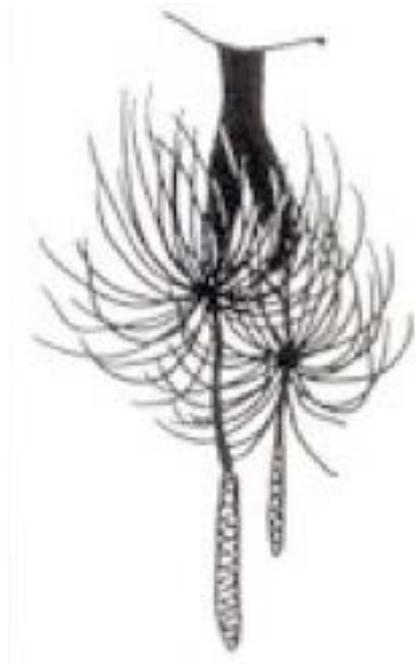
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