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OUR FIRST EDITION. After 3 years of strenuous effort to establish local interest and facilities for genealogy, the final hurdle was overcome when the Ballarat Historical Society members declared that "I should go it alone". So, with the grateful assistance of a few enthusiastic members of the Society and others the Ballarat Group has now become a proud section of the Genealogical Society of Victoria. We are indebted to the School of Mines for its assistance in helping us along the way. As first Chairman of the Group I wish to thank each member for continued interest and support. The emergence of the 1850's group in the G.S.V. has given our group an affinity with their objectives and the recording of that era in particular. Having conducted almost 2,000 meetings I say with pride that the Ballarat Group is the most co-operative of any I have experienced. With these opening remarks for our first journal I say "thank you".

Keith Rash.

AUGUST MEETING. We were privileged to have with us the President of G.S.V. Major Carlyle Stephen and Snr. V.P. Mr. G. Howard. Their talk, which was taped, outlined the history of the Society founded in 1941. Some of the books in their library at headquarters include Directories, Burke's Peerage, Heraldry, English Parish Church Registers, (Births, Deaths & Marriages) from 1500-1870. Variations in surnames is interesting. Latrobe Library also has some Parish Records but neither Library has a complete set.

OCTOBER MEETING. Speaker will be V.P. Mr. Keith Holden, Supervisor of Convict Records and he has also compiled an Index of Victorian Police Force .

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE LAVERTON. - Our Tour was well worthwhile. The catalogued files revealed some of the interesting records they hold. Included in the Shipping Lists are arrivals not only from England but from New Zealand and Tasmania while Departure Lists for overseas are also there. (My ten year search for death of my g g grandfather ended that day when I found mention of his death in Denominational School records. Eagerly applied for his death certificate of 1860 but received "No record" result. I wrote to Statist explained my firm evidence and where I saw it, suggesting a second search. Few days later I was advised it had been found - The name was RAINY, indexed under RAMY - another good case to strengthen argument for open access to old indexes in Statist Office.)

MAIL Enquiries are many and varied, we seem well known in W.A. and N.Z. Have received two thank you letters. Are any of these names known to members, taken from latest batch of letters received from Hist. Society. - Anthony & Catherine BLAKE nee LINSKI, Philip GULLEY, William & Polly COATES nee COLE and son Alfred, William JULER, Philip BOURKE, WESTGARTH family, Joseph FERGUSON of Enfield?

In Ireland it was customary in all classes and religions to name the first three sons of a marriage in this pattern - first son after his paternal grandfather, second son after his maternal father and the third son after his father - From Ulster Link July/August, '79.

This pattern is similar to the Scots' method of naming the first three sons. They also, name the first daughter after her maternal grandmother, second daughter after her paternal grandmother and third after her mother.

It was decided that members' personal lists of Genealogical material be made known for referral, e.g. Mr. Roger Porteous has been appointed Keeper of Parish and other plans. What have you to add?

Have we any typists who would like to form a 'Typing pool' to assist in computer work, also other positions in genealogical are offering?

Members are invited to offer suggestions and submit items to include in future