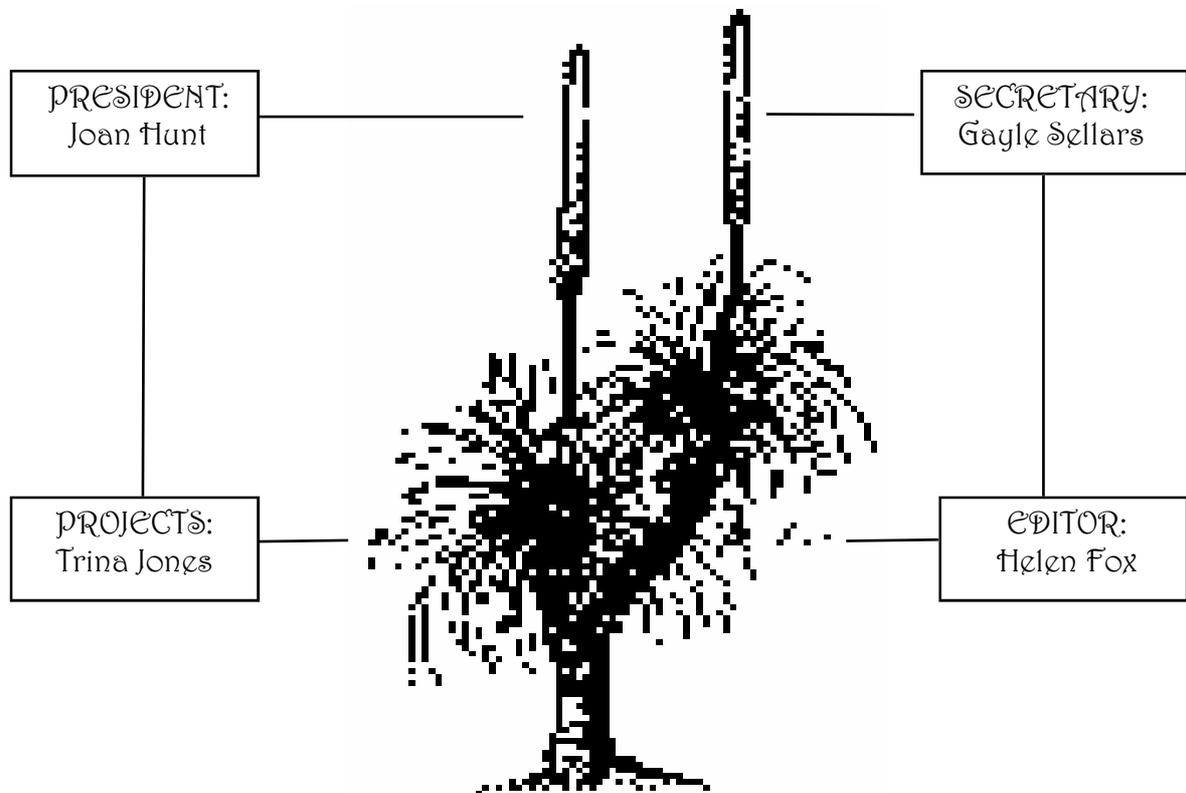


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Program 2006

February 28 Joan Hunt spoke about researching your family history.

March 28 Jeff Atkinson, author of "Mary Proctor", spoke about researching convict history.

April 2 (Sunday) Jim Quinn conducted a guided tour of the Chinese sections of the Ballarat Cemeteries.

April 25 Excursion Meeting was held to the Gold Museum, Ballarat.

May 23 Susan McLean, Vice-President, Genealogical Society of Victoria :- Scottish family history research.

June 27 Kate Prinsley, Executive Director, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, to speak about the RHSV library and how it can be used for family history research, including the Pioneers' Register, Sands & McDougall directories, indexes to the Victorian Historical Journal (nearly 100 years), and the on-line catalogue.

July 25 Annual General Meeting. Helen Harris, OAM, Secretary of the Victoria Police Historical Society, to speak on Cops and Robbers: - Researching 19th century police and criminal records in Victoria.

August 22 Betty Slater :- Family history research for the beginner and the experienced researcher.

September 26 Michael Taffe :- Records and research information available in the Ballarat Catholic archives.

October 24 Speaker from the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies :- AIGS Research Library.

November 28 Show and Tell and Quiz Night, with Special End-of-Year Supper

Visit our web page for an update on above program

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Ballarat Central Library, Doveton Street Nth, Ballarat. 7.30pm.

Visitors are most welcome.

No meeting December or January.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

On Sunday 2 April a large group of BDGS members shared a quite fascinating Ballarat cemetery Walk and Talk. We met at the Old Ballarat Cemetery gates and, guided by Neva Dunstan, made our way from the front to the back of the cemetery, being introduced to many fascinating stories along the way relating to gravestone markers of early Ballarat citizens both humble and exalted. At the back gate we met up with Jim Quinn who took up the story of the Chinese and their cultural burial practices as we gazed at the footstones, restored and well cared for by the current Cemetery Trust. We then travelled by car to the New Ballarat Cemetery and assembled at the Moon Gate where we looked down on the extensive Chinese section there, as Jim continued to explain many aspects of these Ballarat citizens who rest in the burial grounds of what the Chinese called the Golden Mountain, unlike many of their countrymen (and indeed there were practically no women) who were disinterred and removed back to their home villages in Guangzhou Province (Canton). The weather was very kind to us, and many people commented on the interest and enjoyment of our excursion.

The Ballarat Genies were well represented at two family history expos recently: at the Geelong Heritage Centre on Sunday 19th February, and at the Bendigo AIGS Expo on Sunday 26th March. Many thanks to all members who staffed our information stalls on those occasions, which resulted in quite a few sales of our microfiche indexes.

Betty Slater and I met with the CEO of the Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation Julie Rae, the result being that BDGS has a signed agreement to have our collection catalogued within the Library catalogue system, and that work will be starting very shortly. We are very grateful to the Regional Library for its support, including the provision of the library meeting room free of charge for our monthly meetings, and the storage of our equipment and display materials in a large cupboard in that room.

On Saturday 27th May a group of Ballarat genies will be attending the Country Groups meeting at the Genealogical Society of Victoria, represented by Betty Slater and myself. At the meeting Shauna Hicks of PROV will be speaking about the facilities and services provided at North Melbourne, and I will be speaking on the same topic in relation to the Ballarat Archives Centre.

Happy researching, one and all.

Joan

*Arthur Lynch,
Son of John and Isabella Lynch
of Smythesdale*

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Undoubtedly the most famous of the Lynch children was Arthur Albert, the fourth son, born on 16th October 1861. He was regarded by many as the most brilliant and versatile Australian of his time. While a child, he spent such a prolonged stay with his Scottish grandparents in Ballarat East that he developed a strong Scottish accent which amused his brothers when he finally returned home; presumably the stay in Ballarat East saved him from contracting diphtheria. Arthur Lynch became an outstanding runner in a period when Smythesdale was a centre for athletics.

Ferdinand Hauer, a draftsman whose nickname was "Fernal", was employed by John Lynch as his deputy mining registrar. In his memoirs, Arthur Lynch claimed that Ferdinand Hauer was useless to his father, who continued to pay him a salary by getting him to teach German to two of his sons, Paul and Arthur. As Arthur wrote, "That had an influence on my subsequent career".

There were a number of Germans in Smythesdale in the 1860s and 1870s, as indicated by the fact that there was a Lutheran church at the southern end of the town, and a Lutheran section in the cemetery where there are more than sixty burials of Germans. One prominent family was headed by Philipp Hauser who ran the local grocery shop opposite the Post Office, where Ferdinand used to send young Arthur for purchases, all transactions to be conducted in German.

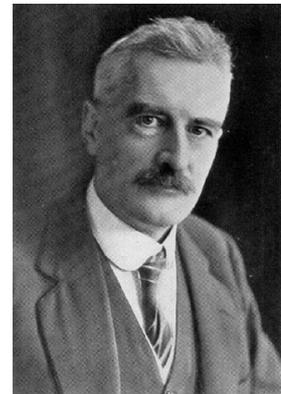
Arthur Lynch attended Grenville College in Ballarat as a boarder, where he matriculated for Melbourne University. In 1878 he began studying the certificate course in civil engineering there, finishing in 1882 with second-class honours. He gained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1885, then his Master's degree in 1887. He then left these shores for Europe, never to return.

Arthur Lynch was as fluent in French and German as in English. He was the first Australian student enrolled at the University of Berlin, where he studied philosophy, physics and psychology in 1888 and 1889. While in Berlin, he met Annie Powell an Irish student whom he was to marry seven years later.

He then lived in France, where he attended the University of Paris, gaining a diploma in electrical engineering, which he would have studied in French. In 1895, he married Annie, the daughter of Reverend John D. Powell, which Arthur later described as a union "that never lost its happiness".

He then went to London where, after a struggle, he became a journalist. In 1899 he received commissions from London, Paris and American newspapers to report for them on the Boer war in South Africa. He travelled on a German ship the "Hertzog" which was held up by a British warship outside Durban, but was allowed to proceed after investigation which also involved the questioning of Arthur Lynch regarding his intentions.

He met General Botha in Johannesburg, which resulted in his giving up journalism. He was given the rank of colonel and became the leader of the Second Irish Brigade, a motley band of about seventy volunteers of diverse nationalities. The brigade, among other action, was present at the skirmishing engagement that pushed back the Australian scouts advancing across the Klip River towards Baragwanath just prior to the fall of Johannesburg. After six months in the field, the Second Irish Brigade disbanded.



Photograph of Arthur LYNCH courtesy of Woody Yaloak Historical Society

Arthur Lynch was sent to America to enlist support for the Boer cause but this didn't eventuate, and after the collapse of the Boer resistance, Arthur Lynch went to Paris where he resumed his studies in engineering and philosophy and began studying medicine at the Hospital Beaujon.

In the meantime a vacancy occurred in the constituency of Galway in Ireland and Arthur Lynch was asked to stand, and won the election by a big margin. The British Government immediately retaliated by issuing a warrant for his arrest on the charge of treason, which prevented him from taking his seat.

When the Boer War ended, Arthur Lynch thought the time seemed opportune to make a bid to return to England. However, when he arrived in England to take his seat in the House of Commons he was arrested at Dover on 11th June 1902 and committed for trial for high treason. After spending eight

months in gaol Arthur Lynch was put on trial in January 1903, and was found guilty of taking up arms against his country and of ordering those serving under him to fire on British soldiers - and he was sentenced to be hanged.

After representations on his behalf, King Edward VII granted him a pardon, and the sentence of death was commuted to one of life imprisonment. But after serving one year of his sentence he was released in 1904 and granted a free pardon in 1907. Arthur Lynch took up medical studies at St Mary's Paddington, graduating from the University of London in 1908 as a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians.

He was elected again to represent West Clare, and this time took up his seat in the House of Commons at Westminster in 1909. When the First World War broke out in 1914 he offered his services to the Australian Government but was rejected, possibly because of his age, now being 53 years old.

Then the British Government appointed him to placate the Irish extremists; in fact his specific task was to raise an Irish brigade to fight for Britain on the Western Front. This caused the Irish to turn against him, and he became so unpopular that in 1918 he lost his seat in Parliament. He retired from politics and concentrated on his medical practice as a physician and surgeon, and his studies in scientific and literary works. His practice and home was at 80 Antrim Mansions, Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, London. He was the author of nearly thirty books, which included works as diverse as literary criticism, psychology, an attack on Einstein's theory of relativity, and love poetry, including two novels and five volumes of verse.

When Arthur died in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington on 25th March, 1934 at the age of 72 years, he was buried in London.

So, Arthur Lynch was: a physician and surgeon, a civil engineer, an electrical engineer, a philosopher, an author, a journalist, a soldier, a poet and a politician. He was also the only Australian ever sentenced to death for high treason in England.

No wonder it was claimed by many at the time of his death that he was Ballarat's most brilliant son, and one of the most romantic and adventurous Australians of all time.

Researched and written by Joan Hunt

A Reminder to members that they are required to show their membership card in the Library to obtain access to the Society's computer/CDs and the research material that is kept in the filing cabinet.

SAVING OUR CENSUS!

TELL 10 OF YOUR FRIENDS TO TELL 10 OF THEIR FRIENDS TO TICK "YES" TO QUESTION 60 ON CENSUS NIGHT 8th AUGUST 2006

The next Australian census will be conducted on the night of Tuesday 8th August 2006 and will cost in the order of 300 million dollars. It will contain 61 questions, of which all will be compulsory except the ones on religion and census retention.

The retention question (Q60) reads: "Does each person in this household agree to his/her name and address and other information on this form being kept by the National Archives of Australia and then made publicly available after 99 years? If this question is ignored, it will be treated as a NO.

The Census Information Legislation Amendment Bill (2005) was introduced into the House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament on the 3rd November 2005 and was passed later that month unopposed. It was passed by the Australian Senate on 27th February 2006 and awaits Royal assent to become law.

The Bill amends the Census and Statistics Act (1905) and the Archives Act (1983) relating to the retention of identified census information by the National Archives of Australia. The Bill ensures that name identified information collected in all future Australian censuses will be preserved for future genealogical and other research.

Retention only applies to information supplied by those households that provide explicit consent on the census form. Some 51 percent of Australian's answered "YES" to the retention of their forms in the 2001 census survey. This was in effect a national referendum of the Australian people and a majority voted that our history matters. We can do even better this year.

As with the 2001 survey, during the 99 year period, the name identified information will not be released by the National Archives under any circumstances.

The Australasian Federation of Family History Organizations (AFFHO) is working closely with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the National Archives of Australia to assist in the national public education campaign prior to census night. Please support us by encouraging as many Australians as possible to answer YES in the census question concerning the retention of this vital record of the Australian culture. Unless you answer YES your census form will not be retained in the archives.

Nick VINE HALL,
Chairman,
AFFHO Census Working Party

Journal of Henry Augustus Smartt

My great great grandfather Henry Augustus Smartt kept a Journal from the 7th April 1852 to the 15th April 1854. In it he notes his last two weeks in England, the voyage to Australia, disappointing efforts at mining and then the daily doings of three young city men as they carve out a new life on the land.

Henry, with his younger brother William Edward, left England on the 27th April 1852 in the sailing ship "Cormandel" under Capt. Poole and reached Pt. Phillip on the 3rd August 1852.

In Melbourne they joined Charles Nicholas, their older brother who was already mining and whose letters home to their father had obviously contained glowing reports of fortunes to be made on the goldfields.

The following is Henry's account of the voyage and of his first days in Australia.

April 7th 1852. Received a letter from Enfield of GLS who having received letters from CS containing very exciting news wished me to visit him post hasten. **Monday 11th.** EC and I visited Enfield and spent a lovely day: from the further information I decided upon sailing for Australia as soon as possible. **Tuesday 12th** I gave warning to Messrs Kingham & Hawks. Now began the perpetual agitation. **Friday 16th** Preparing. **Monday 19th** Was engaged very busily in bidding farewell to my Town friends. **20th** Visited with EC Enfield and, mostly found the moments like honey for sweetness. **Monday April 26th** We went on board and set sail early next morning, on the **29th & 30th** sickness prevailed and the weather being stormy and foggy we felt it very unpleasant.

May 2nd About 10am we cast anchor the day fine and health improved made all happy. **3rd** The same.

4th About ½ past....? We weighed anchor - a little more seasickness ensued and then we appeared to have all good health throughout - no fever no death and though a consumptive person was expected to decease in a few days yet he was spared to see the shores of Australia. One very striking feature in Passenger Vessels is the great excitement caused by very paltry circumstances as it proved **May 6th** on account of a report made that "we were off the Bay of Biscay" all that was noticed in such a position was a rather rough sea the same day a much greater excitement was caused through the passenger cook's galley catching fire this happened to be the 3rd time and a question appeared whether the whole vessel was to burn or not. **May 13th** Another general excitement was occasioned from the rude appearance of the Madera Isles. **14th** About 8am a fearful accident happened to a Mr Cordeux while lifting the breakfast water (in quantity about 16 gallons and scalding hot) off the fire onto the deck in order that he might inspect the quantities dealt out to the Mess Captains - he slipped forwards upon the wet deck and consequently emptied the contents of the boiler upon his legs which caused about 9 weeks confinement. **17th** The first uproar on board caused by two sailors fighting - this day the sun was verticle the thermometer was 74° (in cabin) this as also the 16th was truly lovely in atmosphere, sailing, sea etc. but the 16th was much more agreeable through the solemn services which were full morning afternoon and evening. **19th** We began by this time to notice the length of time spent without seeing land or craft when a vessel appears consequently every body almost must see this sight. **Sunday 23rd** A goat the only goat which was kept for the comfort of children and others died about noon about 1 hour afterwards a passenger bearing the name of Mr Light shamefully beat his daughter who was a young woman grown for which bad action Mr Light was threatened to be put in chains. Another sad affair took place this afternoon - the Constable named Dixon fought with a steerage-passenger the former said to be in fault; up to this time we have had a continuation of fine weather and very delightful but the **26th** was stormy. The **28th** was a dead calm the S E Trade winds began during this night being about 5 degrees north latitude. **30th** We passed the Equator about 10am and as this was Sunday the usual custom of sailors to burn Neptune was conducted last night after which the shaving process was proceeded with.

June 3rd The first vessel was spoken with named the Ocean Queen of Liverpool bound for Cairo this event caused a general excitement and afterwards much consolation this vessel having been out nearly 3 weeks longer than us. **June 2nd** Our latitude was about 10 S and longitude about 33 west. **June 6th Sunday** I having an attack of bile upon me rather severely I found the cabin too close for me and upon removing for the open air I fainted away when recovered I found myself seated upon a neighbours knee close to the after-atch-way surrounded by a large mob of allsorts and all sizes - this passed on and having recovered a little I attended the service upon deck and still feeling rather weakly I remained under the poop when about ½p 12oClock a heavy storm began, and in a short time all the crew were in action but not in time to save two sails. 5 in all were split and the two were shivered to threads these latter made a report which made me tremble exceedingly and

happily I improved in a short time this storm continued heavy for the 2 following days. 8th. We spoke with the Duke of Lancaster. 10th Passed the S tropics. 16th We were sailing under close reefed top sails - about ½p10pm a two gallon can of oil upset which ran along the deck and this with the seawater which was washing in made the deck and inside of the cabins in a very filthy state. The Captain coming to see it made his feet greasy and upon returning to his post to take in sail he slipped down and rolled under the spar which lay alongside the deck causing him a sad fall stunned and lamed he entered his cabin with assistance but soon recovered. **June 17th** This day gave us a specimen of a rough sea when at times the vessel appeared far below the level of the sea. 23rd Dixon the Constable quarrelled with the 2nd and 3rd mates which caused an excitement that things were appearing mutinous 27th After the evening service a Mr Blinkingsop chose to make himself very ungentlemanly by mocking the person who was conducting the evening services close to his cabin. The Captain happening to be present decided the matter but not without a sad disturbance. 28th We spoke the Alice Maud which had been out 98 days. 29th About this time several persons were suffering from the porter being stopped (which was occasioned by Mr Blinkingsop) who decided upon a deputation to the Captain and much excitement prevailed - this called forth an apology from Blinkingsop and then the people's wants were supplied.

July 2nd We spoke the Lady Falkland. The 7th 8th & 9th were very foggy. The 11th stormy 12th a heavy gale in evening - 13th stormy - 14th sea very rough. **July 16th** Spoke the Fanny from Liverpool. Passenger ship left port April 5th 1400 tons burthen. It was a very interesting time to see so many persons after so long a time and upon the deep sea when the billows beat high.

August 2nd Monday. We (the company) were informed that we might expect to sight land about 10 this morning according to the Captain's reckonings this caused much anxious expectation which continued until about 4oClock in the afternoon when some supposed they saw land but this was greatly doubted in fact about 6oClock we learned that the Captain had declared his chronometer had deceived him and that he did not then know his right position - this of course was very unwelcome news and for about 2 hours a serious suspense hung around us the night also was dark wet and cold - all was miserable on deck about 8oClock one of the men on watch bawl'd out "a light on the larboard side". This news created feelings of bright hope and this light was found to be the lighthouse off Cape Otway - now our hearts rejoiced and we returned to rest in peace. Next morning (**Tuesday Aug. 3rd**) I went on deck before daylight of course the others were eager to see the long expected shores and even females who at other times would scarcely be out of their cabins by 8o Clock yet I found some of them on deck at this time. We certainly had a grand prospect in a short time for the sun rising amidst deep coloured rain clouds and the coast of Australia presenting itself to our views animated us much. About 10oClock the Pilot came on board and the first news was that lodgings were not to be under 30s per week, and then 3 in a bed - that bread was 16d per loaf - that the lowest wages given to any kind of labourer was 15s per day - that books worth 12s in England were £2 and several such things which we afterwards found correct. About 1/2p 3P.M. we cast anchor and about 4 W& I took a boat for the beach - walked to Melbourne (about 3 miles) through a forest looking sort of a place having to pass boggy places occasionally. In the evening we found it useless to attempt to find lodgings in Melbourne so returned to the ship. Taking a glance at the voyages logs we observe it was a fine favourable and quick passage being 91 days. It was very fine the first month and we were very fortunate in catching the SE trades so soon then again we had so little calm weather under the sun and as we passed the Cape of Good Hope we had uncommonly mild winds and sea so that from these things considering also that it was the worst time in the year for the southern hemisphere we conclude the voyage to have been a remarkably safe one - we had no heavy seas rolling down our aitch- ways and nothing in this way at all severe no deaths, and very little sickness and this mostly with the delicate. A young man fell overboard and happily it happened to be on a day when we were in almost a calm so that he was safe on board again. Our crew Captain and Officers were not like sailors in general - they were teetotalers principally and others were either really pious or favourable to religion. **August 4th** W& I again visited Melbourne by steam and while we were passing along to the Post Office we were accosted by a rather short respectable person who enquired our names and who told us our brother C. had just returned from the diggings and was at his place. This person happened to be Mr Charles Stone to whom we were directed. We returned afterward to the ship and slept for the last time in the little cabin, in the morning we took our luggage to stores and set off for Little Brighton having to pass through a place thick with timber and wet with boggs which they termed "The Bush", the same evening when visiting a place for prayer with Mr S. we met C. at the entrance to our great surprise and thence to join once again in sweet communion with our Heavenly Father together.

I would just notice the price of things in Brighton at this time eggs 4d each a common dray-cart with inferior

horse and harness £100 fresh butter 3/- per lb salt 2/6 do water in Melbourne was about 30/- and wood about 50/- per load The land likewise rose amazingly that near Town (say 7 miles) which was sold @ £5 rose to 45 and £50 and this within 12 months other things rose in like proportion

SEPT.9th 1852. Started for the diggings – weather very wet – decided by a tossup – crossed with punt and first night in the cart for rest **20th** Reached Bendigo and camped on flat near the creek **Sept.23th** Sunk first shaft **30th** Washed the first gold with tin dish **Nov.4th** Started for the Ovens.

But results were not as Henry had hoped and he notes:-

MARCH 21st 1853... Having sunk 13 pits &c, &c, spent about 26 weeks, earned about 20oz dust and spent about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the same for support &c, &c, and having had about 6 weeks illness I returned to Melbourne with W. Carey's Cart and reached home on the 25th.

APRIL 4th In work for Mr G. Mullier Engraver @ £4.10 per week **25th** Commenced my own business.

MAY 6th Charles and William returned from diggings. The brothers decided to take up farming together, supplying vegetables to the growing population of Melbourne and surrounds. In order to purchase their land at Bald Hills, Lyndhurst, 22 miles S.E. of Melbourne, a loan was obtained from a Mr. Miller (See Sands & McD. Directory). On **May 30th** with two horses and a dray loaded with essential provisions they left Collingwood for their property. The first thing they did was make a brush stockyard for the horses and on the same day planted some cabbage seed.

JUNE 7th they commenced making a proper bark hut for themselves to replace the temporary one they had put up on the **2nd & 3rd** to sleep under.

The rest of Henry's journal is an account of simple everyday life; as they cleared the bush and felled trees to construct stockyards, a house, and fences (in that order), dug wells, sowed and marketed crops, bought and branded cattle, etc. Weather was of great importance - conditions and temperature being noted down daily - and bushfires were a threat then as they are now. Water was of continual concern, mostly not enough - but sometimes too much - rain making the tracks to "Town" impossible.

Charles married Harriet Rayment, daughter of James and Frances (nee Chopin). They had three children. He died 1876 in Windsor where he and Harriet had started a fruiterers business.

William married Emma, daughter of James and Amelia Kitley (nee Wilkinson), and had a family of five children. He was a member of the Dandenong Roads Board and automatically became a member the first Dandenong Council when it was formed in 1873.

Henry, together with his wife Bertha, had a rich and eventful life in "the bush" until in 1903, at the age of seventy four, he retired from the land and became once more a "city man" when they moved from Gembrook to Auburn.

Bertha Emma Caroline Ernstine was born in Bethanien, (now Bethany) near Tanunda in the Barossa Valley, to Samuel Gottfried and Ernstine Beer (nee Riemann). She married Henry Smartt in 1867 at the home of her mother and stepfather Wihelm Meyer in the German settlement of Harkaway near Berwick, Victoria.

Johann Gottfried Beer and his wife Anna Rosina were from Silesia in Prussia (now part of Poland). In August 1848, accompanied by two married sons, Ernst Wilhelm and Samuel Gottfried and their families, they left Hamburg in the sailing ship 'Alfred' arriving S.A. on December 8th 1848.

Anna died at the age of seventy, exactly six months after arriving in Australia, her husband Johann and son Samuel both died in 1854. Descendants of Ernst Wilhelm still live in the Barossa Valley, (cook and author Maggie Beer is married to my third cousin, Colin).

In the last years of his life Henry wrote 'A Sketch of Our Ancestors' taking his origins in England back to 1692, (this has proved to be an accurate and comprehensive account). He also listed his fifteen children, thankfully with all their details. I am extremely grateful to him for all of his record keeping, and feel sure that if he were alive today he would be a fabulous genealogist

Submitted by Rene Rawson



OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

February Meeting:

Sixty-two members and visitors were in attendance when Joan Hunt gave a PowerPoint presentation on researching your family history, touching on information of use to beginners but also presenting sources and ideas of interest to experienced researchers. The basics of starting with yourself and working back from the known to the unknown, using family photographs and documents, databases and indexes, certificates, obituaries, inquest reports, and other resources were linked in to the various repositories which are essential to the development of a comprehensive family history. These include the Public Record Office Victoria, the State Library Victoria, the libraries of the Genealogical Society of Victoria and the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies; and locally the Australiana Room of the Ballarat Library, the Ballarat Archives Centre of PROV, the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, and local historical societies. On-line resources were highlighted, both within Victoria and Australia, as well as overseas. Many questions were asked and people contributed to the general discussion of the evening.

March Meeting:

Jeff Atkinson, author of "Mary Proctor – Convict, Pioneer and Settler", spoke to about 45 people in March, and gave a comprehensive and fascinating talk about many aspects of life experienced by our ancestors in the nineteenth century, particularly those from England, and especially those who were sent to Sydney and Hobart as convicts. The book review published in this year's February "Ballarat Link" generally covers the topics and themes that Jeff discussed. Interesting discussion developed during question time.

April Meeting:

Members were treated to a wonderful evening at the Gold Museum, hosted by the Ballarat Historical Society in April. Roger Trudgeon, President of the Society and Manager-Curator of the Gold Museum, with other members of the Ballarat Historical Society, arranged a fascinating insight into their collection which is housed in the Gold Museum. BDGS members, in small groups, were given demonstrations of various aspects of the collection, such as maps and plans, embroidery and costume (including a 1875 wedding dress), photographs, scrap books of newspaper clippings and similar documents, and original volumes of records, as well

as a guided tour of the Gold Museum itself. The Society's collection numbers in the tens of thousands and is catalogued comprehensively on a program called dbtextworks (InMagic). The place was abuzz with questions and talk about the items, and the collegiate relationship between the historical and genealogical societies was strongly reinforced.

RESEARCH QUERIES

- * Henry Jacob SCHMIDT, born Ballarat 20 April 1873 – details of parents, siblings, birth information required
- * HOLDEN Brothers Circus or the Flying Gordons, who performed in the early 1900s – any information wanted.
- * CAMOLLATTI family around Napoleons mid 1860s, an Italian unmarried at the time – any information
- * Frederick BUCHECKER, committed suicide at Ballarat in 1864; was a hotelkeeper; wife named Hortensia – any information
- * WAREHAM James Richard and Sophia (nee Pocknall) from Sutton-at-Hone, Kent, married 1859, lived Errard Street; family burials in Ballarat Old Cemetery.
- * Mary Coyte BERSEY, Marks and Coyte Pottery works in Creswick Road: info needed for COYTE reunion in Canberra 7 & 8 October 2006.
- * Mary Jane CUMMINS married John ROBERTS; she died 1866, bur. Old Ballarat Cemetery; daughter Annie ROBERTS born Ballarat – any information
- * Laurence and Elizabeth FLYNN of Nintingbool: wants any burials listed in the Smythesdale General Cemetery
- * William and Fanny POOLEY of Happy Valley and Linton: owned Linton Park Hotel, died 1880
- * Esther LARRITT, daughter of John and Marianne (nee Parfitt). She taught at Queen's College, later the C of E Girls' Grammar School. She lived at 'Lyndhurst', 18 Drummond St north, and died on 21 July 1922, 74 years.
- * John MURPHY married Ellen KELLY 24 January 1857 at St Alipius Church; children born mainly Scarsdale. Ellen's parents were John Kelly, a distiller, and Margaret Dea or Rea. Is there a MURPHY family history book?
- * Mary Ellen DAVIS was a teacher in Victoria, no. 23845. She married Stephen Thomas PLUMMER in 1902. Researcher wants her teaching record, in the hope of a clue as to when the couple migrated to New Zealand.

WWW Genie Links



World War 1

Exploring the Australian War Memorial website would help novices gain confidence in using the internet for family history research. It is among the very best for being user friendly and rewarding. If you have WW1 soldiers in your family tree why not follow up ANZAC Day with a visit to the **Australian War Memorial Biographical Databases**.

www.awm.gov.au/database/biographical.asp

Here you can search by name and view images of actual documents as pdfs.

For Australians who died on active service in WW1 the **Roll of Honour** will show a form of 'Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum'. As well as details about the soldier this form will show the name and address and relationship of the person who supplied the information. The **Nominal Roll** will show service number, rank, surname, given names, unit, date of enlistment and another date with RTA (Returned to Australia), KIA (Killed in Action), DOW (Died of Wounds) or Disch (Discharged).

The **Embarkation Roll** pages have eighteen columns and will display very small print so increase the viewing size to at least 150% in Acrobat Reader for easy reading. The information here includes age, occupation, address at enlistment, NOK (Next of Kin) and their address. This could be father, mother, sister, brother, aunt or friend. Scroll to the extreme right across the pay rates for 'Remarks' which will show acting ranks for men listed on that page. On any given sample page for men who embarked from Melbourne you will see a range of Victorian home towns. It is quite moving to note that the overwhelming majority of these young men were in their early twenties and the ages of the youngest were often overstated. Many of the surnames are recognisable as the young grandsons of goldrush immigrants who settled on the goldfields of Central Victoria. A whole generation was thrown into disarray by the events of The Great War and the immensity of casualties was a tragedy felt in all communities.

Biographical rolls can be searched for all Australian servicemen and women in all conflicts. An encyclopedia and glossary will explain unfamiliar terms, abbreviations and acronyms.

Also visit the National Archives of Australia naa.gov.au/ to view war service records.

ANZACS

www.anzacs.net/

On this site are the names and details of about ten thousand ANZACs buried in the 26 cemeteries or listed on memorials at Gallipoli. Search the name index to Gallipoli Graveyards.

Visit Gallipoli

www.anzacsite.gov.au/

This is another most attractive educational site of general interest. There are pictures of the interpretive panels erected at the ANZAC Commemorative Site, North Beach, Gallipoli, as well as paintings and much poignant reading of letters and nurses' stories.

The Soldiers Walk (Tasmania)

www.soldierswalk.org.au/

This is the web version based on the original WW1 Avenue of Honour in Queens Domain, Hobart. It has a searchable database of detailed information about the fallen soldiers, mainly from the Hobart area. A feature of this site is the many photographs.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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

Search the Debt of Honour register for casualties or cemeteries. This website is a tribute to the 1 700 000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars.

NZ WW1 Honour Roll

freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sooty/rohtitlepage.html

Search this database via an alphabetical list to find information about the soldiers and the names and addresses of their next of kin.

Information about the above sites and an extensive list of **Military Links** can be found on the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society's website at

www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/

The list includes links to information about Ballarat's war memorials including the Avenue of Honour, the Arch of Victory and the adjacent Memorial Wall, as well as the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens which has 35 000 names in alphabetical order etched into the 130m long black granite wall. More were added recently. You won't find names for these local memorials online but a visit in person would be well worthwhile.

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Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc

BALLARAT OLD CEMETERY

Cnr Creswick Road & Macarthur Street

BALLARAT NEW CEMETERY

Cnr Lydiard & Norman Streets

All Tours depart from Front Gates of the Cemeteries at 1.30pm and take approximately two hours to complete.

Sunday 27th November

Sunday 4th December

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CONTACT

Betty Slater - researchballarat@hotmail.com

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News from the Library Betty Slater - Librarian

WIRELESS INTERNET is now available at the Library.

The Societies Members Only computer is now on-line. The lap tops can also be used there.

The Society wishes to thank the Library for making this available to us. Also a big thank you to our projects officer Trina Jones for making it happen.

Ballarat and District Genealogical Society members now have access at the Library without the need to book or be constrained by time limits.

Of course at busy times we will be considerate of other members .

All members need to know is the USER name and PASSWORD which Trina or I will whisper in your ear. The screen will open up on *Google*.

Please make use of this wonderful facility.

I suggest that those with Cornish ancestry put in *Cornwall on-line*, this will lead you to some very useful links.

Of all the English Counties Cornwall seems to have the most searchable data bases and indexes.

By clicking on *Parish Indexes* you will get a list of all the Parishes in Cornwall, click on your parish of interest and up comes a choice of Parish Description, Locator Maps, Holdings, OPC's [on-line Parish Clerk] for their name, E-mail, Web site and Links to Freecen etc. Some Parishes have Baptisms, Marriages and Burials prior to 1837. It is so much quicker to search these on-line than scanning through films one by one.

Other sites I recommend to you are 1837 online as well as FAMILYHISTORYONLINE which is at www.familyhistoryonline.net. Both of these sites are pay to view and you can pay online with your credit card, or you can purchase a five pound voucher from the GSV bookshop which the committee can arrange to get for you.

During the past year Jennifer Burrell has written some very good articles for our *Link* magazine about internet sites these can be found at <http://users.ncable.net.au/~jburrell/link/index.htm>



Visit the Ballarat Genealogy website:-
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Webmaster:- Daryl Povey

Email :- povey@sebas.vic.edu.au

SEARCH LIST & INDEXES

Dave Evans Mining Accidents Index

The Surnames List.

Ballarat School of Mines Entrance Book 1910-1914.

St Augustine's Orphanage — Geelong Admissions and Discharges 1856-1878.

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(Approx 13 x A4 lines of print)



What's New at PROV
by Shauna Hicks,
Senior Manager Access Services

PROV Update

Picture Australia

PROV has joined Picture Australia, the National Library of Australia's picture sharing service.

The website <www.pictureaustralia.org> provides a single website to search the image collections of many major Australian cultural institutions, directing site visitors back to the website of each institution to view the images they search for.

PROV's online contributions include three pictures of Ned Kelly, approximately 7000 Public Transport Corporation (PTC) images and 2750 images from the Melbourne 1956 Olympics.

Another 11000 PTC images will be published to the Picture Australia website shortly.

GSU Project

The GSU have just imaged the 1,000,000 image in the project to digitise wills, probates and inquest files to 1925. The wills team are now up to 1915 and the probate team up to 1891.

Indexing for the online probate index is now due to start in April.

Victorian Archives Centre

There are now 4 deliveries a day in the North Melbourne Reading Room.

Details are in the PROVguides further on.

Breaking News - From 1 July 2006 there will be deliveries on our open Saturdays - times will be the same as Monday-Friday.

Land Records

The guide to land records held at PROV continues to progress well and new records will come to PROV as a result of this project. More details soon.

The Community Jobs Program allowed PROV to reprocess some series relating to land records and there is now name identified data in VPRS 624. Visit Access the Collection and do a search within a series for VPRS 624 eg put in Smith and you will get 65 results which you can narrow down further if you know the relevant land parish.

PROVguides

The following PROVguides feature new information or updated details.

PROV guides can be viewed online through Access the Collection.

PROVguide 1 Reading Room Services

PROVguide 4 Ordering and Collecting Records - Government Access

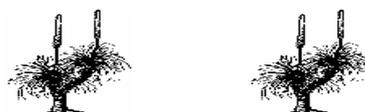
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- Vic Pioneer Index
- Ballarat Old & New Cemeteries
- Consolidated Cemeteries (Ballarat District)
- Ballarat Base Hospital Admissions
- Consolidated Schools (Ballarat District)

HOW DO I FIND?

Photographs

www.pictures.libraries.vic.gov.au/site/central_highlands/cardbox/7864.html

A search for five places near Ballarat found this number of images:

Castlemaine: 739 Smythesdale: 28 Piggoreet: 31 Daylesford: 716 Clunes: 176

Education (Teacher) Records at PROV – additional years

VA 714 Education Department [NB 50 year closure] *

VPRS 13579/P1 Teacher Record Books (Refer to Microfilm Copy, VPRS 13718), units 135-143 [1953-1955]

VA 714 Education Department [BAC Reading Room copy] [NB 50 year closure]* VPRS 13718/P3 Teacher Record Books [Microfilm Copy of Teacher Records, VPRS 13579 and 13974, 13973, 11481, 14005, 11469, 14012, 13971 and 13970], unit 2 [1953-1955 teacher numbers 44651 - 48999]

VA 714 Education Department [VAC Reading Room copy] [NB 50 year closure]* VPRS 13718/P4 Teacher Record Books [Microfilm Copy of Teacher Records, VPRS 13579 and 13974, 13973, 11481, 14005, 11469, 14012, 13971 and 13970], unit 21 [1953-1955 teacher numbers 44651 - 48999]

VA 714 Education Department [NB 50 year closure]*

VPRS 13974/P1 Teacher Inventory by School, unit 9 [1955]

* These openings mark the first time that the portion of the Teacher Record Books in PROV custody have been opened to public inspection since their transfer.



USEFUL INDEXES

Publicans

Go to the website of the State Library of Victoria, select 'Catalogues and Databases', enter 'publicans' in the 'search for' box and find the reference to the Cole/Tetlow Index where 20,000 licencees are listed

www.slv.vic.gov.au

Newspapers

A team of local history volunteers at Bath has spent the past three years indexing the Bath Chronicle for the years 1770-1800. Further details can be found at

www.batharchives.co.uk

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

The newspapers themselves can be seen on microfilm at Bath Library.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Public Record Office Victoria website allows a simple search by surname from 1991 to 1995 inclusive to find Probate Records.

Gives: Surname, personal names, occupation, suburb or town and reference numbers for ordering.

<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>

The A2A database contains catalogues describing archives held locally throughout England and dates from the eighth century to the present day.

<http://www.a2a.org.uk/>

REUNION

The Gallagher Clan plans to come home

Plans are to hold a reunion of the clan in Donegal in 2007 to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the Flight of the Earls when five Gallaghers were among the chieftans who fled Ireland to exile in Rome.

The Gallaghers have spread through the world since then, with branches settling on all continents.

The reunion Committee are looking for stories, diaries, letters and family trees from GALLAGHERS (and variant spellings) around the world and all are invited to the reunion.

If you wish to contact the Clan for information email postmaster@gallagherclan.org or you may write to The Hon. Secretary, The Gallagher Clan, Lisnanees, Woodlands, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Information received from Alice Wilke, 37 Fir St, Victoria Point, QLD 4165

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