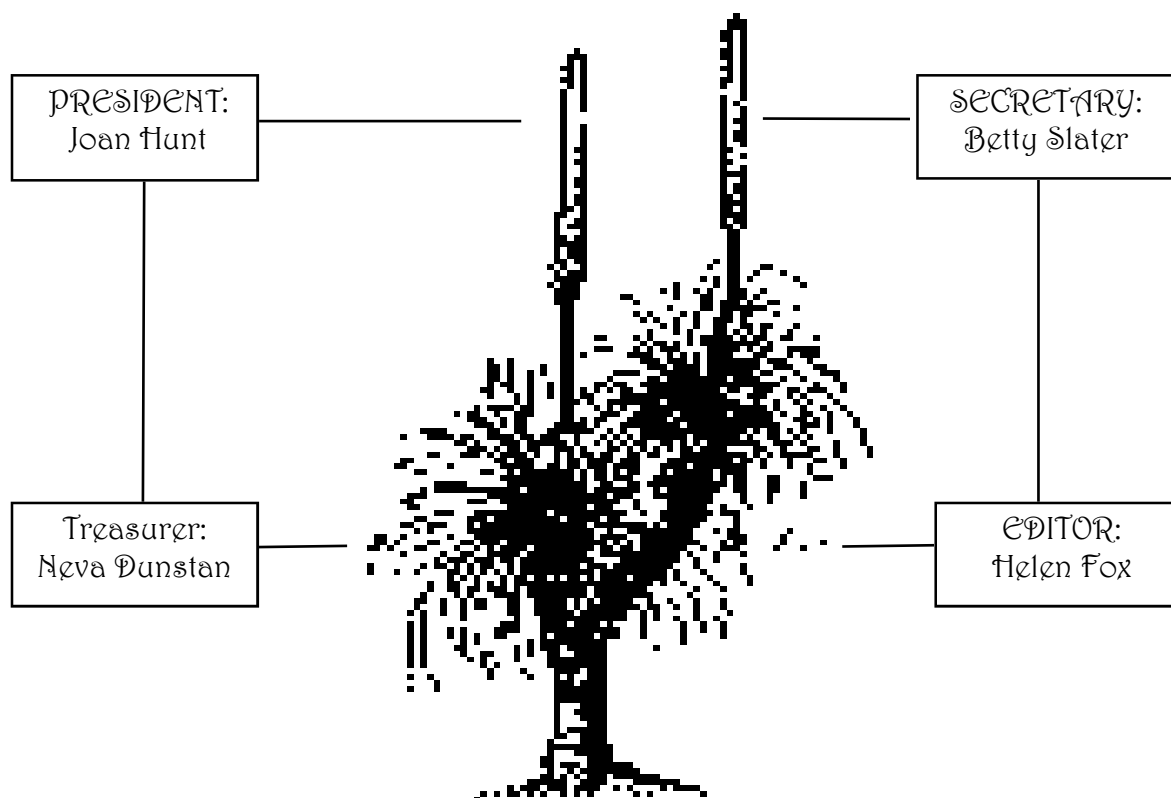


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February 26th Tom & Libby Luke from the Cornish Association of Victoria. "Researching Your Cornish Ancestors"

March 25th Yvonne Izatt from International Settlers Group of G.S.V. "Beginning Non-European Research"

April 22nd Liz Heagney - the researcher and compiler of names from the ex-prisoner of war memorial at Ballarat Botanical Gardens "Researching Prisoner of War records:"

May 27th Beverley Spinks from the Descendants of Convicts Group of the G.S.V. "Researching your Convict Ancestors"

June 24th Gary Powell - a member of BDGS will speak about writing and publishing his book.

July 22nd Dennis Spielvogel—President of the Bungaree Historical Society. Dennis will speak about the life of his grandfather, Nathan Spielvogel, Ballarat's Famous Historian:

Visitors are most welcome.

No meeting December or January.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The Ballarat & District Genealogical Society continues to extend services to members and to the general public. For several months we have been providing assistance to members on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings once a month on the weekend following each meeting, so that individual problems can be looked at and research sources explained. Use of ancestry.com is a popular topic, along with how to get the best out of other sites such as Freebmd and FamilySearch, and how to order certificates on-line.

Our meetings, besides providing excellent speakers on research topics, now include segments which we hope will provide valuable information to those present, including the Did You Know?, How Do I Find? and Useful Indexes, a sharing time with questions and discussions on a topic raised by a member, a five-minute presentation on some aspect of family history by a different member each month, a highlight of history from Colin Holmes, and, of course, reports from each member of committee (re cemetery walks, recent library purchases, current research being undertaken, indexing project work by volunteer members, publicity and promotion of events, finances, and correspondence).

We also offer borrowing at each meeting, of two micro-fiche readers and a variety of accompanying fiche for a month's use, and a cassette player with tapes of speakers from previous meetings. The first of a list of the audio cassettes held by the Society will be published in this newsletter. If you wish to borrow one or more and cannot come to meetings, just email us on [researchballarat@hotmail.com](mailto:researchballarat@hotmail.com) with the details and we will post you the cassettes you are interested in.

Consequently, meetings are interesting and lively, and we rarely have less than 40 people present.

We are planning a walk in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, as guests of the Friends of the Botanical Gardens, on the afternoon of Sunday 16 December At 2pm so if you are interested please let us know on the [researchballarat](mailto:researchballarat) email or phone secretary Betty on 5331 7834.

Our member volunteers continue to do great work on our behalf. Meryl Rowse and Greta Bain have completed Ballarat East Rate Book index VPRS 7258, Volume 40 for 1911-1912, which took from 23 May 2006 to 18 September 2007, a total of 61 weeks, for over 6,000 entries. Also, Meryl has completed transcribing 426 signatures in a petition to Council in VPRS 2500, Unit 57. Helen Fox has transcribed the signatories to the Farmers' Wives and Daughters petition in VPRS 2500, Unit 26 and this will be one that goes on the BDGS web-site, maybe by Christmas. Betty Slater and Kath McDonald are checking the transcriptions done by Helen and Gillian McLaughlan which are the applications signed by local people for cultivation and residence licences under the Miners Right provisions; and Mary Adriaans is transcribing volume 8 of the Ballarat East Petty Sessions.

So, it has been a very busy but satisfying year for BDGS, and we are delighted that the Society is going ahead in leaps and bounds, and that everyone is so enthusiastic about their own research, and so willing to help others with theirs. Keep up the great work.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year,  
Joan

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*Remembrances of  
Susan Welshford Wenborn  
(Nee Gullock)  
1844 - 1925.*

*Continued from previous issue*

In 1891 the blow fell on myself, and the children in losing my Husband, and their father at a time when they needed his advice, but their Uncle Frank, (Charles Francis) came to my help, and "God" was with him as he helped both them, and myself, and after his departure for New York, I missed a true friend and advisor. His death at last closed my source of help and advice. My Sons were then old enough to come to my aid and help, and I thank God for his care and protection over us all. In time, they met with wives of good minded parents, and now I have seen my "Eldest grandson" at the age of 15, apprenticed and a "Bugler" for King George "Australians", being his subjects. My daughter "Amy" has won the esteem of many by proving a good wife, and mother, and may her children live to say to her that they owe their bringing up to their Father's advice, and being guarded by the hands of love, and the Almighty's guidance in the home. "Josiah" also had a wife and son, who I hope one day may become a good citizen, a prosperous Colonist, and a credit to the name he bears. My son "Willis" has a happy knack of being a favourite with his fellow man. He has good thoughts, and tries to do good. His home life is a happy one, and may it ever be so. His Wife and her dear little darlings, may she be spared in bringing them up to be useful home-girls, and a credit.

I have now come to another sad entry with reference to my Son - "Frank" - Frank - (Rev Frank Arthur Wenborn) whose Ministry closed suddenly. One of God's ways sent for a wise purpose, the mystery of which no human being can say why. I know that it is divine strength that has kept me from grieving more. He is at rest, but it is his dear Wife (Ada Florence May Wenborn) and the little darlings (Wilfred John & Frank Sutherland Wenborn), I only pray they will be led through life and become good citizens and a credit to the family. Now, my last pet of the family. She is in my thoughts morning, noon, and night - my "Daisy".

My thoughts now take a leap and go back many years. Incidents I can remember, such as going to School, and having a governess at home. I must say from dear Mrs. Shiress I learnt my first song, and she was the reason why my scales were so tuneful. In 1858, I was sent to Kyneton at the age of 14 years. My first School was at the Misses Thompson where I remained for over a year. I then took a fancy to be at Mrs. Fleck's "Campaspe Villa", dear old spot; I was happy there and remained till I was nearly 20 years old. I had a good and sound constitution built up in the air of that salubrious district. It is now many years ago, but remembrance often comes and takes me back. "Fidlers's Green" (Which is a Sailor's name for a place to frolic on shore) where Mr. Archer of the Bank of New South Wales, used to allow Mrs Fleck to take her pupils, and the Summer House which was marked with the names of the girls, those happy school days. The games we played in the Raceground, "Prisoners bar the Case", oh those happy days. I can recall when happiness reigned over us all in this dear old home while it brings back memories happy and bright, and my thoughts go back.

When home once more my time was never idle, always at some pleasant toil, Music, Darn, Reading, Fancy Work till the greatest gift came and took me as his Bride, and then began the love of my own home. Then the children came to share our love, and some grown in Men and Women with families of their own, and they all bear good names, and have turned our well, a blessing to me. Their Father (Walter Arthur Jones Wenborn) was a gifted Musician, and noted for his Organ Playing. He was Organist at St Paul's Melbourne before it was rebuilt as the Cathedral then at Kew under Rev Wayward also at the Baptist Church Eastern Hill where on leaving leaving he had a beautiful "Gold Watch" given him by the Congregation, and a Scarf Pin by the women at Sangon's Foundry. This was when he was a traveller for Sands & McDougall Ltd. He was first Organist at St Jude's Carlton.

He left Sands & McDougall Ltd and bought a Book Selling Business with M Casey & Son at Pall Mall Bendigo. He was also Organist, and Choir Master at St Paul's Bendigo, Correspondent of the Board of Advice, Organist for the Golden Corinthian Lodge, he was also the first to start the Citizens Excursion win Bendigo, and in the Musical Circles he was selected to organize which he did with credit and enjoyment.

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He was a man gifted in Artistic Works, Novel Ideas, Taste and Skill, quick in Thought and Action but had to relinquish through his Health failing due to injury to his Spine caused through falling through an aperture in an upstairs room while getting his Samples ready for the Western District when he was a Traveller for Sands & McDougall Ltd in 1867. Not thinking it serious he never thought any more about it till he began to feel pains in his back, and legs in 1875. When Dr Hinchcliffe asked him if he had had a fall at any time, it then occurred to him about the one at Sands & McDougall Ltd, then Dr. Hinchcliffe immediately said, that was the cause, and then said he must give up the Organ Playing. This was a grief to him he had just bought n England a small Church Organ, and strange to say rebuilding it in our house in Forest Street, he found it was one he used to play in London.

Oh what lovely evenings we used to have, sometimes the Choir came, and sometimes a Quartette Party of Male voices. When G. Pallett, J. Nipper, Mr Long, Dr. Hinchcliffe, Mr. Casey, Mr. Stephens, and others came, it was delightful as I loved good singing and music. Strange, not any of the children took up Music, not like their Father. "Painting" seems more their line.

WALTER has made a name for himself "Painting" JOSIAH in his "Bookbinding" and "Illuminations" FRANK who took up "PHOTOGRAPHY" until the Rev Wheeler of Broken Hill invited him to join in the Ministry and in which he had made a name for his work for God till the Master called him home on the 2nd Jan 1914.

WILLIE has made a name for himself "Bike Riding" and won a number of Trophies and now he is an "Electrician", and "Cinematograph Operator ERNEST-ALBERT My other son only lived a few months.

AMY is married and has some children of promise.

DAISY my Baby is single, but I hope one day she may find as good a man as I did.

My Father (Thomas GULLOCK) was a man of thought and fond of study, "Astronomy" being one of his pastimes. He was a "Digger" in the early days though not very successful, yet he felt his health was better at hard gradt as he called it. He would study till the early hours of the morning, and then rise early, and as my Mother (Susan WELSFORD) was the same, having Breakfast at 7 o'clock to half past, Dinner at the old fashioned hour 12 noon to 1 o'clock, and Tea at 5 o'clock, and a Supper Tray at 8 o'clock.

Through my Father getting Deaf he was not able to take any part in Public Life, though he had been repeatedly asked to, but for advice on almost any subject - he could give advice, an in Bible Knowledge he was a deep thinker. Every night a chapter was read, and when his Boys were living with my Mother and Father before going to bed, they had to say the "Commandments" and read a Chapter, and if not in from school at the right time, Father wanted to know the reason, and the cause. A pity more of this was not known, in this rising generation - Veneration is forgotten. But I do hope this time will come again when Old Ties, Old memories, Old Friends, and last but not least, "The Old, Old, Story of Jesus and His Love"

It seems I have such a short while to write the incidents of this, in the course of over the 70 years I have lived. The course of my memory of younger days is very vivid.

After we left the "New Chum" the streets were being formed and the land sold. My Father bought a piece of ground in View Street, or more properly known as "Yew Street", which we named after the trees as Forest, Wattle, Vine, Myrtle, Rose, Lily, Shamrock, and Thistle, from Mr. Morris, he was the first "Postmaster" and Vibert and Johnson were the Clerks. On the 12th January 1855 he built a 4 roomed building of Weatherboard and Slate with Stone Chimneys. He let the front part in View St. to Mr. Buckingham who put up a tent when his wife died. Bricks were then being made, the first in Bendigo. Mr Aitken, then said he would move, and so he did and remained there fore many years. He married, and his children were born there.

Then Father sold a section of his holding, 30' x 106' to Mr Armitage and let him have the use of the 9' Right of Way. My Mother not liking to live at the back of the block, then heard about the Parsonage at Sailor's Gully.

The Rev Stone had been transferred to "All Saints", Bendigo, on the departure of the Rev J. Brennan. The Parsonage was a Canvas structure, but the doors and windows pleased Mother, so it was moved to where "Devon Cottage" now stands ("Devon Cottage") now demolished, and replaced by the new Commodore Motel in View Street). In 1859 Father (Thomas GULLOCK) rebuilt "Devon Cottage" in Brick with a Slate Roof on the front part of the block in View Street.

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When Father bought the whole block he had to go to Maryborough about it, and finished up paying £82-10/- for it. After getting what Alluvial God the allotment in Forest Street would yield, Father sold 54' x 135' of it to "Watts" the iron Founders, on the 9th Oct 1865 (Susan Welsford GULLOCK would have then been 21 years old. She didn't get married until she was 25 years old in 1869). The ground Father sold in Forest Street to "Watts" was part of the original "Commissioners Gully". The amount of Gold taken out of Forest St to Bridge St was immense, and it is the part now used for the Swimming Baths in Lake Como. Boats used to be allowed on it until the water was found to be stagnant. I can remember Father taking a bottle of it to the Council, and Dr. Cruikshank the Medical Officer said it was foul and that it had no lime in it.

These are some of the names of the girls at Mrs Fleck's "Campaspe Villa" School, at Kyneton in 1862

SUSAN GULLOCK, Pattie Wooley, Emma Smith, Georgie Smith, Kate Crawford, Bettie Youl, Kate Farie, Margaret Moorhead, Margaret Bodkin, Lonie Boundy, Alice Saunders, Alice Jones, Laura Jones, Effie Croxton, Lanie Croxton, Nellie Swanwick, Minnie McGuire.

*This article was sent by Kay Wenborn of Canberra to Daryl Povey who thought it might interest "Link" readers.*

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### *Happenings of 100 years ago*

About £1,500 will be spent by the Orphan Asylum Committee in improvements, as a result of the Holmes bequest. The House Committee has considered certain suggestions in this direction, and has formulated a scheme which will be submitted to the meeting of the General Committee to be held next Tuesday. Among the alterations mooted are an improvement in the lighting of various buildings; a winter playing shed for the girls; an extension of the boys swimming bath; additions to the gymnasium, and improvements to the milking shed.

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### **EDITORS NOTE**

*You may be able to find spelling mistakes in this Newsletter. This is because of our policy to try and please everyone, including the people who like to find fault.*

## *They were the days!*

On our 360 acre farm we had no SEC until 1960. As a 12 year old my responsibilities included early morning rise, light the fire, milk 'Bessy' the cow, separate the milk for 'Peter' and 'Porky' the pigs, go round the chooks and rabbit traps, walk 1.5 miles (2.5kms) to school, key under the doormat, cut kindling and light the open fire.

Only 8 kids attended this school at Allendale [8kms from Creswick]. We needed to check open top drinking tanks for dead possums, magpies and any other dead birds floating on the surface. Smoke out the bee swarms. In the lunch break we cut wood and cut newspaper into 6 by 4 inch squares piercing a hole in the corner and putting it on string to hang in the toilets. Also on Friday, after sweeping the school out, we scrubbed both toilets that were the ancient can type. It was not too hard as with a gravel floor there was only the wooden seat and a few cobwebs in the comers. The old sanitary truck was a very old "White" truck, grey in colour, with a wooden tray and big brass headlights.

On the positive side sheep farmer's sons got a week off from school without questions asked at shearing time. We were too busy and too scared of a beating to get into trouble.

Our religious instruction teacher was Mr. Ireland who visited the school for an hour a week. He rode a moped and it often wouldn't start. He was rather elderly and so we would have to help push start him, eventually leaving in a trail of 2-stroke smoke. He would travel up to 25 miles from Ballarat serving district schools on this small machine with a square flat leather case on the rear.

We went to school sports at Newlyn and Creswick on the back of a frame's truck. Unbelievable nowadays. It was a bit hard and bumpy and when it rained we found that only 4 could squeeze in the cabin.

To Sunday School at Broomfield we had old "Ginger" the horse and a cart altered from big wheels to smaller Chevrolet car ones. This declined us back at a 30° angle looking odd. She died in the shafts from old age. We only walked her slowly, worried that a rubbing tyre would catch fire. An impossibility, but we still tipped bottles of water on it going along.

I wish we had a photo of this, along with the straw hat on the horses head, nosebag and leaning back cart. Grandpa was upset as it was his last horse but we were happy as there was no more Sunday School for us.

Contributed by Colin Holmes

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## *Lois Reynolds, FGSV*

Lois, the founding Secretary of the Ballarat Group Genealogical Society of Victoria [GSV], died in her 91<sup>st</sup> year at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat, on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2007. In March 1990 the Group translated to be The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc.

Educated at Caulfield State School, O'Neil College (Elsternwick), Sacred Heart Convent and The Hermitage (Geelong), Lois spoke fondly of the two middle schools for their education and music studies. A book-keeping course at Gordon Technical College hardly satisfied her long desire to go nursing. When Lois attempted to enlist for medical work at the outbreak of war in 1939 her parents, who had rejected the nursing, declined her enlistment. Lois turned to volunteer first aid and duties at St Paul's Cathedral canteen. With increased risk of air raids in Melbourne Lois built the family's air raid shelter; her father was away on construction work.

In 1945, Lois married Stan Reynolds. Stan, who had returned from active service, had been posted to Ballarat, where his former employer, Victorian Railways, offered him work upon demobilisation. Lois and Stan remained at Ballarat.

In the early 60's Lois was anxious that she lived in an all male household, that included two sons, and that she needed to introduce femininity and more culture into the life of the family. Her exasperation is captured in "Even the fish are male!" Ballarat North State School Mother's Club developed Lois's confidence. Attending the National Theatre, Ballarat Light Opera Company and Lyric Theatre productions became annual events that had grown from the dusty afternoons at the Sound Shell in the North Gardens listening to classical orchestra music. Lois played the piano for various functions. Lois and Stan joined the Field Naturalists and for a period a Literary Society. Both attended the Ballarat Historical Society, where Lois presented various research papers. Church and railways were strong interests. Some were later published in *Ballarat Historian*. This work refined her interest in biography and genealogy.

Lois had a perceptive eye for detail and a good memory. She recalled relatives from the early 1920s. Later she contemplated whom she had not questioned but by research had revealed their vibrant lives.

In 1943-4, Lois made a basic family tree of known relatives. Serious genealogy commenced in 1964 shortly after her mother's death. From the limited records, Lois found that all her migrating ancestors had arrived in Australia prior 1869 and included a First Fleet couple. In the late 1960s a neighbour, who remarked on the spirited determination that Lois brought to the search, added that she felt that only deep hurt or loss could drive the quest.

In 1973 Lois with Hazel Williams began to transcribe headstones at Ballarat Old Cemetery. Lois learned much from the workmen of the cemetery's history. This owed much to Jack Greville, sexton, who ensured that the Line book governed the sequence of work. His mowing and weed killing program to precede transcription. He watched out for Lois to ensure her safety. Ken Clayton, Secretary Manager of the Cemetery Trust was flabbergasted. The work gave Lois great solace. She admitted that it took her away from grief. She came home and talked of what she had seen and transcribed. She remarked that she knew so many 'dead' people. They were her friends.

Keith Rash had worked tirelessly for years to foster genealogical interests in Ballarat. He was disappointed that the Ballarat Historical Society averted that interest. A close friendship between Lois, Keith Rash and Marion and Ern Brown led Keith to approach GSV Melbourne to form a Group in October 1978. Lois was elected Secretary/Treasurer/ Research Officer - the beginning of many busy years. For a short time Lois met in Win Menadue's flat at the Ballarat Base Hospital to discuss research mail. To ignore the trials for Western Australian inquirers seemed heartless, so Lois commenced the research model. Sources for local research were scarce. Lois became a subscriber member of the Ballarat Mechanics Institute to access the private collection - Ballarat directories and many old books on open shelves and newspapers downstairs in the cold. Lois retained the tri-part role until 1981 and then 'retired' to be the Research Officer a duty she loved. Queues of researchers appeared at Lois's front door.

In the first year of the Group, Lois attended GSV Council meetings in Melbourne, where she gained seed funding for Ballarat. Lois and Stan brought from GSV the first work projects carding activities - part of Kew Cemetery headstones, the Miscellaneous Card file and extracting parishes from the English County maps.

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A Leisure time display held over two days in the Drill Hall, led to an invitation to speak on genealogy to Loreto College students; the first of many presentations that included schools, Service groups, Church, Trefoil Guild and other genealogical groups across Victoria. If Lois flourished in the transcription and research, it was only her love of public speaking that surpassed those. Audrey Howard and Lois Reynolds were interviewed on 3BA on 1st September 1980. Publicity was achieved through *Ballarat News*, *The Courier* and television. Lois's diaries record many events.

Lois arranged the early transcription work in other cemeteries. Bungaree was completed in a matter of hours on 12th September 1980 so the team moved to Mt Prospect. Buninyong headstones had been transcribed by eighteen members on 23rd November 1980. After addressing the Trust, Lois gained permission to transcribe the Buninyong Registers. Rosters were prepared for many months of work in Alan Bath's garage. Day after day Lois, Stan and others drove to Buninyong and carded the information. Transcription and indexing of headstones in many local cemeteries were completed in that decade.

Transcription work led to workshop nights held between the bi-monthly general meetings until the end of 1988. Work nights involved carding and typing indexes. Members met at homes on Saturday afternoons to expedite the tasks. Although cemeteries remained a prime focus, there was an ill-fated effort at computing Golden Point Primary School register. As Stan's health declined, the Committee accepted the invitation to meet at Lois's home.

For the National Trust on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1985, Lois, the sole guide, conducted the first tour of the Old Cemetery. Over 100 people attended. Inspired by this response the Group began its own tours. A broken leg in January 1986, showed the need for other guides. They were taught in the lounge at her home. Tours were extended to the New Cemetery. Having identified a grave of potential interest it had to be fitted into the walking path. Alternatively, interest had to be discovered on the path. Other organizations sought her to speak on either the research aspect or outline how a tour was planned. Lois had five basic tours. There was also a walking tour of the statues and monuments in Sturt Street.



At the St. Piran's Day at Sovereign Hill in 1988, the Group released the first publication in a series *Burials with Cornish locations in Ballarat Old Cemetery*, the text was drawn from Lois's transcription. This encouraged similar books for both the Old and New Cemeteries showing locations from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

After the success with The School of Mines Ballarat genealogy course, Lois became a regular speaker in the Group's courses. It became the basis for a range of lecture series held over the ensuing years. She also addressed the GSV in Melbourne. Lois was at many of the stalls at local events, including a memorable day at Eureka Stockade when the rain water ran through the tent.

Lois returned as Secretary for 1989. Proof reading the transcription of the Admissions register for the Ballarat Hospital to 1913 was undertaken in the early 1990s with Gwen Dixon.

Lois was one of the Ballarat representatives on the organizing committee for the inaugural *Irish Origins Conference - an Australian perspective*, held at Ballarat in 1988. She completed a basic bookbinding course in the 1980s and in 1995 an introductory computing course at Sebastopol Secondary College.



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Elected a Fellow of The Genealogical Society of Victoria in 1989, Lois was awarded Life Membership of Ballarat and District Genealogical Society in 1996. To her final days at home she remarked on snippets of the research she had undertaken.

Lois's vision began to fail some six or more years ago. She had written to the Mayor urging better traffic lights. She thought that LED as used on the railway signals would be suitable. He had not heard of them. She was forced to give up driving, one of great loves. She had saved housekeeping money to learn at 55 years. Any opportunity to travel in the car for any destination or purpose or time in simple pleasures, afternoon tea, lunch or snack was appreciated.

While she was thrilled to be able to address a meeting, her failing eyesight meant that she began to speak largely from memory. Her addresses became shorter. Conversation became increasingly important. Who may forget her typical, impromptu remarks at the November meeting in 2005. Her limitations restricted her research but left her questions undiminished.

Lois's transcription of the Old Cemetery formed an integral section in the jointly published the CD, *Ballarat Cemeteries and Crematorium* that was launched in October 2006, when the Society's afternoon became the early celebration of her 90th birthday.

Lois wrote a series of books on church history. She retained an interest in learning and insisted on attending meetings and lectures to within days of her stroke. Lois would never join an organisation for old people. "I do not need to be with them, I want to be with the young ones."

Lois was not the lady to dote. At times she felt that others misconceived this as disinterest. She was much more interested in other qualities and simply put it down to her tomboyishness. However, Lois had unlimited time for the people who had supported her and enabled her to remain at home and active in the community.

Individually severe shingles in September 2003 and a mini stroke in June 2004 followed by a stroke in December 2006, increased her frailty. The Society and members were represented at her funeral. The eulogy captured the essence of Lois –

'What comfort, therefore, have we against these losses? This ! Surely, that we must remember them even after they are lost, and that we must not suffer, to fall out of our minds, the joy that we have had from them, eventhough we have them no more. What we have may be snatched from us. But what we have had, is ours forever. Ungrateful indeed is he who, having lost something, does not acknowledge his debt of gratitude for that which he has once possessed.'



### *Happenings of 100 years ago*

#### *Casualties and Fatalities at the Hospital.*

The following casualties were treated at the Hospital yesterday –Norman McFarlane, aged 14, of Drummond Street, cut foot, caused while chopping wood; Michael Callinan, aged 52, of Brown Hill, broken collarbone caused by being thrown from a dray; Stephan Ryan, aged 18 of Vale Street, broken arm caused by a fall; Frank Ryan, aged 19, of Urquhart Street, cut wrist caused by a knife he was using slipping; Michael Howard, burns on hands and arms.

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## **IRISH NAMING CUSTOMS**

### **THE 'RULES'**

A good definition of the 'rules' of naming can be found on the website 'County Monaghan History', at: <http://ahd.exis.net/monaghan/irish-names-naming.htm>

### **IRISH NAMING PATTERNS FOR CHILDREN**

- 1st son after father's father
- 2nd son after mother's father
- 3rd son after father
- 4th son after father's eldest brother
- 5th son after mother's eldest brother
- 1st daughter after mother's mother
- 2nd daughter after father's mother
- 3rd daughter after mother
- 4th daughter after mother's eldest sister
- 5th daughter after father's eldest sister

### **PATTERNS UNCOVERED IN A STUDY**

Studies in Leitrim show that, at least from the 1780s on, there was no strict adherence to any pattern of naming. Even when these 'rules' were not strictly followed, the habit of 'recycling' the names was often continued.

# www Genie Links

## ENGLISH, IRISH AND SCOTTISH ON THE INTERNET

Presented by Joy Roy, FGSV, at the BDGS August Meeting

### GATEWAY SITES:

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/)

[www.cyndislist.com/](http://www.cyndislist.com/)

*England*

[www.uk-genealogy.org.uk/england/index.html](http://www.uk-genealogy.org.uk/england/index.html)

*Ireland*

[www.ireland-information.com/](http://www.ireland-information.com/)

[www.nireland.com/genealogy/](http://www.nireland.com/genealogy/)

*Scotland*

[www.rampantscotland.com/genealogy.htm](http://www.rampantscotland.com/genealogy.htm)

[www.electricscotland.com/webclans/scotroot.htm](http://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/scotroot.htm)

### BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS:

[www.familysearch.org/](http://www.familysearch.org/)

*England*

[www.freebmd.org.uk/](http://www.freebmd.org.uk/)

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) [Pay for view]

[www.findmypast.com/](http://www.findmypast.com/) [Pay for view]

[www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/](http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/)

[www.familyhistoryonline.net/](http://www.familyhistoryonline.net/) [index search free, Pay for view for additional data]

*Ireland*

[www.thauvin.net/chance/ireland/bmd/](http://www.thauvin.net/chance/ireland/bmd/)

[www.groireland.ie/](http://www.groireland.ie/) [Pay for certificates]

[www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm](http://www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm) [Pay for certificates]

*Scotland*

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> [Pay for view]

### PLACES:

*England, Northern Ireland, Scotland*

[www.multimap.com/](http://www.multimap.com/) [www.streetmap.co.uk/](http://www.streetmap.co.uk/)

[www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/getamap/](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/getamap/)

*Ireland*

[www.discoverireland.com/au/ireland-places-to-go/explore-by-map/?WT.srch=l](http://www.discoverireland.com/au/ireland-places-to-go/explore-by-map/?WT.srch=l)

### CENSUS:

*England*

[www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk)

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) [Pay for view]

[www.originsnetwork.com/](http://www.originsnetwork.com/) [Pay per view]

*Ireland*

1796 Flax Seed Entitlement List <http://ahd.exis.net/monaghan/spinning.htm>

Griffiths Valuation [www.failteromhat.com/griffiths.php](http://www.failteromhat.com/griffiths.php)

*Scotland*

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> [Pay for view]

### ARCHIVES / COUNTY RECORD OFFICES / LIBRARIES:

*England*

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/familyhistory/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/familyhistory/)

[www.a2a.org.uk/](http://www.a2a.org.uk/)

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/)

[leisure\\_heritage/libraries\\_archives\\_museums\\_galleries/lma/](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure_heritage/libraries_archives_museums_galleries/lma/)

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure-heritage/libraries-archives-museums\\_galleries/city\\_london\\_libraries/guildhall\\_lib.htm](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure-heritage/libraries-archives-museums_galleries/city_london_libraries/guildhall_lib.htm)

[www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/home.htm](http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/home.htm)

[www.durhamrecordsonline.com/](http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/)

*Ireland*

[www.nationalarchives.ie/](http://www.nationalarchives.ie/)

[www.proni.gov.uk/](http://www.proni.gov.uk/)

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure\\_heritage/libraries\\_archives\\_museums\\_galleries/city\\_london\\_libraries/guildhall\\_lib.htm](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure_heritage/libraries_archives_museums_galleries/city_london_libraries/guildhall_lib.htm)

*Scotland*

[www.nas.gov.uk/](http://www.nas.gov.uk/)

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

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/dumgal/Services.aspx?id=6>

*NEWSPAPERS:*

*England*

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/> (The Times 1785 - 1985) Access via State Library of Victoria

*Ireland*

<http://irishnewspaperarchives.com/>

*Scotland*

<http://archive.scotsman.com/> [Pay for view]

### MILITARY:

[www.awm.gov.au/](http://www.awm.gov.au/)

[www.cwgc.org/](http://www.cwgc.org/)

[www.anzac.org](http://www.anzac.org)

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/)

*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.*

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## IMMIGRATION:

[www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/public/PROVguides/PROVguideO23/PROVguideO23.jsp](http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/public/PROVguides/PROVguideO23/PROVguideO23.jsp)  
[www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/indexes\\_online\\_3357.asp](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/indexes_online_3357.asp)  
[www.findmypast.com/](http://www.findmypast.com/) [Pay for view]  
<http://castlegarden.org/>  
<http://www.ellislandrecords.org/>

## CONVICTS:

[www.oldbaileyonline.org/](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/)  
[www.genwed.com/UK/search-ireland.htm](http://www.genwed.com/UK/search-ireland.htm)  
<http://members.pcug.org.au/~ppmay/convicts.htm>  
<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/res-04.html>  
[www.archives.tas.gov.au/nameindexes](http://www.archives.tas.gov.au/nameindexes)

## SEARCH ENGINES:

[www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com)  
[www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com)  
[www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)  
[www.google.com.au](http://www.google.com.au)  
<http://vivisimo.com/>

## SEARCH CRITERIA:

Polloch +Scotland  
"John Smith" +Liverpool  
"John Smith" + "Court Records"

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[www.genealogy-jigsaw.com.au](http://www.genealogy-jigsaw.com.au)

## RESEARCH

The BDGS Research Team deal with an average of ten research enquiries each month. Listed here is a selection of some of the interesting enquiries received over the past three months, and if you can provide any information, please send it to: [researchballarat@hotmail.com](mailto:researchballarat@hotmail.com) where it will be most gratefully received and passed on to the researcher:

Peter **NELSON** who died 1 April 1886 aged 45 years was buried in Creswick cemetery.  
George **CLIFTON** who was born about 1823 at Godmanchester near Huntingdon in the UK, died at Eureka and was related to Annie Wright (nee Clifton) of Geelong.

Edmond **AHERN**, born in 1829 in Ireland married Eliza **KIELY** in 1866 and they had 12 children, notably Eliza who was born at Haddon in 1877 and married Arthur K. **WALLACE**. She became a prominent political activist and a champion of women's rights.

Francis **PARKES** married Elizabeth **HEDLEY** and their children were born between 1854 and 1868 at Ballarat, Smythes Creek and Springdallah.

Walter (d. 1905), Gordon Robert (d. 1914) and Robert (d. 1956) **LAIDLAW** held pastoral leases and left wills.

William Spencer **GRIGG** of Linton was descended from Bungaree early settlers by surname **CHING**, **GOURLAY**, **GROOM** and **GRIGG**.

Elizabeth **JACKSON**, born 27 September 1954 at Ballarat was the daughter of Samuel **JACKSON** and Anne **MACKINTOSH**, and she married Gottlieb **GROSSER** of Ballarat.

John F. **CUSSEN**, an auctioneer and stock and station agent worked at 27 Lydiard Street south between 1890 and 1902.

Eliza Lipson **ALLAN** was an 1840s pioneer who travelled to Ararat and Avoca where her husband John **ALLAN** had a large property.

James **NEILY**, son of James **NEILY** and Mary Ann **STEFF** was born at Plank Road, Ballarat around 1860.

James **CAREY** a landholder at Clunes later died in November 1899 on his property at Marnoo near St Arnaud.

Samuel **WALKER** died in 1867 at Ballarat Hospital, when he was Governor of Ararat Gaol, leaving a wife Eliza and three children Charles, Eliza and William.

Lionel Bradley **PILKINGTON** married Agnes Catherine **McMILLAN** and was living in Ballarat in the 1890s.

Launcelot **COSTELLO** died at Warrenheip aged 59 years in 1859 and is buried in the Ballarat Old Cemetery.

George **WYATT** died at the Prince Imperial Gold Mining Company at Sebastopol in March 1870 when aged 47 years, leaving his widow Martha and five young children.

John Field **THOMSON** died at Ballarat in 1896 aged 92 years, and his son John died aged 73 years in 1907, and both are buried at Ballarat.

James **REA** or **RAE** held 50 acres of land in the Parish of Burrumbeet, which was later transferred to Thomas **STRANGE**.

Allan and Laura **BOWLER** lived at Happy Valley in the 1890s and Scarsdale where Allan was mayor in early 1900s and was involved in mining.

## OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

*August meeting:* - Joy Roy

Joy pointed out how the internet has brought great changes to the way we research family history. These changes include problems, too, created by incorrect information sometimes being posted on sites. She stressed the need always to verify the data, and to note carefully the URLs or web address from the site where you gain any on-line information.

Sites such as Genuki [[www.genuki.org.uk/big/](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/)] and Cyndi's List [[www.cyndislist.com/](http://www.cyndislist.com/)] are gateways with dozens of pages of sites sitting behind them, of great value to researchers. For instance there are 261,000 links on Cyndi's List. There are more search engines than Google, such as Dogpile, Alta-vista, Vivisimo, and Ask, although Google is the most widely used.

*September meeting:* - Eric Panther

Eric gave an historical background to his presentation on researching family history using postcards. Early postcards were the telephone calls of the day, bought at the post office with a stamp embossed on them, designed for sending simple messages, such as to say that you would be coming for an evening meal, at a time when there were several postal deliveries each day. After the Great War the early postcard gave way to holiday postcards. Cigarette cards were introduced and thrived around the turn of the century and First War. Eric showed his family history by a display of Inglewood postcards showing the church where his parents married, the school He attended, the shop owned by his grandmother's sister, the local theatre he attended, the town hall where he danced, the Bendigo High School, the Bank of NSW where he started work, the Federal Hotel where he and his wife honeymooned, and the church where they and other family members had married. He pointed out that 1900-1909 were the golden years of postcards, especially of towns like Ballarat, Bendigo and Castlemaine. Eric shared with us his wonderful collection of swap cards, and brought back many memories.

*October meeting:* - Linley Hooper

Linley, as librarian of the Genealogical Society Of Victoria library, reminded us of the value of directories which can provide researchers with advertisements, addresses, occupations, trades and many more. She gave a history of the development of directories which emerged in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century when data collection varied considerably, with a

great increase in them from the 1820s. In our own State of Victoria directories stopped being published in 1974.

There is a website at [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org) which may be of interest.

Linley then shared with us some of the treasures of the GSV library, including the births, marriages and deaths indexes of Ireland, a recent acquisition. Her Power-Point presentation was linked on-line so she was able to take us into the GSV catalogue and show the best way to be precise about searches for those treasures we seek. By entering "Ireland registers" a result of 277 records showed up. For researchers travelling from afar to the GSV in Melbourne, Linley advised preparing well from home to make the most of the visit to the library which is at Level B1, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne (phone 9662 4455).



### News from the Library

#### NEW IN THE LIBRARY September & October 2007

The following items are all new CD'S and may be found on the Societies new computer :-

Parish Registers in Australia 1787 – 1990 - Nick Vine Hall  
The Convict Ships 1787 – 1868 – Library of Australian History Charles Bateson  
The Free Settlers of Australia 1788 – 1828 – James Hugh Donohoe  
Melbourne Directory 1892 – Sands & McDougall  
Melbourne Directory 1870 – Sands & McDougall  
Melbourne Directories 1857 – 1861 - Sands & Kenny's  
Victoria and Tasmania - Includes Ballarat - Anthony Trollope  
Gold Fields of Victoria in 1862  
Land Tax Register and Valuation Victoria 1888  
Crown Land Licences Victoria 1856  
Police Gazette – Victoria Compendium 1886 - 1890

#### *Ballarat Petitions 1860-1866*

Copies of the CD of Ballarat Petitions 1860-1866 VPRS 2500/P0

are available from:

Ballarat & District Genealogical Society Inc.  
PO Box 1809 Ballarat Mail Centre,  
Victoria, Australia 3354

Price per CD including GST is \$30 plus \$5.00 for postage and packaging.

## *Cassette Tapes - Speakers and Topics*

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1981 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 1989

### Box 1

No.	Date	Speaker	Topic
1	1981/04/02	Marjorie Morgan	Shipping & Immigration
A	1981/04/26	Joan Wills	
2		Mrs Wall	Searching in Ireland
3A-E	1983/06/00	John Barth	Research in Scotland
4A		Paul de Serville	Basic Principles of Research
4B		Tony Miller	Joan Wills – Beginners
5	1984/03/19	Paul de Serville	Norfolk & the Howards
6A-C	1984/04/17	Chris Hurley	Genealogical Sources in Victoria
7	1984/04/24	Lyndon Arnold	Research in Cornwall
8	1984/05/12	Lester Stephen	Register & Sesquicentenary
9	1984/06/19	Marjorie Morgan	Ancestor Hunting in Pt Phillip
10	1984/10/23	Neville Drummond	Education Department Records
11	1985/02/26	Brian Horsman	Latter Day Saints Records
12A-B	1985	Jim Flahavin	The Griffiths Valuation
13	1986/04/00	Phil Montgomery	Computers and Genealogy
14	1986/10/28	Gerald Jensen	Germans in Ballarat
15A-B	1987/02/24	Douglas Browning	English & Welsh Parish Registers
16	1987/04/28	Alan Lethbridge	Bookbinding & Book Restoration
17	1988/09/27	Joan Hunt	Churchill Fellowship Trip Report
18	1988/07/26	Joy Menhennet	Berringa History and Genealogy
19	1988/04/26	Peter Butters	History of Housing UK & Austr.
20	1988/05/24	Wendy Williams	Education Department Records
21	1989/05/23	Lis Allen	Hospital Records
22	1989/06/27	Bob O'Brien	Aspects of Eureka
23	1989/02/28	Des Regan	Researching Land & Property
24	1989/04/25	Stuart Raymond	17 <sup>th</sup> Century Wills
25	1989/03/28	Nick Vine Hall	Genealogical Records in N.S.W.

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Included on the CD are current maps of the Ballarat Old and New Cemeteries showing location of the various sections.

A total in the order of 30,000 of records will now be accessible in a searchable database available on CD-ROM including 70,000 for the Ballarat New Cemetery (1867-2005) plus headstone transcriptions and 25,000 cremations for the Ballarat Crematorium (1958-2005).

Enquiries to:-

<http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/ballarat-cemeteries-cd.htm>

Orders for the Ballarat Cemeteries Index CD can be made with payment of \$49 plus \$6 postage and packaging to:-

Ballarat & District Genealogical Society, PO Box 1809 Ballarat Mail Centre, Victoria 3354.

OR

The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc, Level B1, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

For a modest donation the B&DGS research team would take digital photos of headstones on request.

Enquiries to [researchballarat@hotmail.com](mailto:researchballarat@hotmail.com)  
[www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au)

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

## **Planning a visit to Ballarat to make use of our Research Library?**

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CONTACT

Betty Slater - [researchballarat@hotmail.com](mailto:researchballarat@hotmail.com)

or

PO Box 1809, Ballarat Mail Centre, Victoria 3354

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**Webmaster:- Daryl Povey**

**Email :- [povey@sebas.vic.edu.au](mailto: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.

## **MESSAGE BOARDS**

Australian (Ancestry.com)

FamilyHistory.com

GenForum

RootsWeb Email Lists

School Friends

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Ballarat Research

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