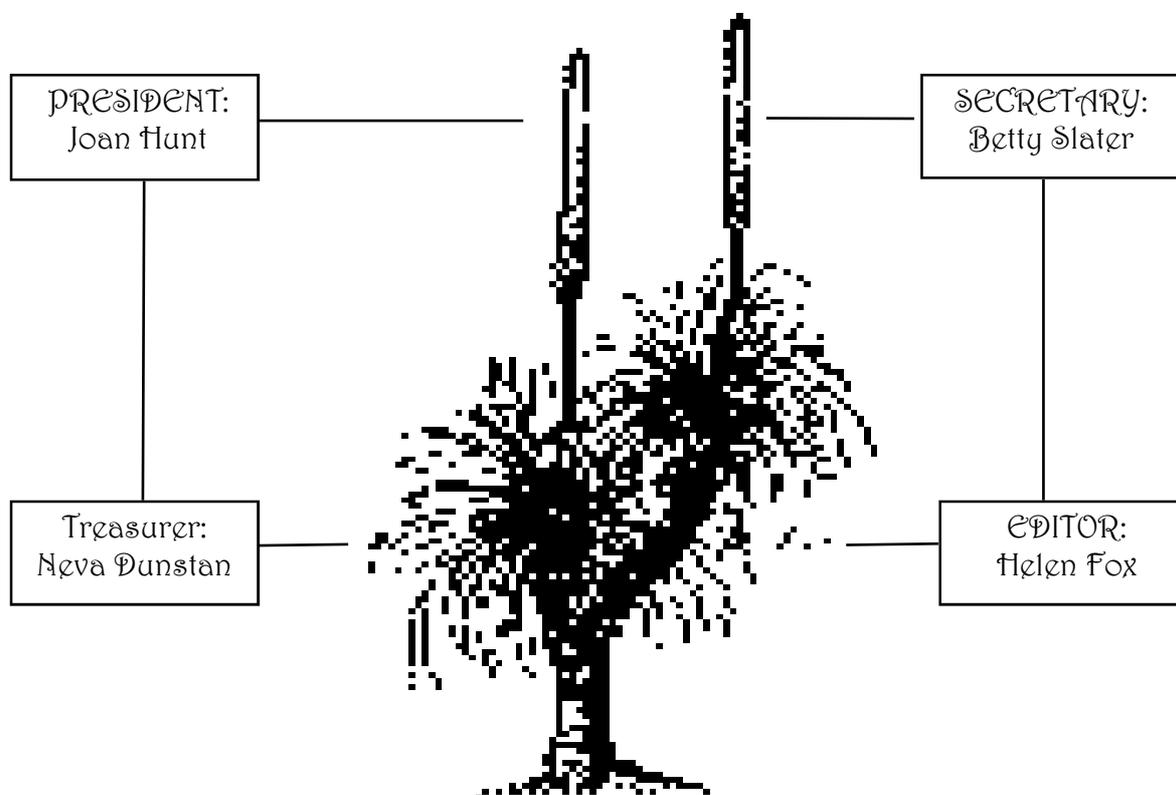


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Program 2008

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

May 27th Beverley Spinks. Descendants of Convicts Group of the G.S.V.
"Convicts from Oxfordshire Assize Trials"

June 24th Graeme Reynolds. Topic to be advised.

July 22nd Emma Toon. Regional Archives Project Manager, PROV.
"Family History Resources Public Record Office Victoria"

August 26th Dennis Spielvogel. President of the Bungaree Historical Society. Dennis will speak about the life of his grandfather, Nathan Spielvogel, Ballarat's Famous Historian.

September 23rd Jenny Carter from the G.S.V.
"Ships Captains, Crews and Passengers into Victoria"

October 28th Gary Powell - a member of BDGS will speak about writing and publishing his book.

November 25th Show and Tell and Quiz Night, with Special End-of-Year Supper

Visitors are most welcome.

No meeting December or January.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

On the first Saturday in April I spoke at a Seminar held by the Genealogical Society of Victoria, entitled "Where did they live in Victoria and What did they do?". There was a strong emphasis on the importance of researching through local historical societies for important local information about our ancestors' places of residence and occupations. The contact details for local historical societies can be found through the website of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. Their home page has a link to *Affiliated Societies* (there are 300 member societies across Victoria), which in turn takes you to *Log On to the Affiliated Societies with the RHSV database*. You enter the name of the suburb or town you are interested in and the search will provide you with the name of whichever historical society covers that area, with a link to the full contact details.

The three other speakers that day were Susie Zada, Lenore Frost, and Linda Barraclough, who are highly acclaimed family and local history researchers with many years' experience, who are very generous in the sharing of their expertise. Susie reminded us of the wealth of wonderful street/house plans available through local waterworks and sewerage trusts, such as the MMBW, Ballarat Sewerage Authority, and Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust. The MMBW plans can be searched on the GSV and the State Library Victoria catalogues.

The research sessions that Betty Slater, Helen Fox and I have been running on the Friday evening following each monthly meeting, have been very popular, with 20 people coming along to the February session.

The BDGS will be represented on both Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May at the Ballarat Heritage Weekend, from 10-4pm both days. We will have a booth in the beautiful Mining Exchange in Lydiard Street, assisting enquirers with both beginning and extending their family history research. A continuous PowerPoint presentation will be running to enable people to sit, view, and take notes as they wish. Any members willing to assist by being rostered on for an hour or two on either day, please phone Joan on 5333 1535; it will be appreciated.

A sub-committee has been formed and has already started planning our display to be run in conjunction with the 2008 Ballarat Family History Open Day to be held at Ballarat Library on the first weekend in November. It is a special one this year, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the formation of our wonderful Society.

The year has got off to a busy and satisfying start for the Society, and I hope and trust it has for all members. I wish you the best for a fruitful year of discovery.

Joan

Murder at Dobies

I cannot claim a connection to any convicts like lots of people here. And some people even have a number of convicts in their ancestry. I would much rather have a convict than a connection to a murderer.

Carl Henry Deutschmann (known as Harry) was my great grand mother's youngest brother in a family of 4 girls and 3 boys. He was born in Ararat in 1867 and married in 1890 to Isabella Jane Collie. They both died in 1908 □ Jane, on 11th April, at Dobies, near Ararat, when he shot her and Harry, on 29th June, when he was hanged. Harry was the last man hanged in the Old Ballarat Gaol.

There were no children of the marriage.

Harry was educated at the local State School in Ararat up to the age of 14 years. Then he worked with his father, Johann Wilhelm Deutschmann, who had a chaff cutting, grocery and wine and spirit business at Pump Town, Ararat. It was in the Wine and Spirit Department that he began serious drinking in secret, and then this became more evident by his behaviour. After the father died Harry and his brother continued the business until it deteriorated through neglect and was wound up.

A few days after returning from the honeymoon after their marriage, Jane revealed to her step-mother that she had made a mistake □ her husband was a drunkard. During the marriage Harry was employed only casually or not at all. As a result of threatening and brutal behaviour towards Jane and the frequent quarrelling, Jane on various occasions went home to her father and step-mother at Dobies. He had threatened to kill her long before he actually did. Five years before the murder Harry had bought a gun which Jane returned to the shop.

Harry was considered to be a bad tempered man who drank a great deal and who lost control as a result.

In late 1905 Harry and Jane went to Melbourne and lived in Richmond, Fitzroy and Carlton. Jane came home on various occasions during this time and Harry moved to Lara □ living in a hotel, then Geelong. He was not known to the Police in any of these places.

During her trips home Jane received many dreadful, threatening letters which I choose not to read to you.

Her pleading replies for a more peaceful life were of a person with no escape.

So on 11th April 1908 Harry left Ballarat on an afternoon train, after buying a revolver from Mr George Matthews, Ironmonger corner of Mair and Armstrong Streets, and arrived at about 9pm at the Collie residence at Dobies. Harry shot and injured his father in law and murdered his wife, firing at her twice. All the time he was talking in a dreadful manner. He was arrested next morning. The trial was in the Supreme Court Stawell on 4th June 1908 before Mr Justice Thomas A'Beckett. He was found guilty by the Jury who deliberated for one hour and the sentence was carried out 29th June 1908.

The body of Carl Henry Deutschmann was buried within the precincts of the gaol, where the remains of thirteen other men who had been hanged in the Ballarat Gaol were buried. On 29th May 1919 the remains were removed to the Ballarat New Cemetery and are in unmarked graves.

Jane had to cope with Harry's drunkenness, unemployment or short periods only in employment and the inevitable shortage of money, nowhere really to call home, as well as his abuse, certainly verbal, probably physical.

I obtained all this information from the Public Records Office and as well the newspapers at the time covered the story in great detail and emphasized the dangers of drinking to excess. The Courier reported and I quote "The Rev. Charles Cameron, pastor of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, who had ministered to the doomed man during the closing days of his life, thought fit to cite Deutschmann's case for the benefit of possible weak-kneed mortals when addressing a gathering of young men of the Sunday school club but a few days ago. The Rev. gentleman was applauding the existence of such clubs and their moralising motives, and urged the members to discountenance the use of intoxicants and be total abstainers" The Newspaper reported in detail on the crime and also reported on the condemned man's last breakfast: his last meeting with the Minister: the "privileged spectators" to the execution: and the opinions of the Minister and gaol officials of their prisoner. These were that he was a "most courageous man" and a "most likable prisoner". Harry Deutschmann had been looked upon as an intelligent lad and had made many friends. He had an active social life in his youth until he became a victim of intemperance

"He was a splendid fellow when sober, and a raging maniac when drunk." Just before the murder Harry had gained a position (thanks to his brother) at Long's Biscuit Factory, unfortunately this stability came much too late.

Jane may have survived if there were Women's Refuges and other services, in existence at the time, although that is not a guarantee as we have seen in recent days with the little girl nicknamed "Pumpkin" and her mother.

I would swap my Murderer for a convict any time.

Neva Dunstan.
(Presented to Members at a Meeting in 2007.)

THE ORIGINAL JACK HORNER

Jack Horner of the Christmas pie really existed, though whether he deserved the title of "good boy" is exceedingly doubtful. He was, however, a fortunate rogue.

When Henry V111 suppressed the monasteries and drove the monks from their nests the title deeds of the Abbey of Mells were demanded by the commissioners. The Abbot of Glastonbury determined that he would send them to London, and as the documents were very valuable, and the road invested with thieves, it was difficult to get them to the metropolis safely.

To accomplish this end, he devised a very ingenious plan. He ordered a savoury pie to be made, and inside he put the documents – the finest filling a pie ever had – and entrusted this dainty to a lad named Horner to carry up to London, to deliver safely into the hands of whom it was intended.

But the journey was long and the day cold, and the boy was hungry, and the pie was tempting, and the chance of detection was small.

So the boy broke off a piece of the pie, and beheld a parchment within. He pulled it forth innocently enough, wondering how it could have found its way there tied up in pastry. He arrived in town.

The parcel was delivered, but the title deeds of Mells Abbey were missing.

The fact was that Jack had them in his pocket. These were the juiciest plums in the pie. Great was the rage of the commissioners, and heavy the vengeance they dealt out to the monks.

But Master Jack Horner kept his secret and when peaceable times were restored he claimed the estates and received them.

Ballarat Courier 20th February 1897



NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Victorian Police Gazettes Compendium 1886 - 1890, 1871-1875, 1891-1895, 1896 -1900.

Victorian Police Gazettes 1855, 1864, 1865, 1868, 1869

Port Phillip Government Gazette 1847

Kadina Cemetery S.A. Headstone Photographs

New Zealand Marriages 1836—1956

Burra Historic Cemetery S.A. Headstone Photographs

Police Gazettes S.A. 1862 - 1900

Gold Mining Sites Yea, Kilmore, Alexander 1850's - 1950's

Shire of Yea Rate Assessment Books and Index 1869 - 1941

Yea Scots Presbyterian Church Baptisms, Burials, Communicants Roll

NB: The above items are all on CD and will be found on our computer in the Library.

Microfiche:- Bendigo Hospitals Admissions 1856 - 1880

Bendigo Advertiser Index of Funerals 1854 - 1884

Five bound volumes containing Bendigo Advertiser Index of Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, Accidents and Other

Members are reminded that our entire collection is now on the City Library Catalogue and can be accessed on the Internet.



Ballarat Petitions 1860-1866

The BDGS is delighted to have received a letter of commendation from the State Library of Victoria about our CD of petitions to Ballarat City Council 1860-1866 signed by nearly 10,000 Ballarat residents, part of which states:

"This publication has been identified as an important resource for the Victorian community as it includes significant Victorian content. The Library would like to include it in our long-term digital preservation program."

Isn't that great! It is wonderful to have the valuable work of our volunteers and the contribution of our Society recognised in this way.

HENRY SYDNEY WELSH

11th February 1919 - 7th March 2008



My first contact with Syd was in the early 1990's. This was after the death of his wife and he started to spend more time on his Family History. He would be in The State Library of Victoria, Genealogical Society of Victoria, or Public Record Office of Victoria in Cherry Lane.

He was a quiet man with a great sense of humour, always cheerful, courteous and helpful. At this time I was a raw beginner and to have the help of someone like Syd to give advice and encouragement was invaluable. I have heard many people express the same sentiment over the ensuing years. He spent countless hours in the Australiana Room, patiently helping both Society Members and the public search the Microfiche collection for their elusive ancestors, always stressing the importance of obtaining the relevant Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates. As technology improved Syd moved with it and mastered the use of C D'S on the computer.

As a member of several English County groups he kept up his research and maintained correspondence with relatives he had contact with in England.

Each Wednesday morning he was on duty as a non-member Librarian at the local Family History Library of the Church of Jesus-Christ-of-Latter-Day-Saints, continuing this service until he was unable to drive himself to the Library.

Sydney Welsh was a Life Member of The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society, one of nature's gentlemen who will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Betty L. Slater.

MEMBERS ONLY

Available to borrow :-

Audio Tapes of Guest Speakers talks.

Ph. Betty on 5331 7834

or email at bslater@ncable.net.au

Forget About the Spelling!

For 35 years I have been searching for the death of William Richings, my great grandfather who was christened in Launceston, Van Diemen's Land in 1832, the son of Henry Richings, a sawyer, and Mary Ann Rushton (both convicts when they married in 1824).

He married Elizabeth Dunnon in Kilmore on 17 May 1855, and their children were born between 1856 and 1885 at Kilmore, King Parrot Creek, Yea, Taggerty and Glendale near Alexandra. They took up land at Glendale, his farming supplemented by working as a carrier, but Elizabeth's death in 1904 and loss of the house by fire in 1906 obliged William to sell the property.

From that year of 1906 I could find no sign of him in any record.

Recently the Australian Electoral Rolls went on-line on Ancestry.com. When I searched for William Richings I found him in the Cheltenham Benevolent Home in 1914. This find encouraged me to search in the Great War Index deaths 1914-1920 as I thought he could not have lived for many years after that, as he would now be in his early eighties.

As I had already, many times, tried to find Richings in the indexes, I decided to limit the spelling to the bare essentials. I searched for the surname ri*n* which gave me 362 results, and 70 when I indicated it was a death. I then added w*m in the given name and this reduced the search to 4 results. Among the four results was:

RIELINGS, Wm, son of Harry and Mary Ann, 84 yrs, died Cheltenham, 1914

I immediately downloaded the certificate from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages site, and found sufficient confirming details to assure me that at long last I had found my great grandfather. The certificate, incidentally, clearly shows his surname to be RICHINGS.

There is quite a lesson to be learnt here, about expectations that spellings in indexes will be accurately transcribed.

Joan E. Hunt



CEMETERY TOURS IN BALLARAT.

The Ballarat & District Genealogical Society conducts tours of both Ballarat cemeteries – the Old Ballarat Cemetery and the New Ballarat Cemetery. Both cemeteries have their own points of interest and although situated quite close together, they are different. The Old Cemetery is situated close to the centre of the city and appears to be mostly on flat ground. The New Cemetery is towards the north and quite hilly. In fact the views of the city from this cemetery are well worth the visit. The names of the cemeteries are quite misleading in that the New Cemetery was gazetted, in 1858, less than two years after the Old Cemetery, which was gazetted in 1856. The earliest grave visited in the Old Cemetery is that of Isaac Dancyger who died aged 1 year 8 months on 23rd October 1852 and the first burial in the New Cemetery is that of Edward Henry Wayne who died in 1867.

Our group of guides are well able to cater for small or large groups, for tours which take one or two hours in whichever cemetery is chosen. Tours can be conducted as well for specific areas of interest.



Guides and ticket sellers waiting for a tour to start at the Ballarat Cemetery during the 2008 Begonia Festival.

Photo courtesy Gayle Sellars

The Eureka Tour for instance, covers the graves of the soldiers and miners and as well there are a number of burials of people who were connected with Eureka in one way or another which broaden the picture. There is the ordinary miner, the doctor who played a major role at Eureka, successful businessmen – one being a Butcher who became a hotelkeeper, the property owner who became our first millionaire and the fascinating story of a successful music business which had its beginnings in the goldfields. As well there is the grave of one of the women who sewed the flag.

The Jewish Tour gives an insight into the contribution made by the Jewish community to the development of Ballarat. It was a huge contribution and this is recognised by the Jewish Museum of Melbourne who for a number of years has brought interested groups of people from Melbourne to see the Jewish section.

The aim of the tours is to give the visitor a picture of life in the 1850's in the gold rush days to the development of Ballarat as the city it is today.

Both cemeteries have large Chinese sections; the New Cemetery Chinese section surrounds have in recent years been upgraded in consultation with the Chinese community. The trials and tribulations of the Chinese during the gold rush is a separate story in itself, one that we endeavour to touch on.

The tour of the New Cemetery takes the visitor to the graves of musicians, a school teacher, founder of Ballarat's newspaper – "The Courier", a Chinese Protector and policeman connected to the bushranger – Kelly, and to members of the legal profession. Businessmen are represented and sportsmen. The graves of James Oddie and Martin Hosking are in the New cemetery – well known philanthropists. The stories of women whose graves are visited are fascinating. One is said to be the first white child born in Ballarat and it is the aborigines' involvement with her, which is most interesting.

The grave of the discoverer of gold is visited and the grave of a man who gave up trying to find gold only to return to mining in a big way, after his sons found gold while "wagging" school!

These are some of the ninety graves in total, visited in the Old Cemetery and seventy visited in the New Cemetery.

Fees for the tours are \$10.00 for Adults, \$7.00 concession and this money is used to add to the collection of the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society. Resources such as Microfiche, books and computers which have preinstalled genealogical CD's, all of which are available to assist members of the Society and the public in Family History research.

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.

THE SAMSON FAMILY OF BENDIGO

In 2007 a set of 4 photographs was donated to the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society. Each had a clue or two written on the reverse.. Using those details the following information was uncovered by Joan Hunt for the BDGS Research Team. If anyone reading this knows of anyone connected with this family, please contact the Society and we will send the photographs to the family member.

Stephen Samson was born in 1782 in Norfolk. His wife Rachel was born in 1789 in St Martin-in-the Fields, Middlesex. In March 1851 they lived at 1 South Ville Cottages, Little Jack Hall Lane, Lambeth.

Their son, Thomas Samson, was born in 1825 in Surrey, died aged 69 years in Bendigo on 23 June 1894, and was buried at Kangaroo Flat. Thomas married Sarah Aslett, the daughter of John and Sarah Aslett, in 1849 in Lambeth, Surrey, In March 1851 they were living at 3A Sun Street, Newington, Surrey, but in September 1856 Sarah arrived at Melbourne on the "Rienzi" with their two infant sons, Thomas having apparently arrived in Victoria some time beforehand.



THOMAS SAMSON
Born 1825, Surrey.
Died June 1894, Bendigo

On Reverse: GrandDad Samson

The eldest child of Thomas and Sarah Samson was William Stephen Samson, born February 1851 at Newington, Surrey, who died 1901 at Bendigo aged 49 years. In 1877 he married Bertha Craig, who died aged 80 years at Bendigo in 1937. They had eight children, all born at Sandhurst, all but three of whom died in childhood. The surviving children were Bertha Elizabeth born 1877, Henrietta born 1879, and Eliza Mary in 1883.



WILLIAM S. SAMSON
Born Feb 1851 Newington.
Died 1901 Bendigo
BERTHA CRAIG born 1857
Died 1937 Bendigo

*On Reverse: Mum & Dad
Parents of William Samson
Son of Grandpa Samson*

Later children of Thomas and Sarah Samson were Henry, born 1854 at Newington, Surrey; Thomas Frederick Samson, born 1862 at Sandhurst (Bendigo); Stephen, born 1864 at Sandhurst; John, born 1867 at Sandhurst and Elizabeth "Lizzie", born 1869 at Sandhurst and died aged 21 years according to remarks on the reverse of her photograph.



ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" SAMSON
Born 1869, Sandhurst

*On Reverse: Aunty Lizzie - Sister of Louise Samson and William Samson Aunt of Bertha Samson.
Died at the age of 21*

Then in 1871 Walter Samson was born at Sandhurst followed by Harriet Louise (known as Louise), born 1873 at Sandhurst and died aged 19 years in January 1892 at Bendigo, and was buried at Kangaroo Flat



HARRIET "LOUISE" SAMSON
Born 1873, Sandhurst. Died 2 Jan 1892

*On Reverse: Aunt Louise sister of William Samson.
William the father of Bertha Samson.
Sister of Lizzie. Died at the age of 19*

The ninth and last child of Thomas and Sarah Samson was Arthur Samson, born in 1875 at Sandhurst.

CEMETERY TOUR 2008



These brave souls turned up on a day of extreme heat in March for a tour of the Ballarat Old Cemetery. Neva (on the right) is their guide.

Photo courtesy of Gayle Sellars

News from PROV
by Lauren Bourke,
Regional Archivist

**Register of Apprentices of the
City of Edinburgh 1583-1800**

**New Display at Ballarat Archives Centre:
Researching Property at PROV**

Visitors to the Ballarat Archives Centre will see a new display entitled *Property Research at the Ballarat Archives Centre*. The display highlights many of the key records that can be used to research property in the Ballarat region. Some of these include rate books, township and parish maps and mining surveys. The display is on until September 2008.

Tell us your family history and win a prize

Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) wants to hear your most interesting family history story about your Victorian ancestors - famous or infamous, well behaved or wicked, shop keepers or farmers, born and bred or immigrants tell us about their stories and the most interesting and entertaining ones will win a prize.

1st Prize Copies of PROV publications and 2 hours of one on one research advice with a PROV archivist

2nd Prize \$20 worth of photocopying from PROV

3rd Prize A copy of 'Private Lives, Public Records - Family History Resources at Public Record Office Victoria'

Submissions must be no longer than 2000 words and can be submitted by email or mail by Friday 6th June 2008. Winner will be announced Monday 30th June.

Send your submissions to:

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Regional Archivist
Ballarat Archives Centre
Level 1 State Government Offices
Cnr Doveton & Mair Streets
Ballarat VIC 3350

or email: lauren.bourke@prov.vic.gov.au



A thought for family history researchers
Genealogy without documentation is mythology
(author unknown)

[http://www.scotsfind.org/apprentice_access /
apprentice.pdf](http://www.scotsfind.org/apprentice_access/apprentice.pdf)

This website, at Scotsfind, is a compilation of four books containing many hundreds of names of persons apprenticed to merchants or craftsmen and the date on which the indenture was booked. Only burgesses and freeman could take apprentices and they were Guild brethren. It is not an exhaustive list but it covers a period of more than 200 years and mentions many places all over Scotland. It a pdf and is therefore searchable with Edit > Find, as well as being an alphabetical list of names. There is also a list of Masters grouped by occupations and a glossary to explain abbreviations and unfamiliar terms such as these.

Baxter - baker

Fermourer - farmer

Knock-maker - clock maker

Litster- dyer

Lorimer - make of ironwork for saddles etc.



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

Do you think you may need help with or advice about using our material and equipment?

Please contact our Librarian in advance so that arrangements can be made to have one of our members available to help you on the day of your visit.

CONTACT

Betty Slater - researchballarat@hotmail.com

or

PO Box 1809, Ballarat Mail Centre, Victoria 3354



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

Visitors are most welcome.

www Genie Links

Recently Linda Barroclough spoke at a Seminar held at the Genealogical Society of Victoria, about family and local history research sources for the region of Gippsland in eastern Victoria, and provided as a handout the following list of research links for those with connections to Gippsland:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/AVG/>

(This link includes book indexes and surnames under research)

<http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/AUS/AUS-VIC-GIPPSLAND.html>

(You can subscribe to this site which then links to the search archives)

<http://stratfordhs.blogspot.com/>

Stratford Historical Society

<http://www.maffra.net.au/heritage/>

Maffra heritage links

<http://gipps-heritage-park-cataloguers.blogspot.com/>

Old Gippsdown catalogue

<http://kapana.customer.netSPACE.net.au/GJournal.html>

Kapana Press

<http://kapana.customer.netSPACE.net.au/GJournal.html>

Gippsland Heritage Journal

<http://catalogue.wellington.vic.gov.au/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=web&menu=search#focus>

Wellington Library Service (search screen)

http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/page/page.asp?Page_Id=1037&h=0

Simple check of the Statford and Maffra local history collections

To email Linda for quite specific searches for a particular family in a specified place, the email address is:
kapana@netSPACE.net.au

Accessing ancestry.com at the Library

The Ballarat City Library has ancestry.com on all computer terminals in the Library building. This wonderful program costs \$7000 per year for the licence, *paid for by the Library, so available without charge to Library members*. To access the free program you must use the Icon on the Library Home Page. If you go through the inter-net to connect you will be asked to pay to view, so be sure to go through the Library's home page.

You cannot access the free program from home. *You can only use the free access in person at the Library.* The Ballarat Genealogical Society has a computer in the *Australiana Room* to be used only for Ancestry.com.

To obtain the password you must present your Membership Card to the librarian on duty. Please do not tell anyone else what this password is.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is an online research system at the North Tipperary Genealogy Centre.

It is part of the IRISH GENEALOGICAL ONLINE RECORD SEARCH SYSTEM.

You can search it at:

http://www.tipperarynorth.ie/genealogy/arts_gen_find.html

You can find Northern Ireland maps online.

Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland.

It is part of the 170 YEARS OF HISTORY, FREE TO VIEW AT **WWW.OSNI.GOV.UK**

Search through over 20,000 maps, dating back to 1835, to find family farmsteads, research forgotten locality names and see the changes made over the years to the Northern Ireland landscape.

Travel Costs from Britain in the mid 1860s

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Under this scheme people paid their own passage and were given a land order to a certain value (usually about £30), and thereby qualified for the whole of their passage money being remitted.

The Ballarat Archives Centre of Public Record Office Victoria will display a number of interesting petitions from March till September. The display coincides with the launch of the searchable database on CD prepared by the BDGS volunteers. They have indexed hundreds of petitions dated 1856-1866 from VPRS 2500/P0, which is Inwards Correspondence to Ballarat Council. The date and details of the launch will be in the next "Ballarat Link". You can view the display in the foyer, ground floor, State Government Offices, Cnr Mair and Doveton Streets, Ballarat when you visit the Ballarat Archives Centre, open to the public Mondays and Tuesdays 9.30 till 4.30pm.

RESEARCH

Magnus BLANCE married Emma Elizabeth LOWTHER; he d.1870, coroner's inquest; did Emma remarry?

Annie WALKER aka SCOTT, son Frederick 1860-1862 b. Ballarat; she d. Ballarat Mental Asylum 25 May 1896. She was born at Walled Lake, Michigan, America

Valentine CHISHOLM married Sarah GILDAY; baptisms of their children, R.C. Ballarat and Windermere, required.

Thomas Edward HOBILL (1858-1931), died Ballarat and his wife Lydia Eleanor (nee Craig), died Ballarat East 1938

William Richard Hayman Creber, architect of Creswick Town Hall, son of William Snell & Eliza CREBER, arrived on "Cheapside" 18 August 1846; Ballarat 1856-1875

Rev. Thomas Hugh INDIAN, a Methodist minister, arrived from England 1911, to Ballarat East Circuit 1917

Christina McLEAN, died 1865 at Ballarat; her husband Neil McLEAN died 1878. Buried Ballarat Old Cemetery

Thomas Brandon KNOWLES married Lavinia Ann PHILLIPS, born Ballarat East, in 1899. What is his connection to Frances Rosina STAFFORD, also born Ballarat?

Geoffrey HAYES wants to contact Sue DICKINSON as they are both researching the DICKINSON family – anyone know her contact email please?

RESEARCH QUERIES

Please contact the research team at
researchballarat@hotmail.com

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.

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

February meeting:

Tom and Libby Luke, from the Cornish Association of Bendigo and District, used a PowerPoint presentation to highlight fascinating aspects of Cornish research, starting with the fact that Cornwall is only a bit larger than the Mornington Peninsula. Tom explained that 80% of miners on the Bendigo goldfield were Cornish, and that there were more Cornish people in Australia than were in Cornwall. There are 6 million Cornish people in the world today but only 80,000 of them live in Cornwall. He told us that nine members of Australia's first parliament were Cornish, that Bob Hawke is 100% Cornish and Bob Menzies was 50% Cornish and 50% Scottish. Tom talked about well-known people who were Cornish, such as Sir Fletcher Jones, and VC winners William Dunstan and Albert Jacka. Tom and Libby showed some great images of ruined mining buildings in Cornwall, the rugged coastline and countryside with drystone walls for which Cornwall is famous, and scenes of Cornish towns and villages with abundant floral hanging baskets, including a stone house where ancestors shared by both Tom and Libby once lived. They explained the role of John Wesley and the development of Methodism which led to many chapels being built throughout the county when he preached. This was a most enjoyable, fun-filled evening, and we learned much of great interest.

March meeting:

Yvonne Izatt, from the International Settlers Group of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, reminded us of the need to do all possible homework in Australia before heading overseas to find our non-British European ancestors. She highlighted the importance of asking relatives for memories, and for records such as certificates and letters. Once the background personal work is done, then the finding of records such as naturalisation records, directories, rate books and electoral rolls can help towards finding the place of birth of your ancestors. Yvonne explained that European countries do not have birth, marriage and death indexes as do British countries, so you need to find out how to access the parish records.

She stressed the importance of learning about the history of the areas to help understand where the borders and boundaries once were and how they changed over the years. Yvonne advised working with atlases to help find the administrative districts where the appropriate records are held, and to use your knowledge of the family's religion to find church records.

Finding addresses and contacts for archives, church and parish offices and genealogical societies is important, as is the use of finding aids such as gazetteers, probate records, cemeteries and cemetery records held locally. In using records on-line, Yvonne advised noting the Source call number in FamilySearch to enable ordering of the film of records at your local LDS library. This was a most informative talk.

April meeting:

Liz Heagney, Secretary of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial at Ballarat began her presentation by showing an amazing map of the prisoner of war camps and cemeteries dotted along the Thailand-Burma railway. There are about 1800 ex-prisoners of war from World War Two aged 90-100 years of age still alive today, and Liz has talked to most of them either in person or by telephone.

Liz explained about how she compiled the full list of all Australian prisoners of war and checked her research against their service records, with help from service units and the servicemen's families across Australia. It took four years work to get the list to the stage of putting the names on the wall now situated at the entrance to the Ballarat Gardens next to Lake Wendouree. It is planned that her database of information on each person will eventually be available on a CD, and on a touch-screen at the site of the wall, with the support and encouragement of Telstra.

One very interesting aspect of Liz's talk was when she told us that Ron Walker had bought at auction, for \$32,000, an Australian flag that had flown over Changi, and which was covered with 375 signatures of prisoners of war who had been imprisoned at that infamous prison, of whom only thirteen are still alive. That flag is in the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. Liz told us several very moving stories about the men she continues to research, and appealed for information from anyone who has a story to tell, and especially a photograph to add to the information on any one person. A website she recommended is:

<http://www.australiansatwarfilmarchive.gov.au/aawfa/search/search.aspx>

Liz Heagney can be contacted at

liz@ex-powmemorial.org.au

or phone (03) 5331 3103, 7 days 10am to 4pm.

Liz Heagney,
Australian Ex-Prisoners of War, Memorial Office,
Dawson House, 15 Dawson Street south, Ballarat,
3350.

HOW DO I FIND?

PORT PHILLIP INSOLVENCIES

The following is a summary of records on Insolvency held in the Public Records Office:

Melbourne Court of Insolvency (held at Melbourne PRO):

Proceedings in Insolvent Estates 1863-1871 (VPRS 759)

Certificates of Discharge 1848-1875 (VPRS 75)

Deeds under 1871 Act (VPRS 762)

Index to Insolvencies 1834-1921 (VPRS 758)

Register of Insolvencies 1871-1915 (VPRS 757)

Register of Certificates of Discharge 1884- 1928 (VPRS 1194)

Deeds of Arrangement 1899-1928 (VPRS 766)

Liquidation Deeds 1871-1904 (VPRS 764)

Deeds of Composition 1871-1898 (VPRS 763)

Schedules under 1890 Act 1890-1916 (VPRS 765)

Ballarat Insolvency Court (held at Ballarat Branch of the PRO):

Registers 1860-1907 (VPRS 723)

Affidavits 1871-1934 (VPRS 3592)

Deeds of Insolvency 1890-1934 (VPRS 811)

Geelong Insolvency Court (held at Melbourne PRO):

Registers 1855- (VPRS 1473)

Records (VPRS 815)

home.vicnet.net.au/~pioneers/pppg5m.htm

RESEARCH IN IRELAND

www.groireland.ie

Republic of Ireland GRO, Government Offices,
Convent Road, Roscommon

www.groni.gov.uk

Northern Ireland GRO, Oxford House, 49/56
Chichester St, Belfast BT1 4HL

www.nationalarchives.ie

National Archives of Ireland, Bishop St, Dublin 8

www.proni.gov.uk

PRO of Northern Ireland (PRONI), 66 Balmoral
Avenue, Belfast BT9 6NY

www.nli.ie

National Library of Ireland, Kildare St, Dublin 2

www.presbyterianireland.org/phi

Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland, Church
House, Fisherwick Place, Belfast, BT1 6DW



EARLY MAPS OF LONDON

<http://booth.lse.ac.uk>

Philanthropist Charles Booth set out to map social deprivation in Victorian London. His poverty maps provide a detailed picture of the social conditions of every street across most of the capital.

The Online Booth Archive offers a comparison of London old and new.

USEFUL INDEXES

Mid-Kent Marriages Date range: 1754-1911
Seven registration districts: Elham, East Ashford, West Ashford, Cranbrook, Hollingbourne, Romney Marsh, Tenterden.

<http://woodchurchancestry.org.uk/>

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

Kath McDonald's "Ballarat Courier" Personal Notices

Date range: December 1878 to end February 1979

<http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au>

Scroll down front page.

Find Newsletters & Files for Downloading.
Open Ballarat Courier Personal Notices.

Note that Kath will be adding to this database regularly.

You can access the up-to-date NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX (NBI) for England and Wales at

www.findmypast.com

or

www.ffhs.org.uk

Over 13 million burials can be found on the database

Access: subscribe to FindMyPast or use the website's 'Pay-Per-View' facility

(Searchable by surname – don't need to know the county necessarily)

Details given:

Full name of the interred.

Their age at death.

The date of the burial.

Where the burial took place.



Ballarat Cemeteries CD

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

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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
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- Consolidated Schools (Ballarat District)

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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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