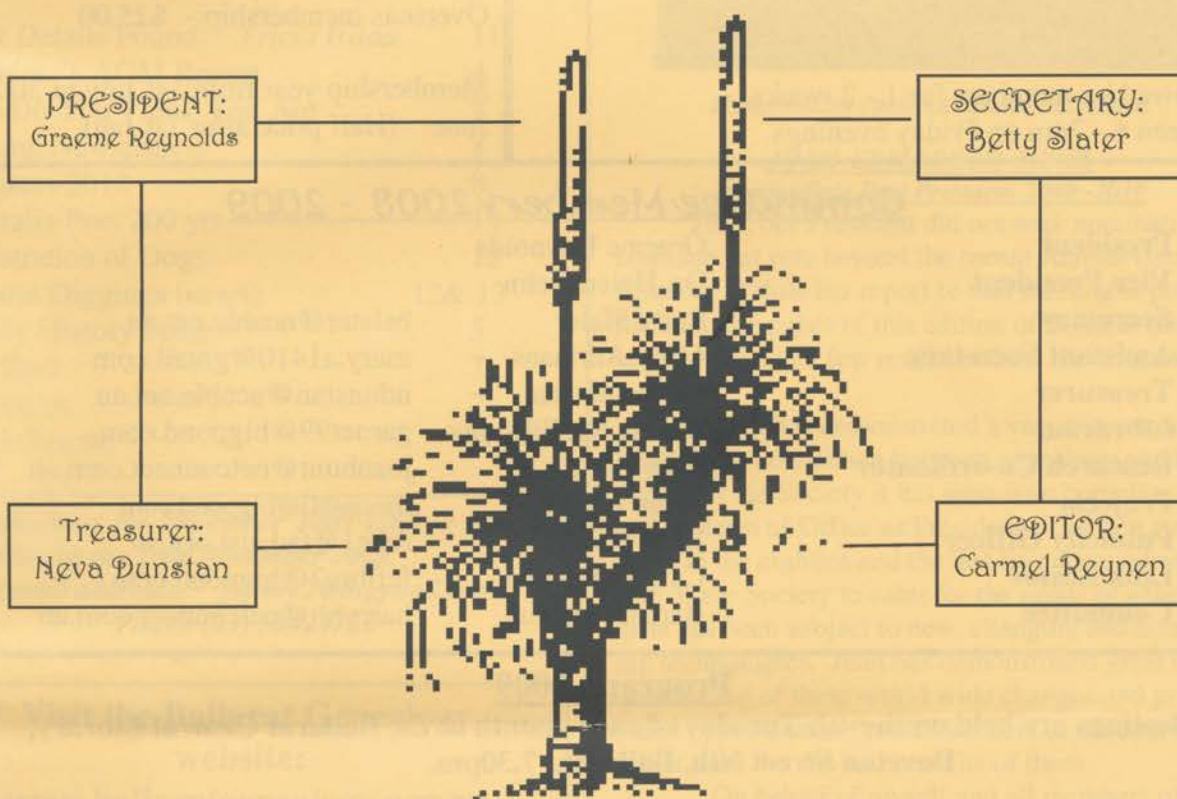


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The Society's Library is housed in the Australiana Room, Ballarat Central Library, 178 Doveton Street North, Ballarat 3350.

Australiana Room open for "members only" every Friday evening 5pm - 7pm.

Certain books from our collection can now be borrowed by members for 1 - 2 weeks, between 6 - 7pm on Friday evenings.

Membership

Single Membership:- \$25.00

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Program 2009

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

August 25th Anne Burrows - Genealogy Librarian of the State Library of Victoria
"The Helen Macpherson Smith Genealogy Centre at the State Library of Victoria".

September 22nd John Donaldson of the Narre Warren Family History Society
"Digitising Your Family History"

October 27th Betty Slater. BDGS. "Researching Your Irish Ancestors"

November 24th 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



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JOAN ELIZABETH HUNT

- Immediate Past President 2009 -2010

Joan, our President did not seek nomination to continue her role beyond the recent Annual General Meeting. While her report to that meeting is published in the pages of this edition of Ballarat Link, it is timely to add a few remarks about this remarkable person.

Joan has demonstrated a very big commitment to the connection between genealogy and history. For the Society it has seen Joan complete a second term of Office as President. The first two years in the eighties and the last five years when the role of the Society to cater for the needs of genealogists has been subject to new, changing and demanding technologies. Joan has demonstrated great understanding of these world wide changes and provided opportunities for all members to become familiar with the use and benefits of them.

On behalf of myself and all members of The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society I wish to convey to Joan our gratitude for her excellent leadership, contribution and dedication to the interests and members of our society.

Joan is widely known for her extensive roles in genealogy and history and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to further her interest and study overseas, her recent election as a Fellow of RHSV is a further very well deserved accolade.

The past five years with Joan as President has seen our society grow and prosper. Thank you for a job very well done.

Graeme Reynolds. President

Ballarat & District Genealogical Society Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR AGM 28 JULY 2009



Members and friends,

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I report to you about the activities of the Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Incorporated over the past twelve months. Our membership numbers are in excess of 200 and the Society is most fortunate in having a large number of members who provide their support in many ways.

An average of 45 people have attended our monthly meetings which is a very strong attendance. The speakers for each month have been:

July: Regional Archives Project Manager PROV on Family History Resources in the Public Record Office Victoria

August: Dennis Spielvogel President of Bungaree Historical Society: spoke about the life of his grandfather Nathan Spielvogel Ballarat's famous historian who started the Ballarat Historical Society

September: Jenny Carter from GSV and columnist on Ships Captains Crews and Passengers into Victoria

October: Gary Powell BDGS member spoke about writing and publishing his book based on a diary

November: Show and Tell and Quiz Night with special end of year supper and cake made and decorated by Betty Slater

Feb: Rosemary Allen: Researching your non-conformist ancestors in Northern England

March: Graeme Reynolds: Findin your ancestor's land records in Victoria

April: Travis Sellers President Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries: Adam Lindsay Gordon Ballarats poet his life and times

May: Joan and Betty on research: John Smith ill

June: Daniel Wilksch from PROV spoke about the PROV Wiki and demonstrated the 1891 Women's Petition signatories' biography entries.

The annual Ballarat Family History Open Day was held on the first Sunday in November 2008 with more than 100 people in attendance and many members of the Ballarat Genies providing their assistance, experience and knowledge to the many enquirers. I spoke about "What's New in Family History Researching" and Betty Slater gave a talk on "Researching Your Irish Ancestors".

The website of the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society has an amazing number of valuable links to many databases, indexes, lists, articles, interest groups, and research agencies, thanks to our wonderful Webmaster Daryl Povey, to whom we are indebted for his generous provision of one of the best online research sites in Australia.

The Research Team of Jenny Burrell, Helen Dehn, Neva Dunstan, Joan Hunt, Kath McDonald, Rene Rawson and Betty Slater has had an extraordinarily busy year responding to enquiries which provided an income to the Society of \$2735. The research service is offered to members at a cost of \$10 per hour, and to non-members for \$20 per hour, and is accessible through researchballarat@hotmail.com.

Projects undertaken over the past twelve months have included the indexing of Ballarat Divorces 1890-1924 (VPRS 552/P0) which are now listed on our webpage and can be viewed at the Ballarat Archives Centre PROV; the creation of a database of residence and cultivation licences (VPRS 1382/P0) held at the Ballarat Archives Centre soon to be available on the BDGS webpage. Still continuing and nearing completion are the indexing of Ballarat East rate books 1871-1882 (VPRS 7258/P0), and the creation on the BDGS webpage of researched biographies of the 1200 Ballarat women who signed the 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition. Very special thanks must go to our volunteers who do the indexing at BAC, especially Meryl Rowse, Gill McLaughlin, Helen McLaughlin, Helen Mollison, Mary Adriaans, and Janette McGillivray, and also Greta Bain who has now retired and is moving to Melbourne (but our warm thanks go with her). Kath McDonald provides an excellent index of personal notices appearing in the Ballarat "Courier" 1877-1878-1879, Marilyn Miller creates a similar index to personal notices of the 1970s, and dozens of members have been working on the 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition. We thank them one and all, as without their generously given time and expertise we would not have easy access to all those records.

"Ballarat Link", the quarterly magazine of the Society, is distributed to members and is exchanged with a number of other genealogical/historical groups. It is a 16 page, A4 sized publication with regular features which include useful web sites, newspaper article reprints, research queries and help wanted, and a variety of feature articles from within and outside the Society. For the past five years "Ballarat Link" has been edited by Helen Fox who is retiring at this meeting. Our warmest thanks are extended to Helen for a great job, creating a magazine of which all members can be proud. The preparation for mailing and maintenance of membership and mailing lists are in the capable hands of Tricia Hilder and Jenny Colvin and we are very grateful for their continuing generosity in taking on those tasks.

A Cemetery Tours of both the Old and New Ballarat Cemeteries are conducted by members of BDGS under the guidance of the Convenor Neva Dunstan, and have also been a great fund-raiser. To those guides, on behalf of everyone who has enjoyed the well-researched commentaries, we extend our gratitude.

Members have staffed information stalls at various expos held at Stawell and Beaufort and the Ballarat Heritage Weekend, while Joan and Betty have given a number of talks to various organisations in and around Ballarat. Joan and Neva represented the Society at the Country Groups meeting at the Genealogical Society of Victoria. Many of the BDGS activities have been very successfully attended due to the excellent job done by Rene Rawson in advertising them through the various media outlets.

At the end of the 2008-2009 year we have three Committee members retiring. Helen Fox I have already thanked, Marie Murnane is completing several years' services as our librarian for which I now extend the gratitude of all members, and I am becoming the Immediate Past President after five years as President. Working with the committee members of the Ballarat Genies has been the greatest of fun and pleasure, and I have really enjoyed everyone's willingness to share their expertise and knowledge. They are the most supportive and helpful group I have ever had the joy of team-working with and I know they will continue to do great things for the Society. Since Gary and I moved into our apartment at the rear of Her Majesty's Theatre the committee has met at our place and have tried our very best to conduct the business of the Society to the best advantage of all members. I want to name all those on the committee and assure you, the general members, that each and every one of them has gone well beyond the call of duty in giving consideration to and providing the facilities of what must be one of the best family history groups in Victoria. So thank you very much to vice-president Graeme Reynolds, secretary Betty Slater, assistant secretary Mary Adriaans, treasurer Neva Dunstan, editor Helen Fox, librarian Marie Murnane, publicity office Rene Rawson, and committee members Barb Harris and Janette McGillivray.

I thank you for a very satisfying and immensely enjoyable five years as President of the Ballarat and District Genealogical Society.

Thank you.

Joan E. Hunt, President, Ballarat & District Genealogical Society Inc.

BDGS incoming committee for 2009-1010

Family History Feast 2009

President: Graeme Reynolds

Immediate Past President: Joan Hunt

Vict-President: Dr Helen Dehn

Secretary: Betty Slater

Treasurer: Neva Dunstan

Committee:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Assistant Secretary: | Mary Adriaans |
| 2. Librarian: | Janette McGillivray |
| 3. Publicity: | Rene Rawson |
| 4. Projects: | Trina Jones |
| 5. Editor "Link" | Carmel Reynen |
| 6 | Barb Harris |

Retiring Committee Members:-

Marie Murnane - Librarian

Helen Fox - Editor "Link"

Thankyou to those who have worked tirelessly to make BDGS the success it is.

National Family History Week 2009 started off well for the Ballarat and District Genealogical Society. At first it was believed numbers were right down from last year but we later discovered that the Library was opened and people were coming in through the main entrance and were seeking assistance in the Australian room.

The talks were very well presented with a full room of people attending to find out what ways there were to be able to publish family information and get your family involved or at least interested in their family history.

Talks were presented for Online publishing, Self publishing and publishing through online publishers as well as ideas for holding a family reunion.

More information to be published in the next edition of Ballarat Link.

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

PROV Version of Wikipedia

A talk by Daniel Wilksch – 23 June 2009

Using the PROV website to explain how PROV's version of Wikipedia works, Daniel first of all ran us through online catalogues, indexes, exhibitions etc. to familiarise people with the site. The genealogical 'boom' was said to have begun during the 1970s but the archival system was hard for many people to use, so once the Internet was up and running, a lot of indexes had to be compiled to generate wider use of the wealth of data held.

The pace of technological development has made it easy now, to publish material previously not in the public domain, and this is what Web-2 is all about. Sites such as Facebook, You-Tube, and the versatility of mobile phones are all bundled together as a kind of second-tier Internet that enables conversation between individuals, and this is known as Web-2. Daniel demonstrated Web-2 by using the 1891 Women's Suffrage petition. This petition has been loaded onto the PROV website using Web-2 technology in a similar form to Wikipedia, which is an online encyclopaedia. People can correct errors in this encyclopaedia, or contribute additional information, although it is preferred that such information is sourced. Using the same format, people can also correct errors and/or add information to the names of women listed on the Suffrage petition.

The Suffrage petition is part of PROV's holdings so there is awareness of potentially sensitive information being published and the possibility of copyrights being contested, but copyright has become an increasingly difficult (and expensive) to prove and with Web-2 technology it could also be held to interfere with free speech.

Daniel demonstrated what could be done using a name supplied by Joan Hunt. He showed how to create a blank page for a petitioner that could be edited by visitors to it, how to add information, make changes, and how to upload a photograph. Images are also subject to copyright, which is easier to prove than ownership of a 'conversation', but in this context uploaded images are usually family photographs and copyright is attributed to whoever put the photograph up there, so the issue of ownership is not likely to arise.

You can also link to other websites through Hyperlink, but for most of us, it will be enough to explore what can be done with the names already on the petition and we are indebted to Daniel for giving us this overview.

Helen Dehn

Getting Back to Basics And The Australiana Room

April 2009

Joan Hunt and Betty Slater

Our President Joan Hunt, and Secretary Betty Slater gave a presentation on 'Family History Research' and informed members on the many types of resources Available.

Joan Hunt commenced going back to basics with always starting with yourself and Working back.

Obtain certificates where needed, as they contain much information

Always read these certificates, and remember to prove all information on them.

Look at all sources for research including, the Public Record Office, Cemetery Records, Church records, Local history societies, and Electrol Rolls.

The Ballarat Genealogy Website contains many useful links.

Joan also discussed obtaining certificates from England, explaining the websites,

And how to find and apply for these certificates.

Betty Slater informed all members of the resources available in the Australiana Room

At the Ballarat Library, and explained that Ancestry.com is available free to all members at the library.

There is a very extensive range of books, microfiche, CD'S and newspapers from very early dates and from all States in Australia.

We are very fortunate to have all these resources available to us, and these are being

Updated all the time.

There are also help sessions available to members on Friday evenings following our

Tuesday night meetings.

These are very popular and cover specific areas of research that members need more Information on.

Joan and Betty provided us with some very interest-

Did you know that Ancestry.com has just released the indexes to criminal records in England? England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892 these include the records of those who were transported and come in a form of photographs of the original books.

Vic Heritage
Anne Levens-
JULY 2009

Ann provides services for family history research, and gave a very interesting and informative talk on the latest projects being done on Victorian Birth, Death and Marriage records.

Anne and her group of volunteers have been looking at Early church Records, which contain a great source of information not included before on any other records previously available for research. This New information includes the place of the event, and much more, which will be included on a new release DVD.

Information will also be included on early baptisms, for which no birth was ever registered.

The Victorian Early Church records index will also contain information on the Churches which the information was gathered from, including photos of the church and the many Ministers who gathered the records.

Work is also being done on the Victorian Burial Index, and due to the large amount of work that has to be done, Ann explained that this index is a long Way from release.

Ann's volunteers have been travelling all over the country gathering information For this index.

The Australian Army War Dead is another very large project being undertaken.

This index will include the names, and as many photos as possible, of all Australians who lost their life as a result of war.

All wars have been included in this index.

These Indexes will be of great interest to all of us researching our family history,

And we eagerly await the completion of these projects.

Barb Harris.

Odd Spot

The Warrenheip and Gordons Railway, a few particulars relative to which appear in another column will be opened today. A special train will leave **Ballarat** for Gordons at half past 11 am returning at 6 pm, in time to catch the last up-train from **Ballarat** to Melbourne. Passengers will change carriages at Warrenheip. A banquet in celebration of the event will be given at Gordons. Ministers have been invited to attend but owing to pressure of business in the departments, Mr Lalor will in all probability be the only member of the Government present.

The Argus Wednesday 7 May 1879

**Passing of Bill Wright
and Robert William Bell**

It is with regret that we note the passing of two of our members, Bill Wright of Geraldton W.A. and Robert Bell who has been a very active and helpful member of our society.

Robert has held the position of Librarian, conducted Cemetery Tours, given interesting talks as our guest speaker, driven us on bus tours to GSV and SLV in Melbourne. He also was an instructor of Genealogy and Family History at BRACE and referred many of his pupils onto the Society as members, the most notable being Edwina Shooter who became our librarian. Robert William Bell's expertise and humour will be missed by those of us who appreciated his many talents.

Betty L Slater. Secretary

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE
T.V. Series returns

Many people today are researching their genealogy due to the popularity of the SBS Program 'Who Do You Think You Are' where celebrities are taken on a journey to trace their family history. For those of us who have been taking this journey for many years, we have been able to enjoy the program and still be able to pick up a hint or two.

Well SBS are about to launch the Australian Series Two and the 6 episodes are:

- Tough, straight-talking footy legend **Ron Barassi** embarks on a journey into his ancestry and discovers a heart-rending tale of violence, tragedy and redemption.
- Film and TV actress **Sigrid Thornton** plays detective, uncovering an epic tale of dark deeds and the life of an ancestor that was stranger than fiction.
- Film and TV actor **Ben Mendelsohn** sets out to find if he really is related to the famous composer Felix Mendelssohn.
- Celebrity cook **Maggie Beer** discovers a larger than life convict bigamist, with a penchant for telling very tall tales.
- Singer **Christine Anu** takes a deeply emotional journey through her family's past, revealing a rich and surprising history.
- Rock star and activist **John Butler** is searching for his heritage, hoping to find poets, musicians and revolutionaries.

So mark your calendars for 27 Sept 2009, 7.30pm
SBS 1 check out <http://ow.lv/iYR5>

MISSING NEWSPAPERS A National Search!

The National Library is running a public campaign to find newspapers that are missing from Australian libraries' collections. The program is called Search and Rescue.

If you check the Australian Newspaper Plan website you will find that there are several early Victorian newspapers that do not appear to be held in any library collections. It would be great to locate copies of these newspapers. The Search and Rescue campaign is aimed at enlisting the public's help with finding newspapers which are missing from Australian libraries' collections as well as generally raising awareness of the role of libraries in collecting, preserving and providing access to Australian newspapers. It is an initiative of the Australian Newspaper Plan (www.nla.gov.au/anplan), involving the national, state and territory libraries. The National Library of Australia has recently reinvigorated this campaign with a media release and the distribution of publicity materials (<http://www.nla.gov.au/pressrel/>).

The specific Victorian Newspapers which the NLA is looking for are as follows:

Bendigo Advertiser, 1853-1856

English and Chinese Advertiser Ballarat, 1856-1858?

South Bourke and Mornington Journal, 1921-1922

The Newspaper Librarian State Library Victoria



For those who have not yet used this resource or know about it Newspapers are being scanned and are accessible on line through

<http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

An example of what can be found is

BIRTHS.

On the 22nd ult., at Paddington, Sydney, Mrs. W. F. M'Carthy, of a daughter.

On the 25th ult., at Powlett-street, East Melbourne, the wife of Mr. H. Clutterbuck, of a son.

On the 28th ult., at the Main-road, Ballarat, the wife of Mr. A. E. Cohen, of a son. Both doing well.

On the 29th ult., at St. Kilda, Mrs. H. E. Davies, of a daughter.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848-1954) Sat 1 Oct 1859
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The 13th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry

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HOW DO I FIND?

HELPFUL WEBSITES ONLINE

Web sites for genealogists, an Australian gateway site for family history and genealogical research. Over 1600 categorised links with descriptions.

<http://www.coraweb.com.au>

Cora Num has set up a very simple links page to take you to the sites

Did you know that Ancestry.com has just released the indexes to criminal records in England? England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892 these include the records of those who were transported and come in a form of photographs of the original books.

Ballarat Divorces

www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au

An index to divorces

housed at

PROV – Ballarat Archives Centre

Index created by BDGS volunteers

Research Queries

Joseph LIDDELL (1844-1910) born Northumberland; mar. Mary (CALVERT) – lived Springdallah. Son Joseph Watson LIDDELL mar. Adelaide (BEAUPEUT) in 1894. Relationship to John LIDDELL hotelkeeper of Piggoreet?

RESEARCH QUERIES

Thomas **AUBREY** m. Mary (**RAINBOW**); arr. 1853 on 'James Brown'; chn born Pleasant Creek; settled at Buninyong; Thomas d. 1877; Mary d. 1895.

David **HILL** m. Emma (**SEAMER**) 1900; son of John **Hill** (foundry employee) & Jane (**Gordon**), born Glasgow 1866; came to Ballarat after 1884; to Melbourne by 1900.

John **WEBB** (born 1836 Battersea England) m. Ann **CRAWLEY** 1858 St Paul's C.E. Ballarat; lived Ballarat 1858 to at least 1871.

Edward **CLIFTON**, blacksmith of Buninyong d. 1893 and wife Christina d. 1891. Her stepdaughter Emily Isabella **Harvey** d. 1882 aged 15 years.

Arthur **ROUSE**, b. Tasmania, raised in orphanage, married Sarah Jane (**SLATER**) in Ballarat district; when did he arrive in Victoria; any photographs?

Samuel **SYNNOTT** – Ballarat East Petty Sessions 1898-1899, and Edward **SYNOT** – Ballarat East Petty Sessions 1910-1916

John **MUNRO** mar. Catherine (**McINTOSH**); daughter Catherine Ann born Ballarat mar. Robert **CRAY** on 2 June 1891; moved to Toowoomba.

John **McGEACHIN** b. Scotland m. Mary (**WILSON**) arr. Sep 1853 on "Bankers Daughter" with 8 children; son Hugh m. Jane (**McINDOE**); dau Mary m. Duncan **MATHESON** – family of Scarsdale

Abraham **LEVY** mar. Minnie (**GOLDREICH**); son Joseph mar. Rose (**HERMAN**); Rev. (Rabbi) Israel Morris **GOLDREICH** mar. Priscilla (**LEVY**) – family of Ballarat; members buried Ballarat New Cemetery

Samuel **WISE** b 31 Dec 1859 at Cobblers (Sebastopol), son of John and Elizabeth; marr. Fanny (**FOX**) in Ballarat 9 Apr 1891; lived at Magpie 1894. Where did they go?

Mary Anne **MUSK** b.1868 Ballan, dau of Charles **MUSK** b. Sussex, and Margaret (**HALES**) b. Cork Ireland, living Bradshaws Creek near Ballan.

Ernest & Mary Gertrude **WHITEHOUSE** were divorced at Ballarat in 1917; Ernest died 1968 and left Will – probate and divorce records wanted (VPRS 552 for Ballarat divorces indexed by BDGS volunteers).

George Alfred **HARRISON** b. 1839 Plenty; lived many years Ballarat; 2nd marr. To Mary Ann Emma (**GARRARD**); had about 17 chn from two marriages; in 1896 was at Webster Street, Ballarat.

George Henry **SMITH** mar. Emma (**KEYS**) of Happy Valley; son Alfred John **SMITH** mar. Ada **WATSON**, dau of Richard & Mary **WATSON** of Cherry Tree Flat, dairy farmers. Mary **WATSON** (nee **LIVINGSTONE**) arr. April 1863 on "Matilda Atheling" – Assisted passengers.

Johanna **FEEHAN** and Mary Ann **FEEHAN**, daughters of Timothy **FEEHAN** & Mary (**HONNER**), died in 1930s at Ballarat: burial details required.

Wilhelm & Otilie **PAULIG** arr. 1859: **PAULIG** family lived Ballarat at least prior to abt 1883; then W.A., then Ballarat again 1903-1920; **CRICK** connection?

John Stevenson **ARMSTRONG** marr. Charlotte Elizabeth (**HEANEY**); 11 children, eldest John Henry **ARMSTRONG** b. 1873 Cambrian Hill; Family lived Ballarat from abt 1890s.

William **LUKE** 1837-1879, son of Samuel **LUKE** and Mary (**WAKEHAM**), brother of James, Joseph, Thomas and Samuel jnr, married Mary (**HUME**) and had 7 children at Ballarat and Ross Creek.

William **CORBETT**, b. Coventry abt 1800; Tasmanian convict free 1831; bd. Ballarat Old Cem. 1860 – no record of death in 1860. Is he husband of Honora **Duffy**: child William born Ballarat 1858?

Edment **ROONEY** (1871-1923) son of James and Mary Ellen (nee **BRENNAN**) of Howard St and Crompton Sts, Ballarat; James **Rooney** d. 1896 Ballarat Hospital

Robert **BELL** b. Antrim Ireland (1833-1895) & Mary (**ALLEN**) (1839-1929); Mayor of Scarsdale 1870s; son Alexander **BELL** b. 1866 Scarsdale d. 1930 Raglan St sth, Ballarat; dau. Annie Brown (**BELL**) m. Thomas **GRIBBLE**

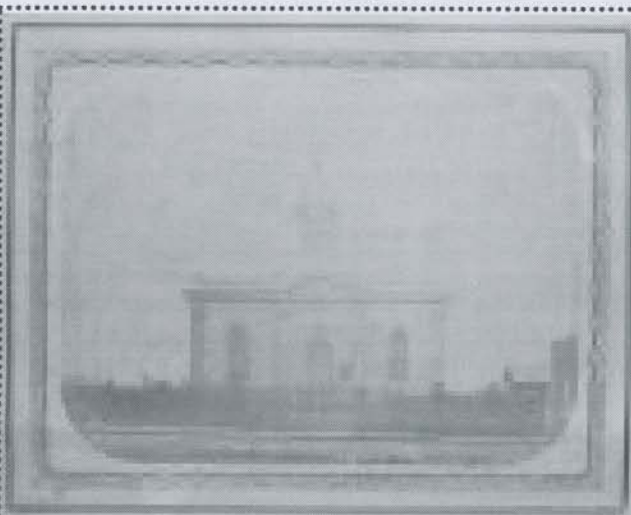
John **GARGAN** (1841-1905) Ballarat hotelkeeper mar. Bridget (**CLARKE**) (1844-1920); large family born Ballarat/Scarsdale. Son William (1875-1919) mar. Rosanna Jessie **JENKINS** whose dau Irene Joan **GARGAN** mar. Donald Archibald **FORBES**

William and Margaret **HALE** lived at 33 Errard Street; current location of house number wanted (appear to be William Charles Hale and Margaret Dalziel Hale of 324 Errard Street in 1913): number change 1906-7.

HELP WANTED

Members are entitled to 1 free entry per year. Please quote Membership Number. Member additional queries and Non Member queries may be submitted at a cost of \$10.00 per entry. This will cover a query of up to 140 words in length. (Approx 13 x A4 lines of print)

GRAY Francis b.c 1808 Con, England., d. Eaglehawke, m **AUST** Sarah b. 1824 Wilts, Eng. d. Broken Hill. Ch. Elizabeth J. b 1843 Wilts. M. **CHENEY** b Wales. Mary Ann b and d 1847 Eng. Alford/Alfred b. 1849 Yks, Eng. Mary Ann b. 1852 Cul, Eng. m. **COOK** b Wales. Francis Edmund b, 1855 Fl. Eng. m. **HUNTER** b. Ballarat. Eleanor/Ellen b. 1858 Cul. Eng. James b. 1860 Cul. Eng. William George b. 1862 Cul Eng. d 1895 bur Eaglehawke. Maria b. 1867 The Loddon, d. 1869 Bendigo. Any information on above family welcome, particularly Eleanor/Ellen **GRAY**. The family immigrated to Victoria aboard "Queen of the South" Aug, 1863. They lived from Ballarat to Bendigo, then spread to Tas, Vic, NSW, and Qld. Any info to heatherburdett@bigpond.com or 8 Albert St., Seacliff Park, SA 5049, or 08 83774674.



Does Any One Have Information For This Location?

This is an image of a little church in Ballarat is said to be the Presbyterian Church in Sturt Street. The photograph was in a collection called "Views of Ballarat 1861".

Photographer : Solomon and Bardwell Ballarat

Inscribed in Ink on mount below Image

St Andrews Church Ballarat

Sturt Street Ballarat

Anne Levens Anne.Levens@justice.vic.gov.au

Who are the Genealogists of Australia? University of New England

As part of a Masters Program at the University of New England, a survey is to be launched this year to learn about the motivations of genealogists, how they conduct their research, their interests and who they are.

This research will provide the first comprehensive overview of genealogical research in Australia and will assist in promoting and supporting the work of genealogists.

The survey will be conducted on-line through a specifically designed website over a period of four months – from the beginning of August 2009. Your support is needed to ensure that as many Australian genealogists as possible will take the opportunity to participate in the important initiative.

The project website can be found at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ausgensurvey/>

Results will be published on this website after the survey has concluded.

Lalekna@une.edu.au

Photo Rescue

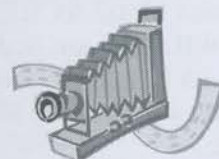
I have often bought photos in Ballarat, but they are not often from Ballarat. There seems to be one in the list which is labelled on the back "23/94 c1906 Ballarat "(1) & 1.36 B Gabriel" Studio portrait of a woman aged about 30.

Purchased Ascot Vale, Vic

Whether that is B Gabriel, or just Gabriel it is not known but hoping the name may ring bells for someone.

Lenore Frost

<http://members.optushome.com.au/lenorefrost/photorescue.html>



Registry of Birth Deaths and Marriages

Fee Increase

From 1 July 2009 some Registry fees increased, including the fee for an Historical Certificate which changed from \$25.80 to \$26.60.

There was no increase to historical index search fees, purchasing uncertified images, or historical CD or DVD ROM products.

An updated list of fees for products and services is available at www.bdm.vic.gov.au

If you have questions regarding the new fees or to enquire about the Registry's services, please contact us online.

Bank Details Found

My great-grandfather was Michael Flynn of Tullynure, County Sligo, Ireland. His parents were Edward Flynn and Cecilia Mullany. After Edward's death Cecilia married Daniel McNiff and subsequently migrated with him to New York. Although I am lucky enough to have access to some old family letters, including two written by my Irish great, great grandmother Cecilia in New York, it was difficult to know who was who in the letters. Many names were mentioned but I couldn't tell which ones were Flynns (and therefore related to me) and which ones were McNiffs.

Imagine my delight when a distant cousin, Jeff Davis, found the following on Ancestry.com.

Details required for Daniel McNiff to open a Bankaccount in the name of his son Peter McNiff.

Daniel McNiff

Occupation: Labourer

Residence: Water St. No 452

Native of Gowlaun(revagh) County Leitrim Ireland

Arrived New York February 12, 1851 per ship *Jacob R Westerveldt* from Liverpool. Parents deceased. Father James, Mother Bridget Gallagher.

Two brothers in England - John and James,

Five sisters in Ireland - Bridget, Margaret, Mary, Kitty and Biddy.

Married in Ireland to Cecily Mullany

Five children - John, Peter, James, Mary and Ann

She is native of Garr.....(?) Parish of Kilmactranny, County Sligo, Ireland

Arrived with husband.

Parents deceased. Father - Michael Mullany. Mother - Bridget Clin(?ton)

1 brother Peter in Ireland; 2 sisters Betsy and Nancy in Ireland



Cecilia McNiff, formerly Flynn, née Mullany, photographed in New York, USA

About New York Emigrant Savings Bank, 1850-1883

The Emigrant Savings Bank in the U.S. was established in 1850 by members of the Irish Emigrant Society. The bank ended up serving thousands of Irish immigrants who fled to America following the infamous Potato Famine. The bank kept many volumes of records including an Index Book; a Test Book; a Transfer, Signature, and Test Book; and a Deposit-Account Ledger. This database is an index to these records providing the given name and surname of the depositor, their account number, account date, and year and place of birth, if given. In addition, each indexed individual is linked to the image on which they appear where more information may be available. Reference: Ancestry.com

So even if your ancestor has a common name like Mick Flynn, there are all sorts of wonderful records out there waiting for you.

Note: All of the details listed by the Bank were abbreviated and it has taken me a long time to make sense of them.

Article submitted by Tricia Hilder

Australia Post Celebrating 200yrs

Since 1788, the letters of our nation have carried the thoughts, feelings and aspirations of Australia and Australians.

Now the letters of a Nation project is extracting these letters from desks, cupboards and files all over the country and bringing them together in an interactive timeline and archive.

So if you have an interesting, moving or historically significant letter, we'd love to share it with the nation.

You can view the complete Archive of all letter submissions so far.

Get involved and become part of Australian history.

Submit letters

<https://200years.auspost.com.au/#/bicentenary/loan>

Registration of Dogs

As the dog Act has been extended to this District, the following abstract, from the Bendigo advertiser, of those provision of it which is a desirable for the public to know, will be found useful, it will be observed that all dogs must be registered under a penalty.

It inflicts a penalty of not less than ten shillings, nor more than twenty shillings, on the owners or keepers of dogs not registered.

It inflicts the penalty of death on all dogs found not registered, or without having a collar round its neck, and bestows a reward of two shillings and sixpence per head to the person so seizing and destroying the same, provided always that he cuts off the tail of every such dog, and produces them before a Police Magistrate of Justice of the petty sessions.

It provides that all mastiffs, or bill-dogs, or mongrel of either of the same, in addition to the collar, must have a muzzle securely fixed upon the mouth to prevent the same from biting or injuring any person or property; if found without the dog may be killed.

It inflicts a penalty of not less than twenty shillings, nor more than five pounds, on the owners or keepers of any dog rushing at or attacking any person, or horse, or bullock, over and above the amount of any damage which such dog may have occasioned.

It enacts, as proof of ownership in prosecutions under this act that every dog shall be taken to be kept by the person who shall be in the actual occupation of the house or premises upon which such dog shall be found, whether kept for his own use or that of another, provided that with respect to any kept or used by a servant, the same shall be deemed to be kept by his master or employer for the time being. It exempts all dogs actually employed in driving sheep or cattle, and all dogs passing through town and district accompanying carts, drays, or other carriages, if chained or otherwise securely fastened thereto or muzzled, unless such dog shall be usually kept in such town or district.

It inflicts a penalty of not less than ten shillings, nor more than twenty, on police constables for every such dog within their several divisions, or wards, not being duly registered, which they fail to report to the police magistrate or justice of the Petty Sessions.



It inflicts the same penalty on constables neglecting to destroy every dog they find at large contrary to the provisions of the Act..

Appeals will lie where the penalty exceeds the sum of five pounds.

It also enacts that in the construction of this Act the word dog shall be understood to apply to female dogs as well as to males.

The following are the fees to be charged on the registration:-

For one dog, if only one be kept -
1s.0d

For each dog, if two only be kept -
2s.0d.

For each dog, if three only be kept -

2s.6d.

For each dog above three -

5s.0d

The Star, Ballarat Tuesday, July 29, 1856



This story found on NLA Beta website. Please forgive the words not quite there as the print quality was very poor. It does not take away the wonderful picture this writer portrays.

BALLARAT DIGGINGS

(From the Correspondent of the Geelong Advertiser)
The Argus Saturday 13 September 1851

Henceforth – Ballarat Diggings will be the designation by which our gold field will be known. A few brief days has peopled the locality with a hundred and twenty diggers – a number increasing everyday. Tents and huts now stretch along the margin of the Buninyong gully, in numbers sufficient to constitute a small town. The change in the whole spirit of things here is astounding, and more resembles a dream than actuality. It is a feeble community all legislation coming from the commonwealth and all disputes, (of which, happily, there are but few, and those few of the most trivial character,) are referred to the body in public meeting assembled to be decided upon. As an instance in point, a public meeting was called on Monday evening to confirm the acts of the digger, and to adjudicate upon certain claims put forward by new arrivals. When the original diggers and their immediate followers first sat down on the “Ballarat,” they spread themselves along the hills and banks of the creek, dividing themselves into two large parties, separated by a space extending some quarter of a mile, as yet is a considerable extent



unoccupied. There is ample space to accommodate hundreds higher up the Buninyong gully and through the ranges, skirting the Leigh for miles; but new arrivals wish to warp in as nearly as possible to the established diggers; to obviate which, and to prevent future misunderstanding, the meeting was called, and it was resolved that ten feet frontage be allotted to each man; and in reply to an application from some parties from the Pyrenees, who applied for river frontage in a particular spot, they were informed that it was occupied, but that parties in occupation would allow them a transit over it until actually worked. And Further, as two parallel lines are now forming, that a right of way of fifteen feet be marked out between the two lines of claims, with these restrictions – all new hands to come and choose where they pleased. So much for our Legislation.

Esmonds has arrived from the Clunes, and Kavanagh's party from the same place. Arrivals are frequent from all parts, and one man assured me today, that gold had been discovered in great quantities at Mount Cole; and another man showed to me two pieces of gold which he said he found on the Colliban, at Clowe's station.

At "Our own diggings," I have to report the discovery of three nuggets, which I have just seen weighed. The first piece weighed 371 grains, the second 106 ½ grains, the third 136 grains; and I have seen others on –the ground fully equaling them. These specimens are purchased and forwarded to Messrs Johnson Rae & Co., in Melbourne.

Whilst perambulating the 'diggings' yesterday, Mr. Cooper showed me a piece of quartz from about four feet below the surface thickly incrustated with ferruginous earth, in which were eighty to a hundred pieces of gold. Particles of the cleavage, were thickly studded with ? sized pieces; of the kind. It is the most bountiful specimen I have yet seen.

There is of course a great difference to the success of the parties working, but many are successful. Messrs Day and Gurllet's party are netting two and a quarter ounces per day; Cannon's party five ounces per day; another party and ounce and a half per man, where an ounce per day: one party only half an ounce between three; Binder's party an ounce and a half per man: a party of three an ounce per man per day. The 'mutual ?' of seven, an ounce and a half per man per day; Shipman's party a quarter of an ounce each; Richard and wildson's party three quarters of an ounce each per diem; a party of ? two ounces per day: a party of five one ounce per day: ditto one ounce: Furby and ? one ounce and a half per day: Ten Tuff? And his uncle half an ounce per day: C?g and Rogan half an ounce per day.

**Visit the Ballarat Genealogy website:-
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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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Cont:-

Two parties were experiencing right up the Ballarat, previously to ??? and their workings showed a ?
*We have seen three "nuggets" alluded to, and their appearance is so far that we can conscientiously recommend come to these most afflicted with the yellow fever, that they do not leave for the Turns just at present. _ Ed.A.

Welcome to



Beverley McCusker of Ballarat
Gloria Brown of Cardigan Village
Mary Anne Martin of Canadian Lake
Janette Baxter of Ballarat
Lyn Godwin of Wendouree
Bette Taylor of Wendouree
Jennifer Volkman of Wendouree
Maretta Valpied of Wendouree
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For a modest donation the B&DGS research team would take digital photos of headstones on request.

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1 and 2 hour tours available.

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