

BALLARAT LINK

November 2011

Issue No. 171

ballaratgenealogy.org.au



Photo Left

The railway line under snow on Christmas day, 1901. The Eureka Stockade is on the left, behind the houses. Museum Victoria Collection

READ ABOUT INSIDE THIS ISSUE

JOAN & GARY HUNT BLOG

Neva Dunstan has travelled to UK to carry out some research with Joan, read about her remarkable discoveries.

Continued on Page 8

TROVE

Bill Johnson and Shirley Pritchard make some great discoveries. Read about what they found and discover how Trove may be able to help you

Continued on Page 5

WE ARE ON TWITTER

A Story from one of our Twitter followers. She is now living in Canada but has family ties in Ballarat.

Continued on Page 11



Joan & Neva at Stockton Locks at the Blue Lias pub



follow us on
twitter



Did you know that the electoral rolls now go to 1980 on Ancestry.com? This is available at the Library for free.



THE BALLARAT COURIER CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT DECEMBER 14 1904.



SEND FOR PATTERNS

OF OUR

50s. Suit.

A Marvel of Durability and Cheapness!

The place where you can get a good quality well made, best lined and trimmed, and well fitting Suit of Clothes, at a Moderate Cost, is

C. W. HARRISON'S,

Tailor, Hosiery, Hatter,
— 118 STURT STREET, BALLARAT.

Direct Importer of the Latest Novelties in Tailoring, Men's Hosiery, Shirts, Hats, Ties, Gloves.

NO FIT, NO PAY. * A TRIAL SOLICITED.

SPECIAL—Our 50s. Suit is a Marvel of Cheapness. Best Value in Victoria.



DAVIES-FRANKLIN

Motor Cycles hold

ALL AUSTRALIAN RECORDS.

Also the following engine record—“Every time a Davies-Franklin has started in a Motor Race a Davies-Franklin has won!”

Thus proving that we are miles ahead of all our competitors in the Motor business.

DON'T FORGET.

All the principal Motor Cycle Races held in Victoria have been won on DAVIES-FRANKLIN'S, including the Great A.S.A. Motor Race.

DAVIES-FRANKLIN "Featherweight" Motor Cycle. Weight—55 lbs.

Prices from £35.—Cash or Terms.

Our FAMOUS DAVIES-FRANKLIN Cycles from £10 to £25. Cash or Easy Terms.

The Davies-Franklin Cycle Co., Limited,
22 STURT STREET, BALLARAT.

The Largest Manufacturer of Cycles and Motors in Australia.



Photo taken by Deano G. See his photos on flickr

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ABN 40 041 783 788 ISSN 0819-7199 A0022692F

P.O BOX 1809
Ballarat Mail Centre
Victoria 3354 Australia

Published February,
May, August and
November

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2011

President	Graeme Reynolds	Librarian	Bill Johnson
Secretary	Stewart Masters	Publicity Officer	Rene Rawson
Treasurer	Neva Dunstan	Research	Betty Slater
Link Editor	Carmel Reynen	Project Officer	Ben Schueddekopf

MEMBERSHIP

Single Membership: \$25.00
Family Membership: \$35.00
Overseas Membership: \$25.00

Membership year from 1 July to 30 June
(half price after 1 Jan)

Visitors are most welcome to meetings held at the Ballarat Library in Doveton Street on the 4th Tuesday of each month. No meeting December or January.
Join us on Facebook and or Twitter to find out who our guest speakers are for each meeting

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.



Bakery Hill, now McDonalds. (courtesy of the Ballarat Library) Then and

Now

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the November 2011 edition of Link. This Edition has some stories from members about their finds and how they went about their searches. There is also a story from one of our Twitter followers. If you are not yet on Twitter or our facebook page you may find many benefits in your search for ancestors.

See how Neva met with Joan and Gary Hunt and found some records not yet on the net.

I would love to be able to publish your story and how you found a story to help put a personality to your ancestor. I am also looking for interesting photos to enhance LINK as well.

I do hope you all have a great Christmas and will see you all in the new year with lots of finds and new ancestors. But do remember to send your stories and photos to me on link@bdgs.org.au

From our President	page 4
An Amazing Treasure	page 5
How I found my man	page 7
Joan and Gary Hunt	page 8
Guest Speakers	page 10
All in a Twitter	page 11
Research	page 11
Old Ballarat Star	page 13

Contributions for the February edition of Link to be sent in to Carmel Reynen by 15 December 2011 to ballaratlink@gmail.com

Disclaimer

The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc. does not hold itself responsible for the accuracy of statements or opinions expressed by authors of articles published in this magazine.

You can now get "LINK" electronically. Just send an email to subscribe@bdgs.org.au with the word subscribe in the subject header. You will then receive an email letting you know where to get your newsletter.

President's Report

It is very pleasing to see that in recent weeks more sections of *The Star* newspaper are appearing on the National Library of Australia's Trove site. It has coincided with a wealth of other Victorian newspaper material appearing on the site, so a little care may be necessary to locate the relevant title.

From the number of searches being listed against *The Star*, the project is already offering much assistance to the broader community. This is especially pleasing as it was one of the key arguments to advance a project which was probably beyond the resources of this Society. The Society is grateful for the assistance by the grant from the State's 175th anniversary program from the State government, the State Library of Victoria and the National Library of Australia.

In recent months the City of Ballarat Public library found among its collections a lone copy of *The Star* (4th October 1855). This is the sixth edition of that newspaper. A paper for that date does not appear in the microform. The Library has advised the National Library of Australia of this discovery. From the news item in *The Courier* (15th October 2011 p.3), this lone copy is a reprint. Inspection of the initial edition of the paper in the microfilm shows a reprint. That image shows a paper in pristine condition compared to the following examples.

Each year the Society acknowledges Family History week. This year, the Society opted for a whole week of additional assistance with the library collection. In close collaboration with the City of Ballarat Library, a scheme for the public at large to book time with work with a family history person to engage in some aspect of research was offered with outstanding response. Many people sought this assistance. The assistance ranged from the elementary to the more complex levels. As many of you know and have experienced, some of the television programs that depict the inquirer entering the institution and having the specific page ready to shown, only reveals the significant preparation that the program's producer had completed. Perhaps the on-the-ground researcher is more a combination of the program's producer and the library or archive staff than the client.

The State Library of Victoria offers downloading from its microfilm resources for a small charge - 10c. It is much less than the cost of a printout. The pin number that is required is the number off the card used for photocopying in that Library. This creates the link for the payment.

The Society was saddened to learn of the passing of one of its older members, Dawn Collins of Burnie in Tasmania. Dawn had researched for many years. She had visited Ballarat. She had also made significant contributions to the Genealogical Society of Tasmania, Burnie Branch. Lillian Dell, who is probably more widely known for her elevation in the Cornish circles, has died. In genealogical work, her history of John Dell, a founder of Launceston is noted.



This photo is part of a collection at the Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation. Located 19 Yuille Street in the 1940 Phone Directory. This is now the site for Ballarat Toyota

An Amazing Treasure

From Bill Johnson

It takes guts to claim you're doing search better than Google, but the National Library of Australia reckons it's got a contender in its Trove search engine - a National Library of Australia (NLA) initiative whose creators are calling it the Google of cultural heritage institutions. Trove is an offshoot of the Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program, a massive effort that has digitised and made available online millions of historical articles from Australian newspapers between 1831 and 1954. Since it began in March 2007 Trove has developed over 90 million historically significant items including pictures, unpublished manuscripts, books, oral histories, music, videos, research papers, diaries, letters, maps, archived Web sites and newspapers from 1803 to 1954.

When I began searching my family tree I soon ran up against my 2 x G/Grandfather. Thomas Henry Jones was the son of William and Elizabeth, who came to Australia in 1825 as indentured servants of the great Australian Agricultural Company which was formed by an act of King George IV and given a grant of a million acres and capital of a million pounds. Thos was born in Feb. 1829 and Bapt. in May 1829. In March 1848 Thos married Mary Sheehan at St Mary's Sydney after converting to Catholicism.

All is fine so far as I had managed to gather all the above documents and birth dates of their children through to 1860. The last known "sighting" of Thos was when he was appointed Bailiff to the courts of Maitland and Booral in the Hunter Valley, then he went up in smoke. I had found a curious old law land title that left his Uncle's farm to Thos' wife and children but if she remarried then it reverted to Thos. Still no death for Thos. He was not present at his kid's marriages and when Mary died she is listed as an housewife but I was sure Thos was not around.

During the recent "Book A Genie" at the library I used the Trove newspaper site to locate a photo for a searcher and as I hadn't been back to Trove for some time I was surprised at how many more newspapers have been digitised. Back at home I decided to have a play on Trove and put in Thos' name and to my delight up came the following articles from a newspaper called the Empire. This paper was started by Henry Parkes. It must have been a bit of a scandal sheet as the information gleaned about Thos. was not printed in the local paper the Maitland Mercury.

My 2 x G/Grandfather was quite clearly a CAD of the first order as the articles below show and then after a search in Melbourne papers he turned up as an auctioneer operating in Elizabeth St. But still no death has been discovered but thanks to Trove I am closing in on him.

I strongly recommend spending time to make use of this fabulous resource and remember that one of Ballarat's own papers is now available. Happy Hunting.

The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 - 1893)
 Saturday 2 April 1864 Pg 4
 In the Northern District Court holden at West Maitland,
 GRIFFIN v. MOYLAN.

ON Monday, the 4th day of April, 1864, will be sold, at the Denison Hotel, West Maitland, All the INTEREST of the above-named Defendant in and to the Leases held by him of the Church and School Lands, situate at Gosford, in the county of Northumberland, in the colony of New South Wales, namely:-Lot 15, leased on the 1st of October, 1813, for twenty-one years - the rest of first period of seven years £6, 10s, the second period of seven years £9 15s and the third period £13.

The Lease of Lot 16 - first period £2 7s, 6d., second period £3 11s. 3d., and the third period £4 15s. The rent of the above has been paid up to the 30th of September, 1864. Unless this execution be previously satisfied.

THOMAS HENRY JONES,
 Bailiff.
 Maitland, 20th March, 1864.

The



Empire.

NO. 8325

SYDNEY, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 1875.

PRICE—ONE PENNY

Empire (Sydney, NSW :1850 - 1875) Wed 1st June 1864 Page 5

Source: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article60579837>

LAST Thursday, during the sitting of the East Maitland District Court, the presiding Judge, His Honor Mr. District Court Judge Parefoy, formally declared that the appointment of bailiff of the court in both towns had been rendered vacant by the absence from duty of Thomas Henry Jones. He further

confirmed the appointment of Mr. Walter Smith as his successor. Re-posting the absenter, Jones, there are all sorts of rumours afloat, some of them not of a very complimentary nature. As, however, I cannot vouch for any of them, I refrain from making them public.

Empire (Sydney, NSW : 1850 - 1875) Thursday 9 June 1864 Page 5 of 9

Source: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article60578596>

Jones, Late Bailiff — The sudden disappearance of Thomas Henry Jones, late bailiff of the Maitland District Court, about three weeks ago, is already known to many of our readers, and the circumstances under which he absconded have also partially transpired. For some months past complaints were made, in the proper quarter, as to Jones' remissions in the performance of his duties, and these complaints having been investigated they were found to be, to a great extent, based upon truth. The last enquiry took place after the bailiffs departure, before his Honor Mr. Justice Parefoy, who formally dismissed the defaulting functionary — the dismissal to take effect from the eleventh ultimo. Besides committing the aggravating crime of deserting his own wife and helpless children, he has disturbed the domestic comfort of another family, not far from Maitland, by inducing the wife to elope with him. The pair have been seen together in Sydney, but Jones is too well known in the metropolis to remain there long without being discovered. It is therefore believed that he has made his way to one of the

JONES, LATE BAILIFF —The sudden disappearance of Thomas Henry Jones, late bailiff of the Maitland District Court, about three weeks ago, is already known to many of our readers, and the circumstances under which he absconded have also partially transpired. For some months past complaints were made, in the proper quarter, as to Jones' remissions in the performance of his duties, and these complaints having been investigated they were found to be, to a great extent, based upon truth. The last inquiry took place after the bailiff's departure, before his Honor Mr. Justice Parefoy, who formally dismissed the defaulting functionary—the dismissal to take effect from the 11th ultimo. Besides committing the aggravating crime of deserting his own wife and helpless children, he has disturbed the domestic comfort of another family, not far from Maitland, by inducing the wife to elope with him. The pair have been seen together in Sydney, but Jones is too well known in the metropolis to remain there long without being discovered. It is therefore believed that he has made his way to one of the adjoining colonies. We understand he was considerably involved in his pecuniary affairs before he left, and that certain business matters entrusted to him have not received proper attention at his hands.—*Ensign.*

adjoining colonies. We understand he was considerably involved in his pecuniary affairs before he left, and that certain business matters entrusted to him have not received proper attention at his hands. - *Ensign;*

The above newspaper articles show how wonderful a resource Trove has become, for who amongst us has heard of the Empire newspaper and even if I had I would not have expected the article of Thos.' infidelities to be in a Sydney paper, yet not in his home paper. One could spend many lifetimes reading newspapers and still not have a gem such as the one above. Also to be told that Thos was well

known in Sydney ties in with other information known about him as he was certainly a wanderer around the Australian colonies. He was in Melbourne for the first time in Jan. 1845 as a 16 year old, then later in Adelaide in 1848. The article also makes it clear why Thos. was excluded from his father's will when as eldest son he should have inherited the significant share of the estate.



Chstles Young



Mica Hill cross stitch



Mary Young

Neva has said on more than one occasion, "You've been really lucky!" What she means is; The National Library of Australia's, (now Trove) website for digitized Newspapers.

One family I've been particularly keen on following are the Young's.

I originally typed in 'Charles Young', a common enough name you say and probably difficult; but in combination with the town name I found many articles, particularly referring to him being a pioneer of the district. I then typed the property name alone and received many more results, then Mr. C Young, Charlie Young and Chas Young, with and without the district name. I even tried Old Man Young and eventually using the two Newspapers in that State; just typed in Young and the town name. In all I have copied and saved 24 sheets of information directly relating to him plus many about his children throughout their lives. These covered about 45 years and I'm still waiting for some to be released!

Dingoes. Western Mail 18 March 1937"----
In the early days when blacks held coroboree at times near the Mica Hill homestead, that well-known pioneer, the late Mr. Chas Young was passing through adventurous times. He used to tell the following story, which is true:-

Branching from Diamond Tree Gully lies an old boggy water hole, Bulchers Spring by name. "Bulcher" was the name of a bullock that either committed suicide or got bogged therein.

In the "good old days" when Old Man Young was traveling this road, he was brought up sharply by the howl of a dingo- a big fellow too. Tethering his horse, he dropped to the track amongst the fallen gum leaves, and crouching with gun leveled, he progressed slowly on knees and left hand, keeping a large fallen log between him and his quarry, peeping over slightly at times to keep the dog in view.

As he sneaked along, imitating the howl, he was pleased to hear the dingo responding and gradually he approached the fallen log. At last, with gun barrel resting across his cover, Chas. Young raised himself and was horrified to find that dingo just in the act of springing over the log. Right into that dog's eyes he gazed then with a convulsive grip his fingers tightened on the trigger, and the dog lay dead at his feet. He never realized how that bullet found its mark. Sufficient that "All's well that ends well," but if he had missed-- well the ending might have been different." FROLIC

Charles lived to be 91 years old and had many experiences, like the one published by a 'local' using a nom de plume. Using that pen name as a search I have just found another.....

Shirley Pritchard.

How Shirley found her man Charles Young and learnt more about his life and the history of their homestead

Joan & Gary Hunt Travel Blog and Niva Dunstan

YOU CAN'T NECESSARILY FIND IT
ALL ON THE INTERNET!

Neva Dunstan, treasurer of the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society, travelled to England recently for six weeks, half of which she spent staying with Joan and Gary Hunt at Southam in Warwickshire. Joan takes up the story:

Neva and I travelled several times to county record offices to follow up her family history. Her 3x great grandparents were William Herbert Bridges and Ann Beachamp, both of whom came to Australia and are buried in the Ballarat Cemetery. Their death certificates give the information that William Bridges (1798-1874) was born in Fulbrook, Oxfordshire and Ann Beachamp (1799-1867) was born in Kingham, Gloucestershire. The parents of William were given as Robert and Sibra Sarah Bridges, and of Ann as William and Ann Beachamp. It was believed in Neva's family, by members who had travelled to England years ago and visited Fulbrook (a very small village or hamlet just outside the historic town of Burford), that the Bridges family had lived in the Manor House at Fulbrook, and they had a photograph of the house, a lovely honey-coloured stone two-storey building covered with ivy.

Incidentally, Sibra Sarah Bridges' death had been found on the indexes to English deaths site (www.freebmd.com) which showed she had died at Fulbrook in March 1841, aged 67 years, but there was no knowledge of Robert Bridges' death. So, that was about it. What Neva and I hoped to do was to confirm the Manor House story, maybe find the burial places of the parents of the couple who died at Ballarat, and maybe move the family back a couple of generations.

First, we found what we could on-line. The 1841 census listed Ann Bridges (but with no mention of William) living at Fulbrook (but with no mention of the Manor House) with all their children aged

between 22 years and 2 years, and FamilySearch confirmed the baptisms of the children, all at Fulbrook between 1821 and 1839.

At the first opportunity, and with Gary armed with his camera, the three of us set off one morning to visit the village of Fulbrook. We had found good maps

(www.streetmap.co.uk) showing the Fulbrook Manor House clearly marked, but it was not where the family said it was. We took photographs of the manor house shown on the official map, as well as the other house which we found simply by matching the family photograph with the house that the family said was the manor house. It was called Pytt's House. Somehow the family visitors to England had got the two places mixed up. So immediately we had a problem to solve: which was the house that William and Ann Bridges and their many children lived in? Having looked up the details of the Oxford Heritage Centre, Neva and I set off early one morning for a day's research. In a card index we found references to many deeds relating to the Fulbrook Manor House, but on going through each of these there was no mention of the Bridges family. In another card catalogue we found a reference to the 1819 Enclosure Act for Fulbrook, so we ordered that record from the archives. Eureka!! There was a plan of the village, clearly showing that 'the late Robert Bridges' had owned several properties amounting to 60 acres, and the house we knew as "Pytt's House" was their home. A book attached to the map held details of the properties, and referred to the probated will of the late Robert Bridges 'of Brimpsfield, Gloucestershire', and the testator of his will was Samuel Bridges 'of Winson, Gloucestershire'.



Neva stands by her ancestors Graves



Joan and Gary Hunt have gone to live in the UK and taking advantage to travel to Europe at the same time. You can follow their blog on the net at <http://huntuktrip.blogspot.com/>

While at Oxford we consulted the parish registers for Fulbrook. None of those registers is on FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org), and they appear never to have been copied. They are not at the Society of Genealogists, and the Oxford Heritage Centre did not have microform copies of them. So, here was a great proof that there are great treasures to be unearthed if only you can turn up at archives offices in person. None of those important items we consulted is available on the internet, and may very well never be.

So, naturally the next port of call was the Gloucester Record Office. Another day we set off very early, and called at the villages of Winson and Brimpsfield in Gloucestershire on our way to the archives centre. To our amazement, when we got to the Winson church we found six large box-style gravestones in the churchyard belonging to the Bridges family. Gary photographed all of them, and later Neva and he carefully deciphered the almost illegible information carved on them, by enlarging the images to a high degree on the computer.

When we got to the Gloucester Record Office we asked both the staff and the volunteers in the Gloucester Family History Society whether they had transcripts of the headstones at Winson, and they had none. It appears that we were the only people ever to have done some transcribing in that burial ground.....once again, nothing on the internet.

Also, we discovered that FamilySearch has no record of the Winson records of baptisms, marriages and funerals, so they are not on the internet, either. We were able to access some microfilmed images from the original registers, but not all. Apparently in 1988 someone stole one of the registers with many years of records and it was only recently recovered, rather badly water damaged, and is therefore not accessible. Luckily, the years of the burials we found in the churchyard were there and we were able to get linked families through the 1700s right to the burial of Samuel Bridges (the testator of Robert's will) in 1846.

Not being able to find wills for those people, but believing they would have had wills because they obviously had money to build such remarkable memorials to

themselves (all of them are listed Grade II on www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk), I checked the on-line wills at The National Archives (www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/) and for £3.50 each was able to download several wills of Bridges family members, all of whom referred to estates at Winson, Fulbrook, Brimpsfield and other villages near Winson. They all referred by name to nephews and nieces, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, and other kinsmen and kinswomen.

Using that detail, we were then able to call up the tithe applotment plans for the named parishes, and find the names of the various Bridges families who held them. And at the Glos Record Office we found the wills of both Robert Bridges and Samuel Bridges.

We have accumulated so many documentary copies, rough notes, bits of family tree connections, and downloads of various kinds, that Neva (now back home in Ballarat) and I will be kept busy just sorting it all out and fitting it in place.

But the biggest lesson we learnt in all this is that there is a great deal of information in archives that is not available on the internet, and which is only accessible by a person actually going and consulting the original records.

Neva Dunstan went to the UK for a five week holiday where she enjoyed some family research and historic touring. Her and Joan Hunt had the chance to catch up with one another and discover some of the hidden treasures that can only be found by going through records that have not be touched for a long time. Proving not everything can be found on the internet.



Neva and Joan at Pytt's House, Gloucester

Guest Speakers

AUGUST MEETING

Betty Slater

Research Officer

During Family History Week at the library this year the Society had decided, rather than have a day at the library for people to come for information and talks, that people could instead book a Genie to assist with personal research. As a result of this it became obvious that many people were looking for where to begin and how to start their search.

With the TV hit *Who Do You Think You Are*, celebrities walk into research venues and have someone meet them with the relevant records for their family history. What many people do not realise is that there is many hours of research, usually done by professionals, before they get to these places.

Betty spoke to Members of the Society about how to go back to the beginning, start with yourself and work back gathering as much relevant details and documentation on the way. She showed certificates and what can be found on them, as well as possible pitfalls. Spelling of names can vary, depending on literacy skills, and also the knowledge of the person giving the information.

Betty demonstrated this by showing the search for her own ancestors and the hints that can be found on documents to help prove you are on the right track.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Eddie Schubert

Library Services Leader

Before the roads were built in Victoria, indigenous people had their tracks, some of these tracks were converted to roadways.

One example being the Western Highway between Horsham and Dimboola. In 1853 the Victorian government created a central road Board, but this was disbanded in 1857. The Railways still dominated the transport landscape until 1913, when the Country Roads Board (CRB) was formed by an act of Parliament. The main contributing factor was the dominance and reduction in cost of motor vehicles.

The CRB was particularly strong in the post Second World War years when there was more labour available due to the post war migration program.

The first freeways were built in Victoria in the 1960s, starting with the Maltby bypass, then South Eastern Freeway built by Melbourne, metropolitan Board of works(MMBW).

In 1975, CRB took over the construction of all freeways in Victoria from MMBW.

Environmental, economic and social factors were now being considered in the 1970s due to changing social concerns. In the 1980s and 1990s further outsourcing and privatisation occurred which changed how roads were constructed and services were delivered.

There are a number of acts and regulations that VicRoads adheres to, but one of the dominant pieces of legislation is the Transport Integration act 2010.

Today modern technology dominates all facets of our society including transport, and VicRoads main focus is on sustainability, integration and customer service.



The Society invites someone each month to assist members in research by informing them of their own findings or points of interest. All talks are recorded and are available to members to listen to.

If you have a subject you want to hear more about, let us know!

follow us on
twitter



All In a Twitter
Open an Account and Join us at
@BDGSBallaratgen



Eve Lazarus is a freelance writer. She is the author of *At Home with History: the secrets of Greater Vancouver's heritage houses*

www.blog.evelazarus.com

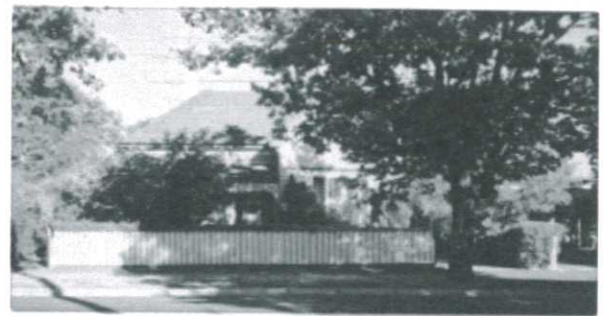
I first became obsessed with home histories in 2002. I was planning a trip back home to Australia and I found a 1970 biography about my aunt Joan Rosanove. The first chapter gave up the address of the house where my father was born in Ballarat, a large town northwest of Melbourne. My grandparents died years before I was born, and I never knew my aunt, but I was intrigued by a paragraph that described my father's mother, Ruby. Apparently she was quite eccentric, at least that seems to help explain some of the odder features of her house.

I found the house easily enough, an old Victorian painted mud yellow, sitting behind a picket fence painted the same colour. Cast-iron lacework decorated the front of the house and ran along a verandah supported by fluted iron pillars. The current owners let me look around, and I filled them in on 30 years of their home's social history. They'd raised five children in the house, and thanks to the book and Ruby, I was able to solve their 20-year mystery as to why there were a number of doors that led nowhere. Apparently, as each of Ruby's eight children moved away, she had their bedrooms lopped off the house. I can't find anyone who can tell me why.

ROSANOVE, JOAN MAVIS

(1896-1974), lawyer, was born on 11 May 1896 at Ballarat, Victoria, second of eight children of Melbourne-born parents Mark Aaron Lazarus, barrister and solicitor, and his wife Ruby, née Braham, both non-practising Jews. Educated locally at the Loreto convent school and Clarendon Ladies' College, Joan was articled to her father. In 1917 at the University of Melbourne she completed the subjects in law required to qualify as an articled clerk. She appeared in courts at Ballarat and in Melbourne before she was formally admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor on 2 June 1919; her registration had been delayed to enable returned servicemen to complete their degrees and add 'gravitas' to the ceremony.

Liz is a follower of our Twitter page and offered this story to go into Link. You can check her blog in the web address supplied.



The House in Drummond Street where the Lazarus family lived.

View the full record of Joan Rosanove at <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/rosanove-joan-mavis-11560>

Research

THOSE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION AND HOW TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

researchballarat@gmail.com

Joseph Henry Haughton b Stockport Cheshire abt 1828. Occupation *Hatter* Arrived Australia 1852. Married

Elizabeth Taylor in Melbourne September 1852.

Only Marriage located was Elizabeth Taylor to Joseph Walton 1852 Reg No 29650

Children – Joseph Henry b 1854 d 1916,

Mary Ann b 1855, Ballarat d 1942(m

Henry Clark), **Elizabeth** b 1857 Ballarat,

(M John Kinnane) d 1938 Ballarat, **John**

Charles b 1859 Scotchmans, d 1877

Warrenheip, **Angelina Sophia, b 1860**

Buninyong d 1862 Ballarat East, **Emma** b

1865 Ballarat East, (m Coleman Kinnane) d 1922 Ballarat.

Seeking Death of Joseph Haughton alias Walton?

John Brown-Williamson Arrived Australia 1860's Wife **Ann Wall**

No Marriage located. Worked in early timber mills of WA for a Ballarat firm

Ballarat Timber Co/ Mining Co which took the first Steam Engine named "Ballarat" to WA.

George & Martha Willey Daughter Frances b 1851/52 Buninyong. Married John Robertson. Died Cohuna 1919. Any information on this family.

George Doubt Bond Married Margaret Bond Sept Qtr Vol 5b Page 623 Arrived on the *Argyle Sept 1853* Margaret died 1959 age 39 years (Burial not located) George married Harriett Bond 1858 Reg No 4398 (Unknown if this second marriage was bigamy or Margaret's Death was a late Registration) Were Harriett & Margaret sisters? Did they have a brother Simon Bond who died 1879 and had a son Simon Jewell Bond.?

Jordan's Lived Leonards Bridge Clunes.

Ellen Ann Hooper b 1864 Married

William Jordan 1891. She was born at

Talbot William at Clunes. Child **Ellen**

Annie b Deep Creek 1894 married John

David Jackson 19/4/1919.

Fauckner – George & Charlotte (nee Horwood) Married Methodist Church Drummond St 1868 [Is this now Skipton St Methodist?]

William Padget Farrar & Hannah Farrar (nee Holmes) Came to QLD and then to Vic. Information on occupation and place of residence in Ballarat sought.

Patrick Dalton & Honora Lynch Married St Alipus Ballarat 1858. Patrick died Sth Melbourne 1917 age 82 years. Father James Dalton Farmer. Mother Johanna Fahy. Honora died 1920 Father Michael Lynch Mother un/k

Edmond Perry arrived on convict ship *Maitland 1846* Married Ellen Gormley/ Helen Gorman. Their son **George Perry** b 1851 married **Matilda Edwards** Ballarat 1873. Information on her Mother **Sarah Edwards** appreciated.

George & Matilda had five children. George went to QLD and changed his name to **George Crew**. Information on reasons for name change is sought.

Gin Meng KIM & Ethel May TONG.

Ethel was born Ballarat June 1882 to Jas/ Joseph TONG and Alice Ellen Halfey. She had three sisters – Alice Helen/Nellie b 1866 and Kitty b 1865, Elizabeth b 1869 all born Ballarat. Information sought on Alice Ellen Halfey/Haley and Gin Meng Kim and wife Ethel May Tong.

Research Enquiries

\$30 per hour for non members

\$15 per hour for members

Research enquires may be forwarded to the Societies Research Officer care of our postal address or email. Please remember to include sufficient relevant details.

What information you know, what documents you already have. The name and dates of people you are looking for. Please note research is conducted by experienced Volunteers. Payments can now be made via PayPal.



Ballarat's oldest star revealed

BY TIM O'CONNOR

15 Oct, 2011 12:33 AM

THE earliest original edition of The Ballarat Star has surfaced, more than 150 years after it was published.

A chance discovery by Australiana Research Room librarian Edith Fry located the newspaper in collections at the Ballarat Library.

The paper is dated Thursday, October 4, 1855 – the sixth edition of the publication. The first edition is on record at the library, but on careful inspection yesterday, it was discovered it was only a reprint, compiled some 50 years later.

Ms Fry said The Ballarat Star's elaborate masthead – different to most of the other editions on record – caught her eye when searching through old archives.

"I was just reviewing, getting ready to send things to the conservator," she recalled.

"I was just looking through a pile of newspapers and saw this unusual banner. That's what made me stop and look again."

Ms Fry said the newspaper wasn't microfilmed.

"I am really pleased because the national library has got a program to digitise historic newspapers," she said.

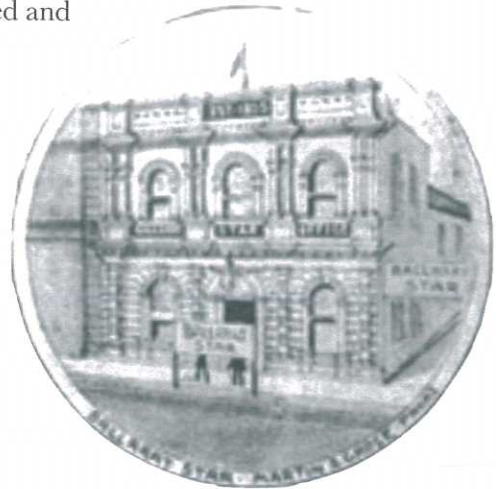
"They have done The Argus and are working on doing some across the state. The Star is going to have the first 10 years done, but there is others."

"I will let them know that we have got it."

A four-page print, the October 4 copy of The Ballarat Star was largely advertisement-based and cost sixpence.

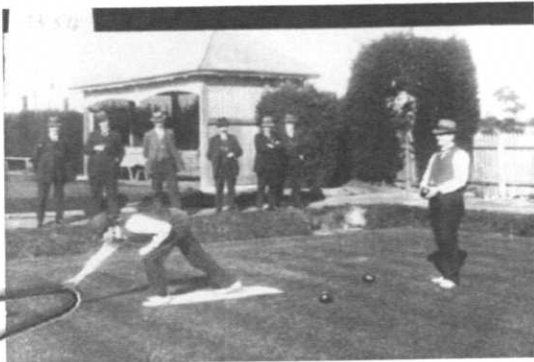
The Ballarat Star was originally produced as a tri-weekly, but quickly became a daily.

It ran for almost 70 years before it was taken over by rival paper The Courier in 1924.



Chance find: Australiana Research Room librarian Edith Fry with the earliest original edition of The Ballarat Star. Picture: Kate Healy

Story and photo published with permission from the Ballarat Courier

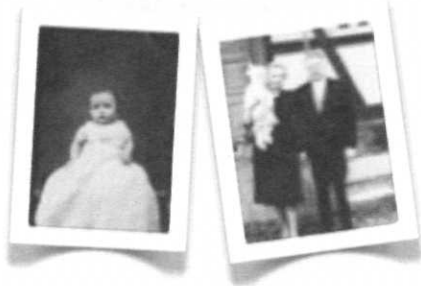


Photos available at the Ballarat Library.

Right picture is Barkley and Grant Street, Ballarat.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Marcia Beggs of Sebastopol;
Ray and Margaret Cadd of Buninyong;
Leonie Keitley-Hutchinson of Ballarat.

MEMBERS ONLY

Microfiche reader available to borrow.

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

Audio Tapes of guest speakers also available to borrow please contact Betty at researchballarat@gmail.com

FROM THE LIBRARY



Use of society computers located in the library Australiana Room are for research only and should not be used for accessing your email.

BALLARAT EAST PETTY SESSIONS

Series VPRS 290/P

Part 1, 1858-1889

Price: AU\$35 plus \$5 postage and handling
CD available containing 55,000 names

Part 11, 1890-1921

Price: AU\$45 plus \$5 postage and handling
CD available containing 70,000 names

Please contact the society for further information.

BALLARAT PETITIONS

Copies of the CD Ballarat Petitions 1860-1866 VPRS2500/P0 available for AU\$30 plus \$5.00. Please contact the society for further information

Need Help?

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)