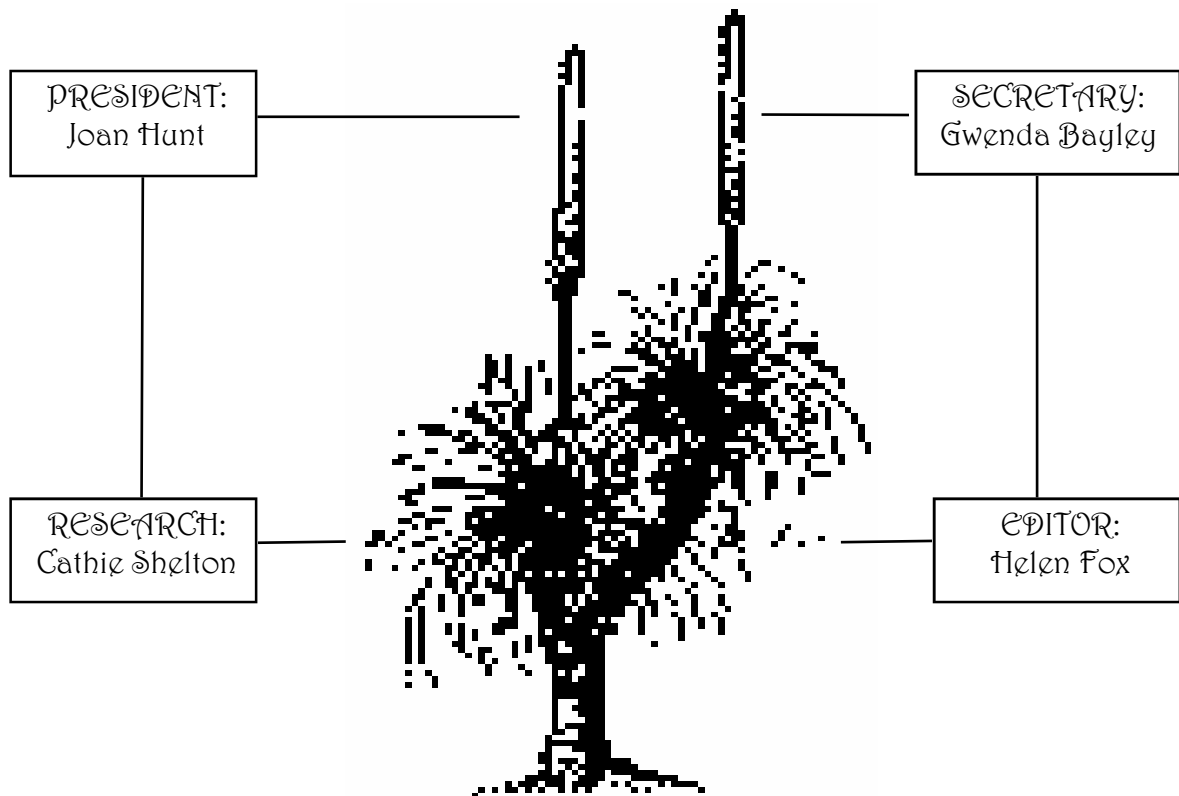


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The Society's Library is housed in the Australiana Room, Ballarat Central Library, 178 Doveton Street North, Ballarat 3350.

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

Family Membership:- \$35.00

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Membership year from 1st July to 30th June (Half price after 1st Jan)

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

No meeting December or January.

### 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.

### Program: 2005

February 22nd - Elizabeth Dowse (Sharp-Paul). Winner of 3rd prize in the 2003 Alexander Henderson Award with her book: "A Jackdaws Gleanings: The Dowse family of Wiltshire, England and Wexford, Ireland; 15th to 20th centuries"

March 22nd - Lenore Frost. Dating photographs by Fashion.

April 26th - Scott Brown. The Exiles.

May 24th - Les Holloway. Lake Wendouree and its ferries

June 28th - Betty Slater. Ballarat Genealogical Society library

July 26th - Annual General Meeting. Dr Liz Rushen—"An insight into researching women in family and local history"

#### **Suggested program - to be confirmed.**

August 23rd - Joan Hunt. Researching in England.

September 27th - Suzie Zada. Geelong Heritage Centre

October 25th - Jim Quinn. The Ballarat Chinese

November 22nd - End of Year breakup. Members show and tell.

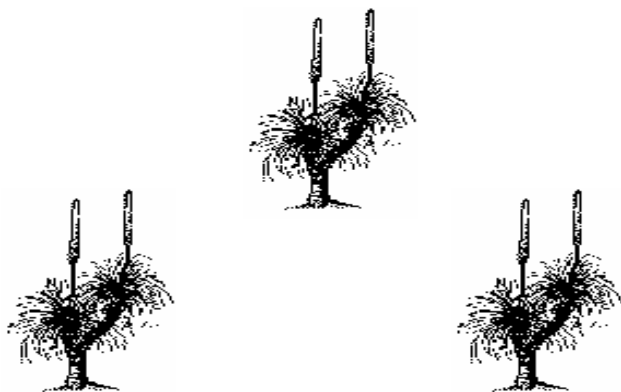
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all members, and the best of success and enjoyment in pursuing those often elusive clues, to extend your family trees in 2005.

After years of making a generous, dedicated and talented contribution as editor of "Ballarat Link", Gayle Sellars is taking a well-earned rest from the position. Our members are most grateful to Gayle for maintaining the very highest standard in the production of our quarterly periodical, and wish her the greatest success in 'growing' her family tree which she tells us has languished during recent times due to time constraints.

We warmly welcome our new editor, Helen Fox, who has been a member for some years, is a past Vice-President, and is also treasurer of Snake Valley Historical Society, where she lives. Helen has worked hard to put together this first issue for 2005, which I am sure you will agree is not only an interesting read but contains items of value to help with your family history research. Helen will be very pleased to receive any articles, snippets of information, ideas or other material which she might be able to use, and her email address is: [helen1940@hotmail.net.au](mailto:helen1940@hotmail.net.au). Member Gail Taylor, past research officer, is assisting Helen with the editing of this issue; as Gayle commented in her last editorial, this publication is a team effort.

Another long-standing committee member who has decided to take a well-deserved break from her years of preparing "Ballarat Link" for mailing out is Trina Jones. Trina continues to work very hard behind the scenes for the Society, following up many projects that are an invaluable contribution to the services offered to members. Tricia Hilder has very generously offered to take on the job of preparing the address labels and mailing out each quarter, so we welcome her and express our gratitude.

As you see from the 2005 Program, we have some great speakers over the next few months. We have also introduced into the meeting a segment to provide useful information for researching, such as useful indexes and other sources. A question time will be part of the meeting, too, so send along any problems and you never know what the collective experience of a meeting of thirty-five people can resolve.

Regards,  
Joan

**Visit the Ballarat Genealogy website:- [www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au)**

**Webmaster:- Daryl Povey      EMAIL:- [povey@sebas.vic.edu.au](mailto:povey@sebas.vic.edu.au)**

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## Researching the family of Chin Ah Chin and Jessie Mullen:

by Joan E Hunt

For 12 years I have been a trustee of Smythesdale General Cemetery, but 13 years earlier in 1979 I had transcribed all the headstones there and provided copies of the transcriptions to various historical and genealogical societies. A couple of years ago I joined an on-line group, offering to do "look-ups" in response to email enquiries, which has led to some very interesting stories. Recently I was asked to check whether Jessie Ah Chin (nee Mullens) or any of her children were buried at Smythesdale, and the following article is the result of the shared research between me and Colette Chinn of Tasmania.

Chin Ah Chin was born in 1834 in a village in Canton, now Kwangchow, the son of Chin Yun Tan; mother's name not known. In his adult years Chin migrated to the Hsin Chin Shan (New Gold Mountain) as the Chinese called Victoria, and eventually settled at Haddon, south-west of Ballarat, where he became a storekeeper, probably in the large Chinese camp, which had a number of stores, hotels and two joss houses, as well as dwellings to house around 300 people.

On 4 August 1874 the 40 year old Chin Ah Chin married Jessie Mullen, aged 17 years, at Haddon, with the permission of George Glendinning, magistrate, and witnessed by Ah Quec, cousin to Chin Ah Chin. Jessie was the daughter of Scottish couple Samuel Mullen and his wife Agnes (nee Birnie), and was born in Ballarat in 1857. Samuel Mullen was widowed in 1872 when Agnes died, at which time their two children were 15 year old Jessie aged 15 years and Samuel junior aged 13 years.

There were seven children born to Jessie and Chin Ah Chin, the first being William Henry in 1875. Samuel James died as an infant in 1877, Ernest George was born in 1878, Edith Maude died aged a year in 1879, Walter Richard was born in 1881, and Alice Jane May died as an infant in 1883 from diarrhoea, as reported in a coroner's inquest into her death. The youngest child, Albert, was born in 1884, some months after the death of his father. The children born either at Sago Hill, or Haddon, or at the Chinese Camp on the Ballarat Road at Nintingbool, known as the Phoenix Camp due to its proximity to the Phoenix Gold Mining Company, so the family were mobile within the district.

Between 1851-1861, 43,657 Chinese entered the colony of Victoria. The strangeness of men's clothing and long cues (pigtailed), different language and unusual food led to their being discriminated against, and they were segregated into villages like those at Haddon and Nintingbool. They were resented not only for their different culture but also because they were such hard and successful workers. Chin Ah Chin's children suffered prejudice from these racist attitudes, and in adulthood decided to change their name to Chinn, which they told the next generation was Welsh in origin.

Chin Ah Chin was 49 years old when he died at Sago Hill near Haddon, and was buried in Smythesdale General Cemetery on 16 September 1883 in the Chinese section 8 in grave no. 175. Witnesses to his burial were James Amoy, the owner of the British Queen Hotel, a Chinese of high repute in the district and sometimes referred to as the "king of Haddon", and Charles Bishop who was owner of the Commercial Hotel at the southern end of Smythesdale township. The infant children who died 1877-1883 were buried in the Chinese section of Smythesdale Cemetery.

Jessie married again, but not until 1900, 17 years after Chin Ah Chin's death. Her second husband was Timothy Fook Yin by whom she seems to have had no children, and when she died at Haddon aged 54 years she was buried in the Smythesdale General Cemetery on 9 September 1912 in the Church of England section no. 1, grave 804.

The eldest son of the family was William Henry, born 3 June 1875 at the Chinese Camp, Ballarat Road. As an adult he changed his name to Chinn, lived at Carlton, and conducted a furniture workshop at 38-44 Lonsdale Street, where he employed only Chinese. On this site was once the Black Eagle Hotel, now a heritage listed building. William Henry Chinn married Evelyn Constance Ryan in 1903 and had six children, one of whom was Ernest Charles Chinn, born in 1909. He married Marjory Marshall in 1927 and they had three children. When he was 73 years old Colette Chinn, his granddaughter, taped an interview with him, in which he said: "I remember going to the factory with my father who was manager for Su Gay who was a Furniture manufacturer. Chaps used to cook their own meals on an open fire - they were Chinese meals. I used to stay and have lunch - it was good - that's vivid! After my father left Su Gay he went out on his own and he used to sell furniture timbers - his own business and his own yard. He'd sell a boat load of timber before he even landed it on the wharf.

He spoke Cantonese - he used to have a lot of Chinese clients. There were a lot of them around Lonsdale Street. It was all Chinese furniture. His office was in Lonsdale Street. He owned that. It was a valuable property right in the heart of the city. The trouble was during WW2 the government blocked off that area and you couldn't sell it because they wanted it for offices. We had to sell the place for what the government said we could - to the government!

Our family home was in Carlton, in Station Street. The Victorian Government took that over. It was beautiful home; they pulled it down; pulled all those houses down to build housing commission flats.

I remember my father talking about his childhood up at Ballarat - Haddon I think. My father was offered a job, sort of like Agent General - to China, but he wouldn't accept. I don't know the reason for it. He could speak Cantonese. All this used to be done by the Ku Man Tang - they used to govern the Chinese



## **GSV**

### **WE ARE MOVING**



Having now signed the lease we can announce that we will be moving to 257 Collins Street, Melbourne. This is between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets. The building has a second entrance from Flinders Lane.

We have now been able to settle the timetable for our move to Level B1, 257 Collins St Melbourne. The GSV will close between Monday 24 January and Monday 7 February. We will re-open on Tuesday 8th February in our new premises. After we re-open take one of the lifts near Collins Street and go down to Level B1.

The scheduled Thursday Talk for 3 February is cancelled.

To be kept up to date on the latest news please use one of the following methods:

#### **BY PHONE (03) 9539 2111**

We have established a phone 'hotline' that will have a recorded message of the status of our move.

We would request that you do not phone our regular number to obtain this information.

#### **By email [move@gsv.org.au](mailto:move@gsv.org.au)**

### **Letters to the Family History Library**

Libraries often receive humorous requests. Here are a few examples:

"Do you have anything on the Looney family, because I am a Looney too."

"Would you please send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?"

"The wife of Amos Smith could not be found. Someone suggested to me that she might have been stillborn. What do you think?"

"Please run down the Wheelers and I will send three more dollars."

*Submitted by HBR*



*News from the Library*  
*Betty Slater - Librarian*

To begin the New Year I want to bring to your attention some of the items that were purchased towards the end of 2004.

**PALLOT'S MARRIAGE INDEX**

A collection of Marriage entries from England, between 1780 and 1837.

This index is essential for researchers with London ancestry, as it covers all but two parishes in the old City of London. The dates span the time from 1780 to the onset of General Registration in 1837. There are more than 1.7 million marriage entries, mainly from London and Middlesex, but also including 2500 parishes in 38 counties outside London many not available in other sources. It also includes records from counties in Wales.

The original paper slips of the Pallot Index are owned and held at The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Canterbury Kent England.

The Institute may have access to fuller details which may have been among original Parish records [www.ihgs.ac.uk]

The CD to be used on our computer in the Library will be found in the filing cabinet.

**South Australian Shipping records** - Microfiche cabinet drawer no 14

**GENEALOGICAL SOURCE 313 and INDEX**

The official passenger lists, mainly of immigrants arriving in South Australia under the United Kingdom assisted passage schemes 1847 - 1886. Arranged alphabetically by name of passenger, giving reference to the passenger list/s where the name appears.

A chronological listing of the passenger lists appears at the end, giving the list reference and name of the ship.

**HORNER INDEX**

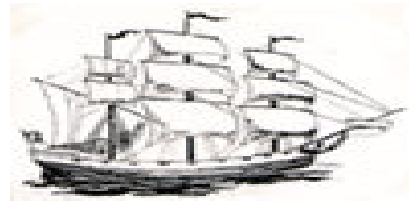
Index to departures by passenger ship from South Australia directly for overseas [not interstate or intrastate] taken from The Register newspaper 1836 - 1887

Compiled by Sally Horner in the State Library of South Australia.

**HODGE INDEX**

Index to passenger lists published in South Australian newspapers of arrivals in South Australian ports from interstate and New Zealand and departures from South Australian ports for interstate and New Zealand 1837 - 1859.

As many people coming to the Victorian Goldfields arrived in South Australia and made their way overland these items may help you establish the arrival in Australia of your ancestors.

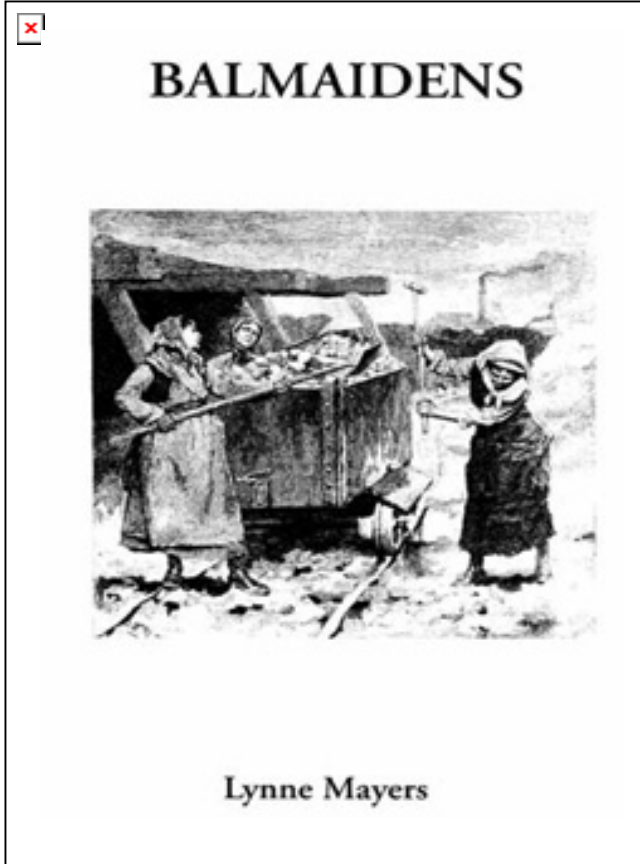


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■ **A Reminder** to members that they are required to show their membership card in the Library to obtain access to the Society's computer/CDs and the research material that is kept in the filing cabinet.  
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*Thank You*  
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**Welcome to**  
Andrew Hemingway - Buninyong  
Noelene Mason - Creswick  
Robyn McKinnon - Woolsthorpe  
Maureen Ross - Ararat

**VALE RICK KEATING**  
Rick Keating, husband of long-standing BDGS member Lois Keating (O'Toole), died on 4 January 2005 at Gandarra after a long illness. The Society was represented at the funeral by Betty Slater and Trina Jones, and condolences were expressed in a card from the Society. Our sincere sympathies go to Lois and her family.

## REVIEW



It is estimated that between 1720 and 1920 about 60,000 women and girls (from the age of 8 years) worked at the mines, quarries and clay works of Cornwall and Devon. They worked not underground, but on the dressing floors or smelters.

This book covers the various aspects of the lives of balmaidens; their home life, working the mines and also what became of them after mine closures. Although there have been few "personal writings or diaries" found, accounts of "real people", which were documented from the time, are included and add to the historical account.

Balmaidens is well referenced throughout, has photographs and illustrations and also includes lists of these illustrations as well as tables diagrams, poems and mines. It also has a glossary of terms which is very interesting (as well as essential, well done).

The book will be a great aid for those researching their family tree with connections to those times and also to those of us who are interested in history, as it gives a clear picture of the hardships faced by the balmaidens.

The book is large format, soft cover. 261 pages. 62 illustrations plus tables, diagrams, and poems, references and footnotes.  
ISBN 1 872229 48 4 Price £20. Post Free

*For more information or an order form please contact Lynne Mayers:-*  
lynnemayers@hotmail.com

### THE AUTHOR

Lynne Mayers' writing background is as a tropical agriculturalist and Methodist minister. She first became interested in Cornish mining while researching the involvement of her forebears (including the women and girls) in the tin, copper and lead mines of the parish of Perranzabuloe. Since having taken early retirement Lynne has broadened this interest to study the lives of the women and girls who worked at the mines, clay works and quarries. This is her first venture into writing in this field.



### MEMBERS ONLY

Microfiche and Reader available to borrow.

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



## LOCAL HISTORY GRANTS PROGRAM AWARD – Petitions Indexing Project

### Ballarat Petitions and Memorials Database 1860-1863

In August 2004 the BDGS Committee submitted an application for a grant of \$1500 to produce a compact disk with a searchable database of names, occupations and addresses entered from about 150 Ballarat petitions and memorials from 1860-1863 correspondence held at the Ballarat Archives Centre of the Public Record Office Victoria (VPRS 2500)

We were delighted to receive notification that our application had been successful, and the confirming certificate was presented to Joan Hunt, President, and Betty Slater, Librarian, by Minister John Thwaites at a special ceremony held at the Public Record Office Victoria at North Melbourne on 10 December 2004. Also representing the Ballarat and District Genealogical Society were our Secretary Gwenda Bayley and Jenny Burrell.

The project is to start on 1 March and be completed at the end of September, and will involve reading and deciphering the handwriting and transcribing it into a database ready for proofreading and checking, before the compact disk can be produced.

This project, to be overseen by Trina Jones, will benefit students and researchers of Ballarat's goldfields history. It will provide a wealth of genealogical and historical information which is sitting in the archives but at present not accessible. This information relates to hundreds, even thousands, of people resident in Ballarat during the life of the first generations on the goldfields; people often not identified in other resources because they are ordinary workers, signing petitions asking for improved lighting and guttering and pathways, the removal of noxious smells and other nuisances, and similar requests.



L to R:- John Thwaites, Joan Hunt, Betty Slater

## Looking Back

Ballarat papers commenced in 1855 with the Ballarat Star being available by September 1855.

The Courier on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1905 was 8 pages in length and cost 1penny. A six-roomed house, wash-house with copper and trough, and bathroom in Armstrong Street North was advertised for sale at £300. A ready to wear tailor made suit for youths and men was on sale for 8 shillings and 11pence. "Dr Sheldons" digestive tabules for the stomach were advertised as "the sufferers tree of life", were guaranteed and were priced at 2 shillings and 6 pence. Ayer's sarsparilla was to remove impurities from the blood enabling clear smooth skin.

By February 1905 the paper was 16 pages and cost 3 pence. Messer & Opie were advertising boys college grey pure wool suits for £5-19-6 and Woolworth's could "smash" school costs by selling 48 page exercise books for 9 pence which would take ink smoothly with no smudging. Thiessen & Irvine were offering a 5-room weatherboard house, in splendid condition throughout, close to Sturt Street, for £2,350.

In 2005 the weekday Courier is around 48 pages in size and costs \$1. A 2 bedroom unit, in a 2 unit complex, close to the University, is advertised for private sale at \$148,000. Advertisements for back to school items include computers, software and work stations. Men's wear offered in Owen Williams Summer Sale includes slacks for \$59.95 and sport shirt for \$39.95

The following extracts have been taken from the *The Ballarat Courier* in 1905

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1905 - Page 2

A painful accident happened to Mr Charles Burt, miner, on Tuesday, his leg being injured while working below at the New Normanby mine. He is a prominent player in the Redan Quot Club, and was unable to play in the final with Ballarat Town on Tuesday.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1905 - Page 2

Death yesterday removed from the community the much respected Thomas Stoddart, who was best known as the originator of the movement which resulted in Ballarat being entitled the "City of Statues", and a place wherein most tourists of Australia, including Royalty and other celebrities delighted to set foot. The sad event occurred at the deceased gentleman's residence, Sturt Street, at an early hour in the morning and when news of it disseminated widespread expressions of regret were heard.





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## **ANOTHER OUTBREAK AT CLARENDON**

### **MUCH DAMAGE DONE**

#### **STOCK AND FARM IMPLEMENTS LOST**

CLARENDON, Saturday

For the second time this year Clarendon has been the scene of a disastrous outbreak of bush fire, and the present rivals the former, which occurred just a month ago, both in extent and in the serious loss to landholders. The fire started on the property of Mr Geo. Williams early yesterday afternoon in a paddock which adjoins the one where the previous outbreak occurred.

The day was hot, with a strong north wind, and in a short time the fire had a good hold of the heaps of dead treetops, where numerous props and tons of firewood had been cut some months before. A number of workers hastened to the scene, but the fire rapidly got beyond control, and all that could be done was to check it from spreading on the Clarendon side. The fire quickly travelled into the adjoining properties of Mr James Cahir and Mr R. Knowles. Both these holders suffered a considerable loss in grass and fencing. The track of the fire was then between the former fire and the cultivated holdings on the Clarendon main road and the paddocks in its course were used for grazing purposes and for timber. By dint of hard fighting the fire was prevented from crossing the blind creek on to the cultivated paddocks. It continued on its course, and as night approached, when viewed from the township, resembled a wave of fire half a mile wide.

The wind continued strong all night and in the same direction. At about three o'clock this morning a summons was received in the township for helpers to assist in saving the cottage occupied by Mr Austin Finn and his family. The house is situated on a hill in the centre of a 20-acre grass paddock, and it was only after a desperate struggle that it was saved. There was no checking the progress of the fire until it reached the road leading from Clarendon to Lal Lal, and the fighters confined their efforts to keep the fire from crossing the creek.

If the night was bad, the day following proved one of the worst in the history of Clarendon, and the oldest residents declare that nothing to approach it has been known in the district. The wind this morning blew with increased vigor, and continued throughout the day.

At about 10 o'clock, in spite of the efforts of the watchers, the fire crossed the Lal Lal road into the grazing paddock of Mr Nugent. The flames quickly spread towards the homestead, and it was only the united efforts of the fighters that the course of the fire was turned, so that the property escaped. Seeing the clouds of smoke, landholders to the south quickly removed their cattle and horses to a place of safety, and in some cases it was a desperate struggle.

Aided by the wind, the properties of Messrs P. Gleeson, J. Quinn, R. McLennan, Jas. M'Pherson, D. Canny and T. Court were devastated, while the fire continued its course toward Mount Doran and Elaine. There the situation was even more desperate, and cattle, sheep, outbuildings and farm implements were destroyed. In the northern part of its course the fire spread into Mr Thompson's property, where the original fire originated, and there a considerable amount of firewood was lost. Thence it spread towards Lal Lal into Mr Enwright's property.

At present it is impossible to estimate the amount of damage. All the landholders in the track of the fire are heavy losers both in grass and fencing. Happily a heavy downfall of rain occurred to-night, so that fear of further loss is allayed.

How the fire originated is a usual a mystery, but the landholders contend that something should be done to protect them from suffering such severe losses by causing wood and prop cutters to clear up and burn tree tops and rubbish during the winter or early spring. The heat during the day was intense, while the smoke was almost blinding. Too much praise cannot be given to the band of willing workers who fought so bravely, and to whose indefatigable efforts several homesteads were saved.

*The Ballarat Courier*

14<sup>th</sup> February 1905 –page 2



## **CEMETERY TOURS**

Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc  
(Conducting Tours during the Ballarat Begonia Festival)

**BALLARAT OLD CEMETERY**  
Cnr Creswick Road & Macarthur Street

Thursday, March 10th  
Sunday, March 13th

**BALLARAT NEW CEMETERY**  
Cnr Lydiard & Norman Streets

Saturday, March 12th

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

**Entry**  
Adults \$6.50  
Concession and Children \$4.00

Tours of the Old Cemetery, conducted by Neva and the tour guides, can be arranged throughout the year. The tours are of 1 hour duration and cover many of the grave sites of prominent people of Ballarat's historic past.

**At this time of the year however, the tours are extended to 2 hours and so many more interesting grave sites and stories are included.**

The Begonia Festival week is also your only chance during the year to enjoy a tour of the New Cemetery.

The Old Cemetery was gazetted in 1856 and the New cemetery opened in 1867, so both have many graves of historical interest.

Both the graves mentioned here are included in the Old Cemetery tour.

James "Lolly" Long was a confectioner and biscuit manufacturer. He owned the Sunshine Biscuit factory in Victoria St, was Mayor of Ballarat, and when he retired to Portland, became Mayor there also.

Joseph Wittkowski and his brother were tobacconists and gold buyers. They purchased the 'Welcome Nugget'. Their store was situated in Main Rd then in Bridge Street.

### **LONG**

Sacred  
to the Memory of  
Olivia  
the beloved Wife of  
James Long  
Who died 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1863 Aged 24years  
Also their children  
Olivia Eliza  
Who died 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 1864 Aged 12mths  
Harriet Caroline  
Who died 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1883 Aged 27 yrs  
Fanny Smith  
Aunt of the above  
Who Died 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1877 Aged 72 yrs  
Eliza  
Mother of the above  
Who died 8<sup>th</sup> June 1886 Aged 86yrs  
Elizabeth M Miller  
Eldest daughter of  
James and Mary Jane Long  
Who Died 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1895 aged 31 yrs.  
Minnie, infant daughter of  
James M & Eliza Miller  
Who died 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1896 Aged 3 mths

Also James Long  
Beloved husband of  
Mary Jane Long  
Born at Tipperary, Ireland 1830.  
Fell asleep at "Burswood" Portland  
March 3rd 1916 Aged 86 yrs.  
Also the Above  
Mary Jane Long  
Died Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1929 Aged 87 yrs.

### **WITTKOWSKI**

In loving memory of  
Joseph Wittkowski  
who departed this life  
22nd January 1905  
Aged 67

Also his brother  
Isidore Wittkowski  
who died 16th June 1871  
Aged 42 yrs

Brothers in life, not parted in death.  
To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

## *Snippets from the Newspaper*

*Public Notice from The Ballarat Courier  
Friday September 19th 1873*

### **Victoria Steam Confectionery and Biscuit Factory BALLARAT**

#### **JAMES LONG**

Begs to inform merchants, storekeepers, and retail confectioners, that he is now manufacturing, by steam power, every kind of CONFECTIONERY, which for purity and finish will be found equal to the best English or French goods. J.L. would also call the attention of the above to his celebrated

Cough Drops and Lozenges,

Which are so well and favorably known that they are now sold in almost every shop in the district.

J/L has always on hand, fresh baked, every kind of BISCUITS, made of the best and purest material, in tins, casks, or cases.

*Public Notice from The Ballarat Courier  
Monday September 22nd 1873*

### **WITTKOWSKI BROTHERS AND CO.**

Established Twenty Years  
Adjoining the Yarrowee bridge  
BRIDGE STREET.

This well and widely known firm would call special attention to the following announcements with reference to the various branches of their extensive business, feeling confident that their old customers and the public will fully appreciate them :-

**CIGARS AND TOBACCOS** – Their present Stock is one of the largest and most carefully selected in the colony, and has been purchased under such favourable circumstances that W.F. and Co. have determined to Supply Publicans, Storekeepers, and the Public with the best brands at **Melbourne Prices.**

**GOLD** – Owing to present facilities for its disposal, Gold will be Bought from Fossickers, Tributors, or Country Storekeepers, at a Bare Margin under Mint Price. Miners will find it most advantageous to sell at our office.

**FINANCE** – Business men and others, who may require temporary advances, will be met on the most easy and equitable terms. Loans are granted from £5 upwards, repayable at long or short periods, by weekly or monthly instalments, at the lowest rates of interest. Advances on real estate will be readily made. Bills discounted daily at minimum rates.

### **Ballarat East Petty Sessions Series VPRS 290/P Part 1, 1858-1889.**

Price is AUS \$35 plus \$5 postage & handling.  
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### **COURT BOOK EXTRACTS**

VPRS 290 Unit 61 Ballarat East Petty Sessions 25 August 1908, Item 892.  
Constable James SOLNEY v James BUCHANAN, William ENGLAND, Mathew GUTHRIE.  
Summons issued 18 August. Charge: On the 15th August 1908 at Mount Clear, defendants did play an unlawful game, namely 'two up'. Each fined £5, by distress in default 14 days.



Usually the mother sued for maintenance after the birth of an illegitimate child but occasionally the indexing team has come across incidences of mothers suing for confinement costs, such as the one below. Therefore it may be worth checking court records before the birth of the child as well as in the months afterwards.

VPRS 290 Unit 61 Ballarat East Petty Sessions 19 August 1908, Item 886.  
Annie CARRINGTON v William KEYS.  
Summons issued 14 August 1908. Charge: That the defendant is the father of a child which she will bear. Fees 2/6.  
(This example of chasing paternity through court records is in Part 2 of the BEPS Index which is not yet available but hopefully will be completed this year.)

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# WWW Genie Links

## Shipping records online

Our ancestors from foreign places arrived in their new land by ship. Discovering that link with the old country is a significant step for family historians. The Online Resources of the Public Record Office of Victoria website is an excellent place to start.

## PROV Immigration Records and Passenger Lists [www.prov.vic.gov.au/access/online.htm](http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/access/online.htm)

Here the immigrants are divided into two groups depending on whether or not the government paid for their passage to the colony. The accountability requirements have resulted in more comprehensive details for the assisted.

*(Be aware that at this point you are likely to be enticed to check out the growing number of PROV records online.)*

## Assisted British Immigration 1839-1871

Search results give name, age, month and year of arrival, the name of the ship and a reference to a book and a page which is used to locate copies of the original registers on fiche at the PROV or local societies and libraries which hold shipping records, such as in the Ballarat Australiana Room.

The **Nominal List** was compiled in the foreign port and the **Disposal List** was compiled on arrival. In addition to the online information, you can discover the exact dates and ports of departure and arrival, the type and size of ship, the names of the master and surgeon, the length of the voyage in days, the number of passengers and the amount paid to the agent for each immigrant. Of course not all lists have survived and the amount of personal information for passengers is variable but generally there will be occupations, native places, religious denominations, whether they could read and write, marital status and children on board. The chances are that the Disposal List will show the date of leaving the ship, the name and address of the employer, the wages and term of engagement and whether or not rations went with the job. Sometimes in this column there are family clues about where they went to join relatives. However, a great number left the ship 'on own account' to try their luck.

## Unassisted Inward Passenger Lists to Victoria from British, Foreign and New Zealand Ports 1852-1923

A search of this database will give name, age, month and year of arrival, ship, a port code and a reference to a fiche and a page which can be noted to locate the original shipping record.

## Bound For South Australia 1836-1860s [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~dicummings/BoundForSouthAustralia.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~dicummings/BoundForSouthAustralia.htm)

This is a newish website created by a dedicated

genealogist, Diane Cummings, whom we met at the 2004 Local History Expo in Ballarat. Diane has gathered over 2000 passenger lists from various sources but principally from the South Australian Register newspapers which are on microfilm in State Libraries.

Despite the pop-ups which come with a free rootsweb hosting some excellent features of this site are the design, the images and the links, which include the whys and wherefores about deciding to set off over the deep and blue ocean.

You can read the shipboard diary of James Menzies of his voyage on the *William Money* which arrived in 1849, view a South Australian Time-line 1834-51, and read an account by Charles Rule of a five week, 600 mile journey (with map) from the Burra Mine to the Mount Alexander Diggings in 1852. In the early 1850s it seemed that every able-bodied man left South Australia hoping to make his fortune on the goldfields. Thousands joined the trek to the Victorian Goldfields via what was known as the 'Overland Route'.

## State Records of NSW : Indexes to Assisted Immigrants 1839-1896

[www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/immigration/introduction.htm](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/immigration/introduction.htm)  
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Here are five searchable databases with limited date ranges for arrivals in Sydney, Newcastle and Moreton Bay in Queensland. The index for the Port Phillip District of NSW 1839-1851 (subsequently Victoria) is now completed with over 1200 new entries. You can choose the name of a ship from a drop down list of 117 vessels and the search will bring up a complete passenger list. At twenty names to a page this could entail quite a few clicks.

**Convictions : Australian Shipping from 1788** created in 1998 by Peter Larson and still growing.

[www.blaxland.com/ozships](http://www.blaxland.com/ozships)/  
[www.blaxland.com/ozships/](http://www.blaxland.com/ozships/)

There are a number of indexes on the contents page to search for the arrivals and departures of ships, names of passengers, captains and crew as well as a section on convicts.

For more shipping websites go to

[www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au) - **Australia - Shipping Lists**

Look for convict shipping under NSW, TASMANIA and WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Fremantle Prison.

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## THE COLONY OF VICTORIA.

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamship, Norna, was to sail from Sydney on Tuesday; she may be expected here tonight, and in all probability, may sail to-morrow night with the overland mail for England. As usual, we take the opportunity of forwarding a report upon the condition and progress of this colony.

To those who have watched the course of events in this country, as recorded from time to time in our summaries, it must have been effected in the aspect of society, particularly in reference to the pursuits of the population, and their occupation of the land. The history of the last three years in this colony is a proud triumph for the Anglo-Saxon race, and affords another strong proof of their singular aptitude for colonisation.

Three years ago the population of the colony was 80,000. The number is now nearly 300,000, so that in that brief space upwards of 200,000 persons have landed on these shores. By returns of the population which we have seen, it appears that the population on the various gold fields is not more than between 70,000 and 80,000; so that upwards of 200,000 have settled down throughout the country in various other industrial pursuits. For this immense extra-population, houses have been built; and they are supplied with a system of government, law and police, churches, schools, places of amusement, and various other appliances of civilisation, which, though still somewhat deficient and exceedingly expensive, compared with those provided in an English county, are yet such as to excite the astonishment and admiration of every impartial stranger.

The progress made in everything dependent on the individual energy of the people is even more surprising. One railway from Melbourne to Hobson's Bay had been completed, and two more, from Melbourne respectively to Williamstown and Geelong, are in rapid progress, and will be completed in little more than a year from this time. Several philosophical societies are in active operation. Fishing companies, vineyard companies, a coal company for working the seams at Cape Paterson, are likewise in course of formation. Applications have been made by four or five different parties for patents for inventions of quarts-crushing and other machines connected with gold-mining. During the present year no less than seven new gold-fields have been discovered, and are now occupied and worked by industrious diggers.

Last, but not least, we hear on all sides of the progress of cultivation and settlement; and proofs are everywhere afforded that the industrious and indomitable spirit characteristic of our race in 'subduing the earth', has, in no degree been corrupted or diminished by the influence of gold. In no part of the world, we believe, can be seen a more energetic people than that which now occupies this rich and virgin soil.

*The Argus. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1854*

### **The following Ballarat newspapers are available at the State Library of Victoria for the given date ranges:**

#### Ballarat Advertiser

10-15 September 1856; 31 Mar 1886-March 1889; Jan-Mar 1890

#### Ballarat Mail

4 Mar 1929-5 Feb 1966

#### Ballarat Star

22 Sep 1855; July 1856-20 Jul 1866; 1867-13 Sep 1924

#### Ballarat Stock and Station Journal

1913-

#### Ballarat Sun and Mining Journal

26 Sep 1864-24 Jul 1865

#### Ballarat Times

19 Aug 1854-5 Oct 1861

#### Christian Union

5 Apr 1890-24 Mar 1893

#### Courier

11 June 1867-31 Dec 1900

#### Eureka Times

6 Sep 1972-11 Oct 1972

#### Evening Echo

12 Feb 1895-56 Mar 1929

#### Evening Mail

16 Apr 1869-1871; 1873; 1876

#### Evening Post

1 Jan 1864-1868; December 1894

#### Indicator

12 Oct 1901 – 21 Dec 1901

#### Leader

7 July 1855

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Major Robert Wallace — Sheriff of Ballarat

Thomas and Catherine (nee Gibbons) MANN of Ballarat.

Daniel and Maria/Theresa (nee Reidy) DOYLE of Ballarat.

Donald MCDONALD — drowned in 1855 at Geelong.

Francis Samuel HOWIE — dentist, died on the 6/9/1968 at Ballarat.

Laughlin and Sarah BYRN of Ullina.

The United Methodist Sunday School,  
Peel Street  
and David James SEMMENS.

Looking for a photo of Mary EDWARDS (formerly Thompson and Harry, nee Semmens) twice lady Mayoress in Ballarat.

John FAWCETT, who was killed by Thomas Keane in 1854.

FRASERS, Photographers, Ballarat.

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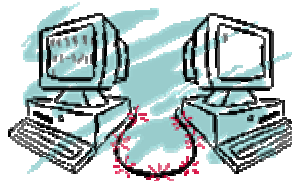
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### **SEARCH LIST & INDEXES**

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.

### **MESSAGE BOARDS**

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*Telegraph*

*The Courier, Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> 1873*

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### *What is a Grandparent*

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8 year olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no children of their own. They like other peoples.

A Grandfather is a man Grandmother.

When they take us for walks they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

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