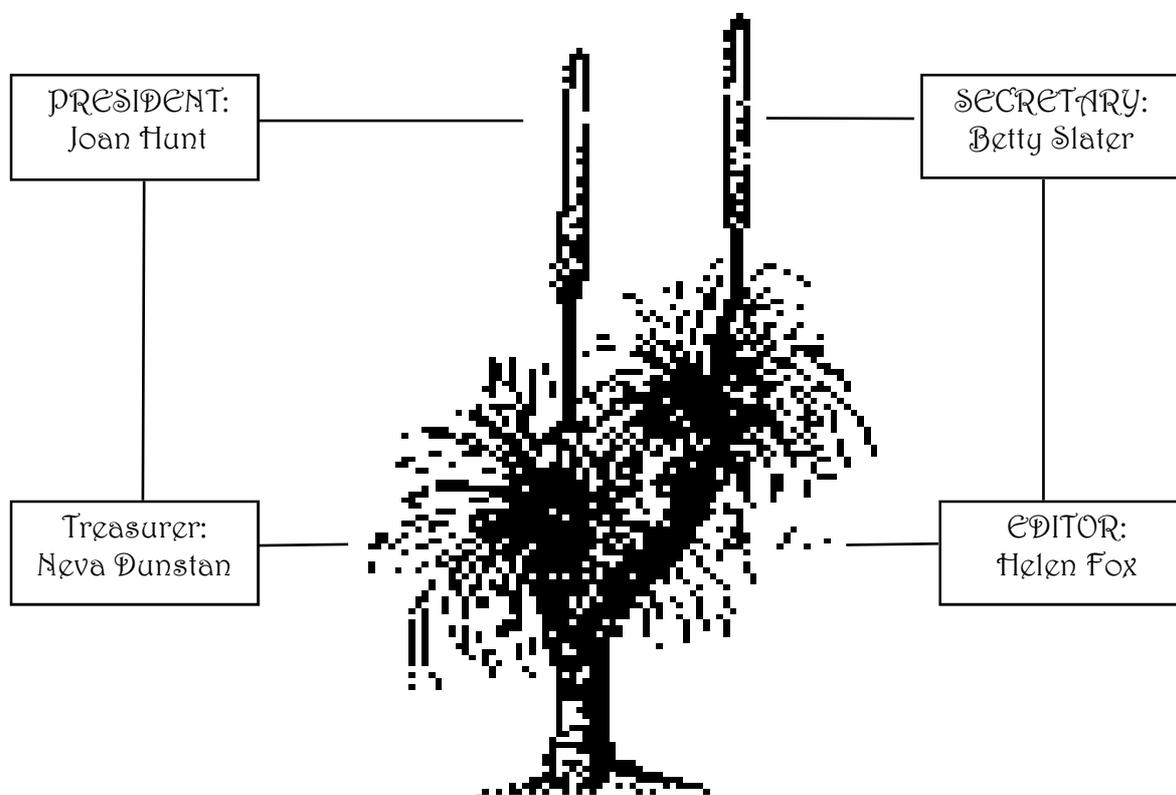


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Program 2009

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

<u>May 26th</u>	John Smith - Ballarat Historical Society "A Pictorial presentation of Ballarat History"
<u>June 23rd</u>	Daniel Wilkisch - Manager Online Projects, Public Record Office Victoria "1891 Women's Petition on PROV Wiki"
<u>July 28th</u>	AGM Anne Levens - Projects Manager, Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. "Victorian births, deaths and marriages"
<u>August 25th</u>	Anne Burrows - Genealogy Librarian of the State Library of Victoria "The Helen Macpherson Smith Genealogy Centre at the State Library of Victoria".
<u>September 22nd</u>	John Donaldson of the Narre Warren Family History Society "Digitising Your Family History"
<u>October 27th</u>	Betty Slater. BDGS. "Researching Your Irish Ancestors"
<u>November 24th</u>	Show and Tell and Quiz Night, with Special End-of-Year Supper

Visitors are most welcome.

No meeting December or January.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The Ballarat Genies are off to a good start for 2009. We never have less than 40 people at meetings these days, and your Committee hopes that everyone present finds something of real interest to take home, from one of our segments in the meeting. These include:

- * Reports from committee members – secretary, treasurer, cemetery walks, publicity, library, research, editor of “Link”, and progress of current indexing projects
- * Information – useful indexes, where do I find, did you know?
- * Questions from the tin – audience contribute to provide useful responses
- * Odd Spot – some quirky matter relating to family history research
- * Five minute talks – last meeting’s presentations were about self-publishing family histories

And of course, the guest speaker, with discussion and questions afterwards.

It is possible to borrow cassette tapes of the talks we have been given from current times back for many years. These tapes are housed in a portable drawer arrangement, and Janette McGillivray is organising and relabelling them and providing a comprehensive list. You can arrange for any tape to be posted to you if you are interested in the topic. (See notice in this issue). Meetings always end with supper, hosted by our loyal organisers Jill and Brian Dore. By the time you are reading this report, the Ballarat Heritage Weekend will be over, and I have no doubt it will be as successful as was last year’s. This is due to the commitment of members of the BDGS, who provide informative assistance to researchers and their research needs all day Saturday and Sunday, and I do thank them. I will be giving an hour-long PowerPoint presentation on undertaking family history research, using basic sources as well as less usual ones to help resolve difficult issues, and on our stall it will be possible for people to sit and view a continuous presentation on the same topic.

Also, this weekend, it is the 150th anniversary of the Smythesdale Cemetery Trust which will be holding celebrations on the Saturday afternoon 9th May. A brief history of the cemetery will be launched with a CD containing a database of details of every burial (1859-2009), and photographs of every headstone. The bulk of work done to produce the booklet and CD was done by BDGS members Carmel Reynen and Joan Hunt (who is also a member of the Trust). The CD will be sold by the Trust for \$20 & \$5 post/packaging, and can be obtained through joanhunt@ncable.net.au

The Ballarat Genies’ contribution to National Family History Week will be the Ballarat Family History Open Day at the Australiana Room of Ballarat Library from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 2nd August. The afternoon talks will be on the topic of “Presenting Your Family History” with speakers about publishing your family history, and organising a family reunion. Not to be missed!

That’s all the news for this issue; have fun with your research.

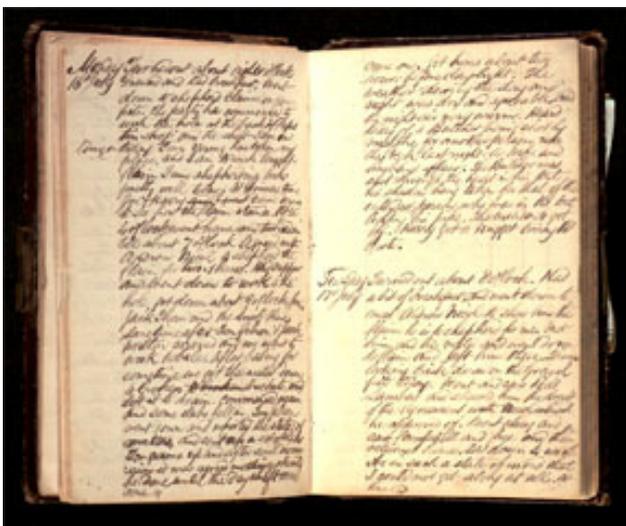
Joan

Ballarat Goldfields Diary Appeal

The 1855 diary of an unknown Ballarat gold miner has sparked a fundraising appeal by the State Library of Victoria Foundation. This rare and important item of Victoria's heritage is an extremely valuable addition to our understanding of life in the Ballarat goldfields, and thus we hope to raise the funds required to secure the diary into the Library's collection. While we do not know the author's name, there are tantalising hints to his identity – he was probably Scottish, from Dumbarton in the Clyde Valley.

Family historians and genealogists with an interest in the Ballarat Goldfields will be fascinated by the many names and events the diarist describes in detail. He faithfully records the goings-on of everyday life – weather, sleeping arrangements and the backbreaking daily grind of mining with his small group of mates as well as some more extraordinary occurrences, such as murders, accidents and the escape of a Bengal Tiger! While the diarist managed to find some gold, he never struck it rich; in this way, his life was typical of many thousands of others on the goldfields.

Once purchased, every page of the diary will be digitised and made available to view on the State Library of Victoria's website. Lovers of Victoria's history will be able to view it cover-to-cover, magnify each page to look at the handwriting and paper in great detail, as well as read a full transcript.



Among the historians who have shown interest in the diary are Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC, who says, 'The detail in this unique document is fascinating,' and author Robyn Annear, who says, 'The effect of its immediacy and cumulative detail is to make the strangeness of another time seem familiar – the kind of history you can walk around in'.

A little of that detail is recounted here:

Monday 30 July

[Dr Doyle] sat down by the parlour fire and made me strip, where up he sounded my bones and told me that although they were good yet they were exceedingly delicate and that Ballarat Gold Field, with the wet work and night work, was not at all fitted for me and the sooner I cut my acquaintance with the Diggings the better for me.

I am very excited about the possibility of the diary becoming part of the Library's collection. I grew up in Ballarat, and know many of the places mentioned. I was curator of the Moonta Mines National Trust Museum in South Australia for two years from 1984-86, where the Cornish presence remains very strong, and my mother – née Murphy – recently returned from Ireland, where she was researching her family background.

I hope that with the support of Victorians interested in history and genealogy, the diary will be permanently housed where it belongs – at the State Library of Victoria.

The State library of Victoria Foundation enables the Library to purchase items of historical significance; conserve and develop its magnificent collections; and deliver world-class information services, exhibitions and cultural events. If you would like more information on how you can help the Library purchase the Goldfields Diary or how to join the State Library of Victoria Foundation, call 03 8664 7280 or visit slv.vic.gov.au/foundation

Michael van Leeuwen
Executive Director
State Library of Victoria Foundation

RESEARCH QUERIES

Please contact the research team at
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Early Ballarat

by Joan E. Hunt

Ballarat was proclaimed a municipality on 18th December 1855, and a borough in October 1863. It was raised to city status on 9th September 1870. Consequently, it was in September 1920 that the Golden Jubilee of the City of Ballarat was celebrated.

A Jubilee Dinner was held at Craig's Hotel on Monday 27th September 1920, hosted by the Mayor, Cr. William Duguid Hill. It is of interest to note that William Duguid Hill was a Councillor for sixteen years and three times Mayor of the City. He was the founder of the South Street Society, of which he was general secretary for 40 years.

Mayor Hill had written to invite a number of old pioneers to attend the City Hall at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of 27th September 1920, to share their reminiscences about the early days of Ballarat.

Some of those invited set their memories down on paper, and these have survived in the Ballarat Archives Centre of the Public Record Office Victoria, in VPRS 2500/P0, the inwards correspondence to Ballarat Council, in unit 127.

One of those who wrote what he called a "Memoir" was William Thompson Glenn. He was born in 1836 in Banagher, Kings County (now Offaly) in Ireland, arriving at Melbourne when he 17 years old on the "Africa" in April 1853. He came with Benjamin and Sarah Armitage and their three children, Anna, James and Freeman, among the more than 700 passengers.

When William Glenn boarded for the voyage he assumed the surname of his Uncle Ben, and is therefore recorded on the passenger list as William Armitage, and his age is given as just 13 years. In his Memoir William states "*I was under 17 and passed with 3 Armitage children for a half soul*". He recalled that he kept a log on board and recorded that they were nearly wrecked in the Bay of Biscay, but had a good time at Lisbon. The voyage took 87 days before arriving at Port Phillip.

The first three years William Glenn spent working in Melbourne, but he came to Ballarat in May 1856, in charge of the implements to make about four miles of the Plank Road from Ballarat to Buninyong, from planks that were delivered from Bray's Trial Saw Mills.

He tells us about his journey: "*We were 6 days on the journey, 6 or 7 fine horses with their drivers, and to describe the road or track I am quite unable but merely say in places such as Blows Flat it was worse than any ploughed field. The horses double-banked, plunging through quagmires and only getting on*

from 6 to 12 miles per diem, but we arrived all right on the 7th day from Melbourne, coming in by Esmond St which was as bad a spot as any of the long road, just in front of the hotel kept by a man named Smith. The road was almost impassable."

William Glenn writes that it took more than 10 months to complete the road, and he afterwards sold the materials such as wheelbarrows, picks, spades and so on to Joseph Francis Usher, a chemist's assistant who later became a doctor, and whose shop was Dr Dimock's in Lydiard Street, opposite Craig's Hotel. Usher was an old friend, having come from the same area in Ireland.

After working for Wilson Brothers & Bail at Brown Hill and Main Road Ballarat "*where we sold quantities of rice and also opium; in fact everything a man or horse required*" William Glenn bought Wilson's iron store, but was burnt out on 17th March 1861 in a fire which originated in West's private house next door, which cost him about £800. The insurance pressures resulting from the immense fire of January 1861 caused him to be uninsured so his loss was great.

William Glenn later built a brick store and did "*a fine paying business*", his store being opposite Payne's Victoria hotel. He recalls "*I saw John Fussell buy the old Vic for £25...and I bought the bagatelle table for £4 and sold it easily for £7*".

Nine children were born to William Glenn and his first wife, Sophia Margaret Mansergh, who died after the birth of the ninth child in May 1883. Two years later he married Edith (nee Thompson), the widow of Joseph Ebenezer Moss, who had two daughters. For at least the last 20 years of his life, the Glenn family lived at 409 Neil Street, Ballarat and his business during his adult years was as a grocer and tea dealer. William Thompson Glenn is buried in the Old Ballarat Cemetery, Area CD, Section 20, grave 11 with both wives, Sophia and Edith, and an infant child.

DID YOU KNOW?

Smythesdale Cemetery CD about to be launched

Nearly 5000 burials are available on a database largely compiled by Carmel Reynen and Rosemary Angus, with a history booklet by Joan Hunt.

To be launched on the Heritage Weekend 9th May 2009 and available for \$20

You can find information about parish registers of Somerset on-line?

Many transcriptions of Somerset parish registers are on-line. The following site provides links to them, and gives very helpful information about them.

http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/ian.sage/PR/pr_index.html

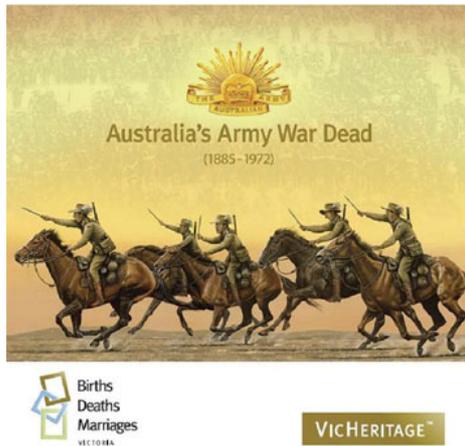
REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

From Anne Levens, VicHeritage Projects Manager

NEW RELEASE:

Australia's Army War Dead DVD

The Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, in cooperation with the Australian Army's Central Army Records Office (CARO), is proud to present the *Australia's Army War Dead* DVD.



On 11 November 2008, on the 90th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I, the Registry, in co-operation of the Australian Army (SCMA Division) released the *Australia's Army War Dead (1885 – 1972)* DVD at the Shrine of Remembrance. The Premier, Hon. John Brumby, and the Deputy-Premier and Attorney-General, Hon. Rob Hulls launched this new product

This searchable DVD includes over 88,000 Australian Army index records of service personnel, from all states and territories, who lost their lives during or as a result of operational service between 1885 and 1972. The deaths include all personnel in Australian Army units, or personnel attached to an Australian Army unit.

This database has been compiled by the Registry's VicHeritage Unit of Volunteers from the index records held by the Australian Army, Central Army Records Office (CARO), Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

The service personnel included in this publication lost their lives during operational service in the following Operations: Sudan War, Boer War (South Africa), World War I, World War II, British Commonwealth Occupational Force (Japan), Korea, Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation and Vietnam.

Not all of these operations were classified as Wars or Conflicts. It is for this reason that the term used in this publication is "Operation", at the request of the Australian Army.

The *Australia's Army War Dead* DVD is covered by a Licence Agreement which must be accepted prior to purchase. The terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement are available at the time of purchase or can be viewed on our website prior to purchase. The DVD can be purchased online at the Registry's website – www.bdm.vic.gov.au or you can download an application to post into the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, P. O. Box 4332, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001. The cost of the DVD is \$250 (incl. GST).

In 2005 the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages began collecting photographs of the service personnel from relatives, the family history community, and other secondary sources. In some cases additional information was provided by the person supplying the photographs. This information, if consistent, has been included. The additional information is located in 'Age at Death' and 'Place of Burial' in the index.

The photographic collection associated with this project has grown enormously in the past couple of years. The photographs of the service personnel add another dimension to the index records and bring the names to the realisation that these were real people who lost their lives whilst serving Australia. In addition to the photographs, the Registry seeks additional information from the photograph submitters, such as parent's name, spouse's name, issue and their birth years (to work out ages at the time of death of the deceased person), year of marriage and the deceased's place of birth.

If you have photographs of servicemen or service-women, or their grave/headstone, who lost their lives during any of the conflicts that Australia has been involved in, please consider submitting them for inclusion in the database. These will be made available once we develop the *Australia's Army War Dead* online system. You can download a photographic submission form on the home page of the Registry's website.

*Post Office and Similar Directories
held in Ballarat*

Compiled by **Edwina Shooter**

This is a list of post office and other similar directories held at either the:

* **Ballarat Mechanics Institute**

* **Australiana Room** at the Central Highlands
Regional Library, Ballarat

All the directories listed are original volumes unless stated otherwise.

Abbreviations: AR = Australiana Room,
MF = Microfiche, MI = Mechanics Institute,
PC = Photocopy

VICTORIA □ BALLARAT AND DISTRICT

The Ballarat Directory (including Black Lead, Buninyong, Bungaree, Burrumbeet, Cambrian Hill, Cargarie, Cherry Tree Flat, Cobblers, Corduroy, Dead Horse, Dog Trap Creek, Durham Lead, Ercildoun, Fellmongers, Green Hill, Hardie's Hill, Learmonth, Little Bendigo, Lal Lal, Miners' Rest, Mount Clear, Mount Mercer, Napoleons, Ross' Creek, Sebastopol, Springs, Scotchman's Lead, Stony Rises, Warrenheip and Windermere
1869 AR (PC)

Birtchnell's Ballarat, Creswick's, Buninyong, Clunes, Smythesdale, and Brown's Directory
1862 AR (PC) MI

Bryce Ross's Diggings' Directory [sections for Ballarat and Buninyong Trades only]
1853 AR (PC)

F M Dicker's Ballarat & Ballarat District Directory including Buninyong, Browns, Clunes, Creswick, Smythesdale, and Scarsdale
1865 □ 1866 AR (PC) MI

F.W.Niven & Co.'s Ballarat & District Directory [containing street, trade, and alphabetical directories of the City of Ballarat, Town of Ballarat East, Allendale, Buninyong, Browns and Scarsdale, Broomfield and Wallacetown, Clunes, Creswick, Kingstown, Sebastopol, Smeaton and Smythesdale]
1888 □ 1889 AR (PC)
1890 □ 1891 AR (PC) MI

Harry Tulloch's Ballarat & District Directory [covers Ballarat West, Ballarat East, Sebastopol and Buninyong]
1903 AR (PC) MI

Huxtable's Ballarat Commercial Directory embracing the Eastern & Western municipalities of Ballarat including the township of Buninyong
1857 AR (PC) MI

Huxtable's Ballarat Directory (covers Ballarat township, Ballarat East and Buninyong]
1858 AR (PC)

McConnell's Street & General Directory to Ballarat
Circa 1932 AR (PC)

Niven's Directory for the City of Ballarat, Ballarat East, & Sebastopol; including Clunes, Creswick, Smythesdale, Smythes Creek and Buninyong
1875 AR (PC) MI

Niven's Directory for the City of Ballarat & Ballarat East, Sebastopol, Buninyong, Smythesdale, Scarsdale, Creswick, Clunes, Kingston & Smeaton
1882 AR (PC) MI

Sands & McDougall's Ballarat & District Directory [covers Ballarat, Ballarat East, Buninyong, Sebastopol and suburbs]
1896 □ 1897 AR (PC) MI

Sands & McDougall's Ballarat, Suburban, and Districts Directory [covers Ballarat, Alfredton, Brown Hill, Bullarook, Bungaree, Buninyong, Cambrian Hill, Canadian, Cardigan, Cherry Tree, Clark's Hill, Dunnstown, Eureka, Glenpark, Gong Gong, Hiscocks, Leigh Creek, Magpie, Miner's Rest, Mount Clear, Mount Pleasant, Napoleans, Nernina, Pootills, Sebastopol, Warrenheip, Wendouree, Yarrowee]
1906 □ 1907 MI

Webb's Ballarat Directory (includes Ballarat City and Ballarat East)
1894 AR (PC) MI

VICTORIA

Bailliere's Victorian Directory
1868 AR and MI
1869 AR and MI
1370 AR and MI
1871/72 AR and MI
1875 AR and MI
1880/81 AR and MI

Birtchnell's Daylesford Directory
1865 MI

Records of Ships their Captains, Crew and Passengers

FINDING PASSENGERS IN VICTORIA

www.prov.vic.gov.au online indexes and databases
Assisted and Unassisted search both

www.naa.vic.gov.au

1. Sponsor/Applicant Schedules 1947 – 1979 VPRS 5978
2. Card Index to Sponsors 1946–1983 VPRS 5981
3. Card Index to Migrants 1946–1983 VPRS 5982
4. Immigration Remittances, Regulations VPRS 22/P Unit 15
Shows nominator, nominees and their relationship to the nominator, their home address & value of bounty.
5. Immigration Correspondence 1849–July 1851 VPRS 2876, 8 vols
Registers of Inward Correspondence (Immigration Branch)
6. Newspapers Shipping Arrivals, names of some passengers and Shipping Intelligence which gives extra detail (State Library Victoria)
7. A.J.C.P. Australian Joint Copying Project State Library Victoria
 - a. Register of applications for passage to the colonies for families of convicts 1848 – 1873
A.J.C.P. film 987
 - b. Register of emigrant labourer applications for a free passage A.J.C.P. films 874 & 875
8. Index to emigrant labourers A.J.C.P. film 6885
9. Latter Day Saints Family History Library Catalogue
Search under AUSTRALIA, State, EMIGRATION & IMMIGRATION

SHIPS PICTURES

Internet search on "ships picture" some of the sites found

- a. www.anmm.gov.au Australian National Maritime Museum
- b. www.coraweb.au/ship2htm - links to other sites
- c. www.nmm.ac.uk National Maritime Museum
- d. *Maritime Illustrations Index* Vaughan Evans 387.50994 M33A Latrobe Library, State Library Victoria (SLV)
- e. Card Index to ships pictures, logs, medical reports, articles, diaries etc Latrobe Library Reference Room, SLV
- f. www.shipslist.com pictures, marriages at sea, sea wrecks etc

LOGS, NEWSPAPERS, GAZETTES and DIARIES

- 1 Log of Logs, 3 volumes by Ian Nicholson.
- 2 SLV Main Catalogue Subject Search eg Marco Polo (ship)
- 3 Lloyds List of Shipping Gazettes 1734 – 1934 SLV, 387.506541 (must be ordered)
- 4 Ships Letter File 3 red folders in the LaTrobe Library Reference Room
- 5 A.G.C.I. Australian Genealogical Computer Index

SHIP MASTERS

Lloyds Captains Registers, SLV GMF 89, Box 6

CREW

- Discharge Certificates 1881–1922 VPRS 558
No sailor could be employed unless he had a discharge from his last ship.
- Release Books 1857–1922 VPRS 945
The Master signed to release the crew from all further claims
- Agreements 1878–1921 VPRS 566
These record the date, place, reason for leaving the ship and the balance of wages paid upon discharge
- Registers of Deserters and Discharged Seamen Geelong VPRS 2144
- Microfilm copy Vols I 3 1852 – 1925 VPRS 946/P
These record date of desertion, name and origin of ship, and name and description of the deserter.
- This was supplied by Jenny Carter following her talk to members in 2008**

RESEARCH QUERIES

Thomas CURNOW married Ann TREWARTHA in 1852 at Redruth, Cornwall. Their children included Thomas Curnow jnr whose actions led to Ned Kelly's arrest. He was a teacher, m. 1878 to Jean Mortimer, had 4 children, died 1922, and is buried in Ballarat Old Cemetery.

Edward MARTIN m. Elizabeth GEARY; child Alfred b.& d. Ballarat 1860; lived Linton 1861-1881 and had 10 children.

Adam Donaldson CLINTON m. Wilhelmina 'Minnie' CAMERON; bur New Cemetery; mining manager; chn John, Robert, Thomas; lived Ballarat 1868-1920

John SISSON m Elizabeth (Styles); arr. 1852; Chn: Thomas Tobias & Elizabeth Anne. John said to have died 1856 at Ballarat – not found in death/burial registers.

Thomas DAVEY and Mary Ann (nee Moss) arr from Purleigh, Essex in April 1854 on "Graham" with 12 children. NB: John Moss Davey (b.1841), George Davey (1842-1887) lived 9 Yuille St, James Henry Davey (1844-1895) – connected with Ballarat foundries.

Margaret and William TAIT, lived Allendale 1909; daughter Josephine lived Smythesdale; William died 85 yrs 1916; Margaret died 97 yrs 1929

John WATSON m. Elizabeth ALLAN; 9 chn – most buried Ballarat cemetery 1858-1923; Thomas Morgan Watson m. Agnes Scrimgeour

Ann TRANTER b. 1817 m. George JOHNSON, arr. on 'Great Britain' 1853; Thomas TRANTER and his sister Ann were children of William TRANTER, a famous gunsmith. Trying to find details on Thomas Tranter, the brother.

Julius DICKINSON and wife Fanny in Ballarat from 1855; John Robert Muir Dickinson was son; family connection with Nathaniel KEYS and to John GRIME wanted

John FITZGERALD m. Ellen Kelly in 1869: 9 children b. Creswick-Bungaree, farmed at Wattle Flat – any details on son Thomas Jeremiah FITZGERALD b. 1872 Bungaree

James O'LEARY, son of James O'Leary and Margaret (Twohig) m. Ellen Murray and died 1923 aged 59 yrs; daughter Julia Monica O'Leary m. William Dennis O'SULLIVAN

Daniel Henri TREYVAUD lived Sebastopol/Ballararat 1860-1870; had 15 children, of whom 7 born Ballarat and Sebastopol between 1860 and 1870; places of residence wanted

Robert MUTIMER b. 1803 d. 1863 Ballarat Hospital, m. Mary (Hagan); son William MUTIMER d. 1880 Ballarat, m. Elizabeth (McDermott) 1853

WILLIAMS family of Sebastopol and Ballarat: chn buried Ballarat – Thomas d. 1868; David d. 1871; Daniel d. 1883; Joseph d. 1884; Alice d. 1885.

Peter THOMAS 1826-1905, m. Julia Phillips in Cornwall; son Charles b. 1863 Cardigan; m. Jemina HUGHES at Cardigan in 1876

HELP WANTED

Alan Collie of New Zealand is researching the RYAN family of Ballarat and wants to contact present family members and/or members who are researching this family.

Catherine RYAN (later to become Mrs W Collie and Alan's Great Grandmother) was born Ballarat on the 4th October 1859. Her father was John RYAN, Quarryman and her mother was Hanora Dowlan and she had many sisters and brothers who were all born in Ballarat. The family lived at 710 Darling Street, Ballarat.

John had at least two brothers, Bryan a fanner at Sinclair Hill and Thomas, owner of the Eastern Station Hotel in Ballarat Most of the family are buried in the Old and New Ballarat Cemeteries

Catherine unfortunately drowned on the Brighton Beach November 1881 aged 22.

Please contact Alan at collies@clear.net.nz

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)

PROV building works

PROV is currently undertaking a program of building works at its Victorian Archives Centre (North Melbourne) site. These works will ensure that records continue to be preserved in state-of-the-art facilities.

It is anticipated however that the building works will disrupt some PROV services, including the Victorian Archives Centre Reading Room, transfer of paper records and venue hire. These disruptions are likely to take effect from May 2009 and continue for a period of approximately six months. Further details will be provided as they become available on the PROV website at <www.prov.vic.gov.au>

Archival Support Program – 'Possums, leaks and floods: Protecting your collection from disasters big and small'

The risks facing collections can include floods, leaky pipes and roofs, mould, insects and mice, or even vandalism and theft. Do you have a plan in place to limit the damage to your valuable collection? Do you know where or who to go to for help? Learn about the essential things that you need to know to help protect your collection, building and yourself.

This one day workshop will look at ways to help

- * identify and decrease risks;
- * develop plans to deal with 'emergencies';
- * know what to do and where to go when something goes wrong; and establish community net works for help and advice.

Program

Session 1, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm – *Planning and Response Essentials*

Provides an overview of potential threats and risks to your collection and how you can reduce the extent of damage or risk with practical low-cost solutions to assist with a quick response in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Lunch 12:30–1:30 pm

Session 2, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm – *Community Responses– Shared Aims*

Explores how communities and collecting bodies can work together to protect their collections and consolidate their resources. Representatives from Blue Shield Australia, History Victoria Support Group and small regional museums will share their real life disaster experiences, information about support programs and the benefits of working collaboratively with organisations in your community. The session will include a panel discussion and the opportunity for questions and answers.

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2009

Location: RL Campbell Theatre, Bendigo Library, 251–259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Cost: \$15, morning tea and lunch are included

Bookings are essential. To book phone (03)

93485600 or email <reception@prov.vic.gov.au>.

Bendigo Regional Archive Centre Now Open

On 1 April 2009, the Bendigo Regional Archive Centre (BRAC) was opened to the public for the first time.

BRAC is the result of a partnership between PROV, the City of Greater Bendigo and the Goldfields Library Corporation, established to permanently preserve public, private and business records in their place of origin and make them accessible to the public.

Researchers will be able to delve into records that document the history of the Greater Bendigo region and its people by accessing the many local government records in the BRAC collection, which include rate books and council minutes. The collection will continue to grow as public and community records are transferred to the centre.

Information about public records located at BRAC can be searched via the PROV website at <<http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au>>.

BRAC Reading Room

Location: First Floor, Bendigo Library, Goldfields Library Corporation

251–259 Hargreaves Street Bendigo

Opening hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

For further information visit <<http://www.brac.vic.gov.au>>.

Exhibitions at PROV

“Researching your family History” – Ballarat Archives Centre

As part of the upcoming Ballarat Family History Weekend, you can view a display of items on how researching your family history at PROV. The display gives an overview of the types of records you might use to trace your family's history, including immigration and will and probate records. The display will be on show until September.

Records now available from PROV

Visit <<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/main/newrecords.asp>> to view new series that have been added to the online catalogue Access the Collection. The list is updated every two months.

VA 852 Royal Mint, Melbourne Branch

VPRS 643/P0 Correspondence Files (1868–1948), 224 units, Open access
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VPRS 6729/P0 Note Books (1859–1924), 3 units, Open access
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VPRS 6738/P0 Australian Bronze Coin Account (1928–1967), 1 unit, Open access
VPRS 6739/P0 Bronze Coin Abstract (1919–1965), 1 unit, Open access
VPRS 6740/P0 Contents of Stronghold Ledger (1916–1921), 1 unit, Open access
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VPRS 10219/P0 Miscellaneous Files (1900–1969), 104 units, Open access

VA 4156 Carboor Upper (Primary School No. 4870)

VPRS 6660/P0 School Records (1961–1975), 1 unit, Open access

VA 3526 Wonwondah East (Primary School No. 2472)

VPRS 6836/P0 School Records (1906–1945), 1 unit, Open access

VA 4156 Emily McPherson College

VPRS 1753/P0 Correspondence Files (1965–1972), 2 units, Open access

VPRS 1755/P0 Accounting Records, (1929–1979), 27 units, Open access

VA 4831 Southern Cross Station Authority

VPRS 16021/P5 and P6 Spencer Street Station/Southern Cross Station Redevelopment Project Records (2000–2007), 22 units, Closed Access

VA 2493 Queenscliffe (Municipal District 1863, Borough 1863–ct)

VPRS 16246/P1 Council Minutes (1863–1988), 47 units, Open access

VPRS 16251/P1 Rate Books (1863–1951), 41 units, Open access

VPRS 16252/P1 Rate Cards (1952–1963), 5 units, Open access

VPRS 16253/P1 Rate Records, Printouts (1991–1995), 6 units, Open access

VPRS 16247/P1 Contract Register (1905–1994), 5 units, Open access

VPRS 16248/P1 Contract Files (1995–2008), 11 units, Open access

VPRS 16250/P1 Committee Minutes (Recreation Reserve Trust) (1949–1961), 1 unit, Open access

VPRS 16249/P1 Register of Rateable Properties (1863–1959), 2 units, Open access

VA 3706 Monash (City 1994–ct)

VPRS 16183/P1 Rate Books (1894–1897), 3 units, Open access

VPRS 16184/P1 Register of Rateable Properties (1958–1986), 240 units, Open access

VPRS 16185/P1 Rate Books (1898–1950), 111 units, Open access

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OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

February Meeting – Rosemary Allen
“Northern England Research Sources”

46 members and visitors heard a fascinating talk by Rosemary Allen from the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies. Rosemary set the scene by talking about the Vikings’ settlements throughout the north, and how the English fought the cattle-rustling Scots of the northern border. She described pele towers, built to protect people in raids. This unusual word was an example of the dialect of the northern people who used words like stirks for a type of cow, and big meaning barley.

Rosemary took us through the time of Henry VIII when non-conformists were those people who started to question and agitate about matters such as wanting to read the bible for themselves. William Tindale smuggled 3000 bibles into England, at a time of great unrest. Henry VIII grabbed monastery lands in the 16th century, when they really were the social support of the local people. The rule was Protestant when the people were mainly Catholic, but when Catholic Mary came to rule, three Protestant bishops were burnt at the stake along with 300 ordinary people. Then Elizabeth started her reign of 50 years. All this set the scene for change, starting the introduction of sectarianism, with Quakers and Baptists and other non-conformist starting their churches. Rosemary regaled us with these wonderful stories: Guy Fawkes, the period of the Civil War when there was no parliament and the Puritans came into their own in the mid 16th century. The main message Rosemary shared with us was not to research only the Anglican church records, but to pursue the non-conformist records. It is amazing to realise how much of this material is available, in the AIGS and GSV libraries, as well as through FamilySearch and The National Archives online.

Go to: https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Pre1837_Nonconformist_church_records_online
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/familyhistory/guide/people/nonconformist.htm>

Report by Joan Hunt

March Meeting - Graeme Reynolds

Graeme Reynolds, our Vice President gave a very interesting and informative talk on ‘Finding your ancestors land records in Victoria’

Graeme has extensive knowledge of researching land records, and gave members many new ideas, and areas to source records for their research.

Graeme commenced with explanations of the very early land sales, showing some early maps, and the very useful information contained on these maps to help with research.

Government Gazettes are also very useful for researching some of the early land sales.

Graeme also looked at Crown Land Titles, Township Maps, and Parishes and gave explanations and examples of Land Title documents.

While researching land records it is important to realise that land boundaries may have changed many times over the years and knowledge of the history of an area must be taken into account when researching these land records.

Old rate books are also a useful tool for identifying land, providing your ancestors owned the property.

Much Land in Ballarat has been known as Miners Right. This was explained, and how many Ballarat residents have taken the opportunity to convert their land to freehold title.

Records for researching land are available at the Public Record Office and the Australiana Room at the Ballarat Library.

Graeme was also able to answer many questions from members regarding their research.

The researching of land is very interesting, and gives us much insight into the lives of our early ancestors.

Report by Barb Harris

April Meeting - Travis Sellars

Travis Sellars, President of Friends of Cheltenham & Regional Cemeteries, spoke on “Adam Lindsay Gordon. Ballarat Poet – his life and times”

Travis gave us a very interesting insight into the Life of Adam Lindsay Gordon, from the time he was born, his childhood, and to the time he arrived in Australia at Port Adelaide in 1853. His passage was organised by his father, along with the Governor of South Australia. Gordon accepted his fate, joining the South Australia Mounted Police, intending to return home in a few years.

His love was always horses, and he spent most of his 16 years in Australia working with horses becoming a famous jockey and horse breaker. After a short time he became a Trooper which suited him much better, and on his travels across the country he started to write poetry about his experiences in the bush.

In 1862 he married Maggie Park and purchased ‘Dingley Dell’ near Port MacDonnell, which he used as a holiday house. Dingley Dell is now a tourist attraction and well worth a visit.

His first book of poetry was published in 1864 and in 1865 he was elected to parliament, a position he held for two years before resigning.

Not long after this his daughter Annie was born and in 1867 Gordon and his family moved to Ballarat and settled in the livery stables at the back of Craigs Hotel. .

A fire destroyed the livery stables at Craigs Hotel in 1868 and within a month of this fire, his daughter Annie died

Annie was originally buried in Ballarat but was exhumed to be buried with her father in Brighton.

He spent 16 years in Australia and published 4 books of poetry in this time.

Adam Lindsay Gordon died in 1870 at the age of 36 years, and is buried at the Brighton Cemetery. In 1912 a committee was formed to build a monument to him.

It was not until after his death that his popularity grew.

John Adams, Treasurer of the Adam Lindsay Gordon Commemorative Committee was also in attendance, and gave interesting details regarding the grave at Brighton.

Tours of the Brighton cemetery which include Adam Lindsay Gordon's grave are held at regular intervals.

Report by Barb Harris



Grave of Adam Lindsay Gordon at Brighton
General Cemetery

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

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

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

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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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Microfiche and Reader available to borrow.

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

\$20 PER HOUR — non members

\$10 PER HOUR — Members

Research enquiries may be forwarded to the Society's Research Officer C/O our Postal Address or researchballarat@hotmail.com
Please include sufficient relevant details.

Family History Feast 2009

During National Family History Week 2009 on Monday 3 August, 10am to 4pm at the State Library of Victoria join us for *Family History Feast* the sixth annual collaborative event by the major agencies in Victoria for genealogy research - State Library of Victoria, Public Record Office Victoria, National Archives of Australia (Victorian Office) and Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. A day of free information sessions for family historians. For the third time the event will conclude with the annual Don Grant Lecture organised by the Victorian Association of Family History Organisations with the 2009 speaker yet to be announced. Bookings essential. For details and full program see the State Library of Victoria website (slv.vic.gov.au) closer to the date.

If you missed the 2008 event or would like to hear any of the presentations again, these are now available on the Library website
<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/programs/genealogy/family-history-feast-08>

Anne Burrows
Genealogy Librarian
Information Services Division
State Library of Victoria

From the Library Use of Society computers



These computers, which are in the Australiana Room of the Library, are **not** to be used for personal use such as accessing your own emails.

They are to be used for research purposes only.

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)

HOW DO I FIND?

Victorian place names abbreviations

Victorian Birth, Death and Marriage registrations tend to list the name of the town/region in which the event occurred as an abbreviation. This list explains some of the abbreviations but should not be considered as a comprehensive list. Some abbreviations can be applied to a number of places.
<http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/ifhaa/misc/vicnames.htm>

Wills in England on-line

The National Archives holds PCC wills 1383-1858, searchable on PROB11.

The index gives date of probate, not date of death. The will gives the date of writing the will. You can use a wildcard *

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/wills.asp>

Glos: 311,000 wills in PCC; others held in Glos Record Office and Bristol Record Office;
Berks: 19,687 wills in PCC; others in Ros at Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Swindon.

USEFUL INDEXES

Geelong Court of Insolvency Schedules

<http://www.zades.com.au/geelong/ppourri.htm>

Nearly 1500 insolvents named from Ballarat, Buninyong, Smythesdale – etc.
VPRS 815 (PROV)

Place names in Ireland

<http://www.n-ireland.co.uk/genealogy/placenames/index.htm>

Gives an alphabetical index to names of places in Ireland, with an explanation of what the word translates to, e.g., Carlow means four lakes.



MEMBERS ONLY

Available to borrow :-
Audio Tapes of Guest Speakers talks.
Contact Janette McGillivray
garnet99@bigpond.com

Ballarat Cemeteries CD

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

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

Enquiries to:-

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

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

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

OR

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

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

Enquiries to researchballarat@hotmail.com
www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au

Ancestry.com is now available on the Library computer

Bookings are required and should be made at the Library desk

CEMETERY TOURS

Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc

BALLARAT OLD CEMETERY

(Cnr Creswick Road & Macarthur Street)

1 and 2 hour tours available.

Eureka graves tour.

Jewish section tour.

1 hour Sunday afternoon tour requires a booking at the Information Centre.

BALLARAT NEW CEMETERY

(Cnr Lydiard & Norman Streets)

1 and 2 hour tours available .

Tours are conducted:-

1. During the Ballarat Begonia Festival.
2. On request for community or school groups.
3. During Eureka week in December.

Tours are conducted throughout the year but preferably not during the winter months.

Entry

Adults \$10.00

Concession and Children \$7.00

Enquiries: Neva Dunstan - phone 5330 7005

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.

Visit the Ballarat Genealogy website:- www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au

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