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A New Look for LINK

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A New Look for Facebook

Finalists for Ballarat Heritage  
Awards

The story of Ernest Cadogen  
WW1 Soldier

The continuation of *Ordinary  
People* by Joan Hunt

All of this along with  
Research Enquires and  
regular features in this issue  
of LINK.

Please send us your story to  
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Above is a panoramic lithograph by Francois Cogne showing the SW corner of Main Road and Victoria Street in 1859, only eight years since the goldrush began to create Ballarat. This image, courtesy of Max Harris, was used on posters and postcards for the launch of our newly designed website on Tuesday the 6th of May at the Old Colonists' Club.

**Membership Renewals** will be due at the end of June. Enclosed is a membership form however you can now renew your membership via the website and pay via Paypal or bank transfer.  
[www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/about/society-memberships](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/about/society-memberships)  
We know this would be much easier for many members. It also gives you the option to get your copy of LINK electronically.

2014 **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the August meeting to be held in the Meeting Room at the Ballarat Library 26 August 2014 7.30 pm

Nominations for the committee are now open

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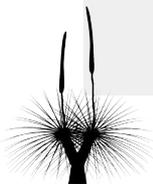
Membership year from 1 July to 30 June

The Society's Library is housed in the Australiana Research Room

Ballarat Central Library 178 Doveton Street, North Ballarat  
Room open for Members 5 to 7pm Friday Nights

Certain Books from our collection are able to be borrowed by our members  
for up to 2 weeks.

Visitors are most welcome to meetings held at the Ballarat Library in  
Doveton Street on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm  
No meeting December or January.



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## From the Editor

First of all my apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. It has been a hectic couple of months for me and time is something I have not had a lot of. We have also had a lot going on within and for the Society as you will see as you read.

We have had the launch of the new website, the Heritage Awards and Ballarat Heritage Weekend. I spoke in Warrnambool and attended the GSV Annual Meeting, and that is just for May.

I do hope you like the new format for LINK, this is to line up with the new website format and I have changed the facebook page to also carry over elements of our new theme. We look forward to some feedback on all of this activity.

From the next newsletter you will have the choice to receive this via an email notification again. You can also renew your membership via the web page Home>About> Memberships or <http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/about/society-memberships>

Also the new web site allows you to order our Indexes on CDs and apply for Research to be done. These and your renewal can be paid via Paypal or EFT. This gives you the opportunity to make a payment via electronic bank transfer.

Along side of all of this our President is busy with negotiations with Council to ensure good internet access and future security in the Library for the Society's collection and access for both members and the general public. A revised Memorandum of Understanding will be developed in the coming months.

There are a number of ongoing projects that require a great deal of work by our tireless team of volunteers. If you are interested in assisting while learning more about tracing available to us.

your own family history please let us know as there can never be too many volunteers and the choices are varied. We would welcome novices as well as those who have considerable experience with the records available to us

I am still looking for stories for the next edition of LINK. Do you have a story about one of your ladies being left behind while her son/ brother/ husband went to war. How did she cope? What happened when he returned? If you have a story and photo or one or the other please let me know as many others will love these stories as well.

Do not worry if do not think your writing is up to standard (this often puts people off). I am happy to assist with editing. It is getting that story on paper that is important. Please send it to [link@bdgs.org.au](mailto:link@bdgs.org.au)

Also if you are believe something should be on our website let us know. We are very busy still bringing across records from the old site to the new but would love some feedback on the new site and any ideas for development in the future. Please send any thoughts to [info@bdgs.org.au](mailto:info@bdgs.org.au)

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## President's Report

Consumer Affairs Victoria approved the Rules, that were passed in the Special General meeting in September 2013. The date of implementation is 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014. In brief these results meet all requirements of the model Rule within the Associations Incorporation (Reform) Act. A couple of points that may interest members are that –

The monthly meeting is now termed 'ordinary meeting'.

The Committee has to approve the annual accounts and statements before they can be taken to the Annual General Meeting. This will shift the Annual General meeting to August.

Since all annual subscriptions are due at 1<sup>st</sup> July, members who do not renew within a reasonable time should expect that the August edition of Ballarat Link will be the final edition they will receive under the current subscription.

While on the legal aspects of the organisation, the Society has presented its return to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. The election of the Abbott government may affect this process in the future. The abolition of that Commission was one of the planks in the electoral platform.

Nominations for the whole Committee for 2014-15 are now open.

The Society is a legally recognised charity. It is able to provide receipts for an amount of \$2 or more that allow the donor to present these as deductions in income assessment for taxation purposes. The Society is most grateful to anyone who is able to support its aims through this means. In the past, this avenue has provided significant assistance to the digitisation project of Ballarat's newspapers.

From late March 2014, the Society has entered into broad-ranging discussions with Ms Jenny Fink of the Ballarat Public Library, to consider the currency of the existing memorandum of understanding with the Library. Suggestions for improvements have been outlined. These discussions have been most cordial and are based in a commonly shared understanding that the memorandum underpins the productive partnership between this Society and the Library and by extension to the City of Ballarat.

There has been no advice on the outcome of the application for a grant from the Anzac Centenary program.

The Society was listed as a finalist in the Innovations section of the 2014 Ballarat Heritage Awards.

The new website [www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au) went live on 1 May 2014. This work has been a painstaking process over the course of five months. Congratulations to all involved in the track along that pathway. Now the Society needs to extend the work, rather like adding the leaves to that well-known skeletal tree. It all takes time and voluntary hours to achieve those goals.



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Numerous media have begun to place some emphasis on the Centenary of Anzac (2015). Australia is likely to spend more money on this event, than the 1914 Allies will spend to mark the centenary of outbreak of the War. Within Australia, diversity of views is emerging –

- the numerical superiority of troops engaged in and the years of active service in other arenas of that War; and
- the disparity of the accord afforded the deceased sailors, soldiers, nurses and airmen relative to the living former service personnel from more recent conflicts;

the name of the distinguished First World War General, has advertised a series of diverse initiative and programs under the banner *The War Turned Upside Down – changing the way we remember 1914-1918*. More information is at [artsonline.monash.edu/anzac-remembered](http://artsonline.monash.edu/anzac-remembered). The Cambridge History of the First World War was also launched in The Queen's Hall I, State Library of Victoria on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 as a key event in the program.

## A medal of The Old Identities Association

1851-54 has been purchased by The Old Colonists' Club of Ballarat. The obverse of the medal is engraved  
'R W Wright arrived 1/12/1853.'  
Sovereign Hill Gold Museum and Museum of Victoria each hold an example of the medal.  
*The Courier* 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 p.3.

**At right:** Our display in the Trench Room at the Town Hall at the Ballarat Heritage Weekend held 10 & 11 May 2014.

A number of people came to ask the advice of volunteers ready with answers and assistance.



*One of my forebears was Mayor of Ballarat during the gold rush period. I have attached a family photograph of him wearing his Mayoral robes which may assist you in helping me to identify him. His surname was possibly NEATE or his wife's family name may have been NEATE. I would be interested in knowing a little about him including the dates when he held the Mayoral position.*

We haven't been able to find a Mayor or Councillor Neate in Ballarat or Ballarat East.

There was a George NEATE and Mercy (CHIVERS) who had chn: Ambrose George b 1856 Chilwell (Geelong), Julia Jane b 1858 Ballarat, Esther b 1860 Ballarat and Frederick Sampson b 1862 Linton.

John NEATE, blacksmith, was at Break o'Day in the 1860s.

William BURROW and Martha NEATE were having chn in Ballarat from 1869. Could it be South Australia? There are a number of NEATE families listed in BISA and there is a Cr Thomas NEATE elected to the Macclesfield Council in 1864. Please contact [info@bdgs](mailto:info@bdgs) if you are able to help with this enquiry.

## Making a Scene

Exciting Changes and Recognition  
<http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au>

Members will be seeing a few changes to the look of the Ballarat and District Genealogical Society in a number of ways. After a couple of years and much work the Society now has a new look website and LINK and our Facebook pages have been changed to reflect and carry through with the 'look and feel' we have adopted.

From the dawn of the internet Life Member Daryl Povey developed a popular website which had up to 800 pages of original information, letters, links and much more. This site often received feedback as being a most valuable resource for genealogists, students, authors and others interested in history. The Society is forever grateful for the work Daryl put into pioneering this site and for being so innovative in bringing us to the forefront from the very early years.

As the art and technology of web design has evolved it was decided to make the site image-rich with many wonderful historic images of Ballarat. We used video and databases in a variety of formats which will adjust to display on all manner of electronic devices such as iphones, ipads and the like. Forms may be used to purchase our indexes online, place research queries and pay membership subscriptions via Paypal or by EFT (electronic funds transfer). The archived site is still available as we work to siphon more valuable records across to the new one. For the record the new design and structure was developed over a five month period by [www.alphaville.com.au](http://www.alphaville.com.au). The changeover took place on 1st May 2014, launched on the 6th and first demonstrated to the public at the Ballarat Heritage Weekend.



Jennifer Burrell & Carmel Reynen  
accept the finalists certificate

In the lead up to this event the Society entered the Ballarat Heritage Awards in the category of Innovation - for the use of multimedia for family history research. There were many most worthy contestants in this section and we were delighted to be chosen among the finalists for this award.

At the Awards Ceremony our posters were displayed, postcards were handed out and the website launch was announced. It was a wonderful opportunity to gain more recognition for the work of the Society and to network with some influential people with shared historical interests.

Jennifer Burrell has worked very hard over the past few months to ensure the website was ready for launching as well as still co-ordinating research enquiries.

## Social Media and Genealogy



I remember when I first got the internet in February 1996, it was very new in households and very little to be found but still interesting. There was a list I found where I could add the genealogical names I was searching for and was surprised at the time by the amount of responses I got.

I then had an email from a lady who was starting a surname list on Rootsweb. This is now part of [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) but I was soon to find that there were many of these lists on this site. It was an email group situation where you subscribed to the list and when someone posted a question that would go to all subscribers and with any luck someone could either send you information or at least tell you where it could be found.

This was a great system and still exists but not utilised much at all these days. One of the drawbacks was that photos, and documents could not be posted. One good thing is that you can still browse these lists to see if a question of interest may have been answered in the past.

Now Facebook and Twitter have taken over and there are a number of groups popping up each day.

Many are a little scared of Facebook with people spouting the dangers of privacy issues etc etc. However if you are vigilant and have the correct settings there should not be any issues. Many businesses and groups now have Facebook pages. Local Buy, Swap and Sell is becoming more popular now that ebay has now changed direction, I believe.

Groups such as The Ballarat & District Genealogical Society, Public Record Office Victoria, State Library Victoria, Society of Australian Genealogists and many other organisations of interest now have Facebook pages. There are a few Australian Genealogy Groups and these can be found by typing in Genealogy Australia and you will find a few such as Australian Family History and Genealogy, Australian Pioneer Families and others.

Someone recently asked if there was a Tasmanian group, when not finding one started her own and within a couple of days had many members. Then it was asked if there was one for Victoria, no, so I started one. Within 24 hours we had over 100 members, we had a few more join in the next couple of weeks and when one of my administrators posted our group in another we had another 100 join in the next 24 hours, now at 3 months we have over 500 members.

There are also groups for overseas, and I am currently with Yorkshire, London and Hampshire groups. However if there is one you would be interested in, you can start your own group, then advertise on one of the other genealogical pages to get a following.

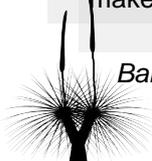
I have also started a number of family pages. I found that I had many family members, cousins close and distant or just people who were chasing the same family as I am. So I started pages just for these families. That way we can announce family births, deaths etc share photos and stories and they are just relating to our family. You need to make these pages secret if it is just your family.

My husband is from Holland and has many family members still living there who we have never met. Over the years we have tried to establish some kind of contact via Christmas cards etc but this did not share family events.

Other groups of interest are photos that are being posted for towns. "Have you seen old Ballarat Town" is one, then there is Lost Melbourne and many other towns. These are just photos, old photos people have in their collections and they post them to the relevant site to share with people and not just family historians. There are also "Did you grow up in ..." pages.

There are also Mystery Photos and Unidentified photos where photos can be posted in the hope that others may recognise someone. When you join these groups you can also upload photos or make comments about photos already there.

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## Ernest CADOGEN on his way to First World War in the Middle East, never reached the frontline ...

By the time Ernest Cadogan was born on 2 April 1867 in Ballarat West his father Joseph Ephraim Cadogan was working as Blacking maker, and his mother Mary Wayne conducting her private school from home. Ernest was the fourth son in a family of eight children, two girls having died at infancy on the gold fields. Ernest was a bit of an enigma as very little is known about him other than his marriage at the age of 32 to Sarah McInnes Ball, from whom he later separated; and a daughter by the name of Marion May Cadogan. There was another son; Thomas Henry Cadogan born 1903, Queanbeyan; died 1904 followed by the parents' separation, and Ernest moved to Queensland. Eleven years later at the age of 48, Ernest joined the 5/ 26 Reinforcement Battalion in Brisbane on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1915, thus becoming the only member of the Cadogan family who participated in the First World War.

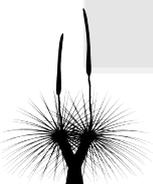
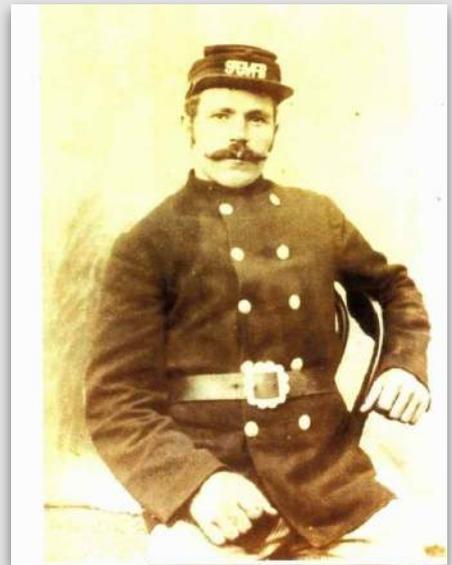
Ernest enlisted under an assumed name, George Henry Dickson (later stated to be Ernest Cadogan according to his service records). His attestation papers shows his age to be 45 years, a widower described as of ruddy complexion, having brown eyes and brown and gray hair; his religious denomination Methodist. He has a distinctive mark of a cyst on the back. He nominated his sister Mrs Rothwell (Martha Wayne Cadogan) of Schofields, and brother Joseph Cadogan of Auburn in New South Wales as next of kin.

Ernest Cadogan embarked at Brisbane on H.M.A.T. *Warilda* on 5 October 1915 and no indications are given about his destination. Yet, by 11 December he was admitted to the Australian Hospital at Heliopolis- Egypt, vomiting. Declared dangerously ill of pneumonia on 15 December, he died in hospital in Cairo on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1915. Ernest Cadogan was buried at Old Cairo in the New Protestant Cemetery Row D, Grave 226. Next of kin were first notified on 20 December 1915 of Ernest's illness; and finally on 23<sup>rd</sup> December of his death. A year later a package containing personal effects listed as a disc and spectacles, were dispatched in the *Ajana* from Tel-EI-Kebir, and received by Martha Rothwell of Schofields in January 1917. A second parcel dispatched on the *Marathon* containing books, personal effects and what appears to be a photograph of a house-wife was received in February 1918 by Mrs Rothwell.

The 1914/1915 Star Medal was issued to Ernest Cadogan after his death, together with the British War Medal and the Victory Medal in December 1919; all of which was the subject of a dispatch notice from the Base Records, for the disposal of the medals according to procedures. These required that they be handed over in order of relationship commencing from the widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, and so on. The notification was sent to Ernest's siblings Mrs Rothwell and Albert Llewellyn Cadogan. Mrs Rothwell replied indicating the names of all the surviving brothers, including John Cadogan living in Villarrica, Paraguay. However, a last written instruction by the Chief Clerk requires that "Daughter only be notified". It is evident that, the next of kin who is entitled to the medals would had been Ernest Cadogan's surviving daughter Marion May Cadogan (later, Mrs George Ball). It does appear that her name was never included in the correspondence to the Base Records Office.

The Australian War Memorial has Ernest Cadogan listed under the name of George Henry Dickson, AWM 145 Roll of Honour Cards, 1914-1918 War, Army.

(Extracted from *CADOGAN, from Abergavenny to Australia and Beyond, 1829-2005* by Jimmy Cadogan; Anno Domini 2000 Pty. Ltd.- Email: [ad2000book@bigpond.com](mailto:ad2000book@bigpond.com))



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I have now started a group for Dutch cousins in Australia, we have 70 members and we are all related. It is amazing what photos are there and what is here, they love all the old photos as well as we are all watching the next generation grow up.

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Someone quoted that if you have an area of interest you can guarantee there is a facebook page for it. Just do a search for your area of interests, the school you attended, places you have lived there is always help there to get you on your way and point you in the right direction.

Carmel Reynen



**Do you know any of these men?**

Photo of unidentified committee men given to the Society, origin now unknown. Size without mount is 14 x 11 inches, with mount is bigger than A3. Faces are clear enough to be recognised.

Supposed to come from a tennis club. Photographer: Richards Co. Ballarat.

Lapel badges on four of the men are WW1 AIF Returned from Active Service.

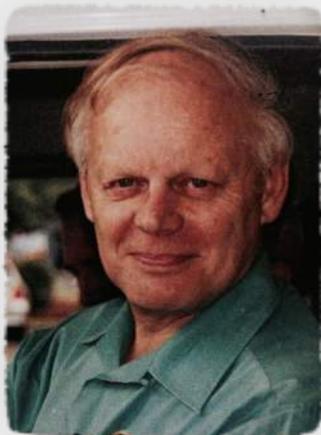
One in back row 2nd from right is wearing a WW1 silver war wound lapel badge.

So this dates the Photo at about 1920.

Quite an array fashions which would fit with immediate post WW1. Collars from winged to stiff and soft points with a tiepin. One is dapper in a double breasted suit and spats? Back right is wearing a hand knitted vest.

Front and centre is most likely the president. He has a fob watch chain with a medallion. From a very few words penciled on the back, the legible ones are Mr G Reid, possibly Gordon Harris and maybe Och\_.

The Society is seeking help to identify these gentlemen and if you can, then the photo could be yours.



Brian Frederick Dore

27 August 1940 - 9 March 2014

The Society wishes to send their condolences to Jill, Andrew and Nicolas and their families on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather. Brian and Jill for many years served the supper at the general meetings for BDGS as well as assisting in projects and supporting the society.

Brian became ill some months before his passing but still came to a meeting when he could. He will be sadly missed by members.

The family asked for a donation to the Leukaemia Foundation in lieu of flowers and the Society was able to do this in Brian's honour.

RIP Brian



## Ordinary People by Joan Hunt

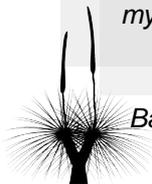
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There were doctors on the diggings, trying their luck alongside all the others who had professional or trade experience, as well as toughened ex-convicts, labourers, sailors who had jumped ship and others of mixed backgrounds. However, it was women who supported and helped one another in need. Women who had large families often were midwives to others in childbirth, and many young mothers were assisted by their mothers or older sisters. When Sarah Robe died at Warrens Lead, Smythes Creek in May 1858 a coroner's inquest was held into her death and the records tell a story that was no doubt the experience of thousands like her.

Sarah had arrived at Geelong about 1855 from Northern Ireland; she was probably less than twenty years old. She married in Geelong and gave birth to a son. However, within a few months her husband left her and headed for the goldfields to try his luck. She must have tried to battle along on her own in Geelong until eventually she decided to follow and try to find him. Perhaps she had heard nothing from him since he'd left. So she packed up her little boy, then eleven months old, and started to walk. Evidence was given at the inquest that, on arriving at the Smythes Creek diggings Sarah was helped by a woman running a boarding house, with whom she stayed for two months. Then, obviously having despaired of ever meeting up with her husband again, she set up house with a miner named Daniel Martin. On the day of her death, 9<sup>th</sup> May 1858, a miner was walking from Warren's Lead to have his dinner at the Eldorado Hotel (opposite the present Smythesdale General Store). Among the many tents all around, he happened to look into Sarah's as he passed by. What he saw caused him to call a woman from the next tent. She rushed in to find Sarah lying dead across the bed. She appeared to have been suckling her child, and had collapsed on top of him. Dr Saenger was called but could do nothing for her, reporting after the autopsy that she had died from apoplexy caused by congestion of the brain. Unfortunately, we have no idea what became of the baby, or whether the authorities ever contacted Sarah's husband. But there is no doubt that many young women would have been deserted in similar fashion and left to cope for themselves and their young families.

In those years women had to bear responsibility for the care of their children's health under impossibly difficult conditions. The Smythesdale cemetery records show that in 1861 seventy two percent of all burials were of children aged under 15 years. There is evidence of dozens of cases where young children have developed diarrhoea and other symptoms no doubt associated with drinking contaminated water, and home remedies were resorted to until the situation reached crisis point. Then Dr Saenger or Dr Jordan would be called, or Mr Corinaldi the chemist would be consulted, but often the condition would be beyond help of any medicines by then, and the cause of death would invariably be death from exhaustion from excessive ulceration of the bowels. The distress and grief of parents whose children died young must have been quite common. Accidental drownings were all too frequent, and Margaret Dalton will tell us her story of what happened to her son Peter in September 1861 at an early bridge across the Woody Yaloak Creek on the road leading to Snake Valley.

*I am the wife of John Dalton and reside in Smythesdale. The deceased Peter Dalton is my son. He is six years of age. The last time I saw him alive was on Tuesday the tenth instant, about one o'clock after noon. He left the house well and hearty. Next I heard of him was a girl, Miss Miller, came and told me he had fallen into the creek. This was scarcely an hour after he left home. I expected my son had gone to school. I went to the schoolmaster Mr Shackleton and asked him where my son had fallen into the creek. I was told the schoolmaster was informed where my son had fallen into the creek. He told me he knew nothing about it. I begged of some of the children to come and show me where my son had fallen in. They showed me as near as they could. Mr Shackleton did not offer to come with me. I went to tell his father. I could not get across the creek, so Mr Gilmore went to tell him. I did not see my son in the creek. The school is quite close to where he fell in. I did not see my son again until yesterday afternoon. He was brought home by John Highland, quite dead. The schoolmaster, when informed of my son having fallen into the creek, did not offer any assistance whatever, but appeared quite unconcerned.*



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In 1856 John Lynch and Isabella McGregor married and settled at Smythe's Creek. They had fourteen children, of whom eight were to die tragically before reaching adulthood. By 1872 they had eleven children, seven of whom died in that year in a period of eight months. Newborn twin daughters died in January, then diphtheria hit the family in the following month, when 7 year old Kate died, followed a week later by Paul. Even at 12 years of age he was said to have had the potential to become a brilliant mathematician. There was then a break of seven months and the disease hit again. 9 year old Mary Janet was buried on the same day that 2-year old Patrick died, and within the week James aged 4 years had also died. They are all buried in a very sad and large grave site at Smythesdale cemetery. In order to trace if possible the cause of the attacks of diphtheria in his family, Mr Lynch asked Dr Foster and Dr Stewart to inspect his whole house. They had the floors ripped up and the linings torn down. The water of the dam and of the brick tank which was used for cooking, drinking and bathing was bottled and sent to the Government Analyst to report on. At that time it was not known that diphtheria was an infection spread from throat to throat, generally by coughing. The disease, which caused difficulty in breathing and swallowing, followed by low temperature and heart failure, was not spread by contamination of drinking water nor by germs in the buildings people lived in.

Family size always impresses us today. And sure enough, it was not at all uncommon for families to be very large. For instance, John Jones who lived at Ross Creek and who had helped make the coffins for the miners killed at the Eureka Stockade in 1854, and his wife, had eight children under fourteen years of age. Mary and Samuel Bigelow of Piggoreet had six children in nine years by 1865; while Susannah and James Pitts also of Piggoreet had seven in the nine years to 1865. Practically every family had a baby every second year, for which birth certificates provide documentary evidence. And what of the school available for children on the goldfields? At Sago Hill, north of present-day Haddon, the Church of England had a school also known as Campbell's Diggings School no. 140. The school inspector, John Sircom, visited on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1863. The result of his inspection showed that 10 children were present, with 7 being below standard. Of the parents one was a splitter, one a farmer, the rest were gold miners. Inspector Sircom returned for another inspection six months later, on 21 October 1863. At that time there were 25 children on the roll, with 20 present. Most children in the area attended Bunker's Hill school nearby, and little wonder. The building was partly palings, partly of torn calico, and there was no blackboard; John Sircom described it as "a very sorry affair". Of the teacher who resided nearby, Mr Samuel Slater, he smelt of gin and was addicted to drinking. His wife also taught. According to John Sircom they were both "quite inefficient". The school closed in December 1863 when aid closed.

North of present day Smythesdale was the site of a Chinese Camp. That oldest of all professions was providing its services at the Chinese camp and the old Court House at Smythesdale could tell many a story of charges of immoral earnings. The "Grenville Advocate" published daily in Smythesdale in the 1860s, reported two prostitutes' misbehaviour in the court when it was claimed that they "called one another for everything save virtue". Many young and unprotected British women formed relationships and married Chinese. It has been said that the Chinese were more sensitive to women than the rough and ready bushmen and miners of European backgrounds, a large proportion of whom had come through the convict system in other colonies. That these marriages were as stable and successful as any others is borne out by the fact that their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who are adults today have played their parts in society in very much the same way as any others.

So, Mary Ann Bennetts, a 19-year old from Cornwall, married 33 year old Chinese interpreter, Ah Took from Canton, China. They were married at the Chinese Camp by the Reverent Samuel Walker according to the rites of the Church of England on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1868. Whether Mary Ann had met Ah Took while working as a prostitute the records do not tell us. Similarly, Mary Teresa Tumney, an Irish girl married another Ah Took, a gardener who lived at the Chinese camp.

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## Research Enquiries

**Are you able to assist with any of these research enquiries?  
also if you would like to help with research, please let us know!**

**CODY** (Edward) Edmond d 1870 in a mining accident at Cobblers (Sebastopol), arr Ballarat latter part of 1851, m 1856 Mary **CARSON** who died 1872. Chn: Edmond b 1858, James b 1860, John b 1862, Bridget b 1867, Mary b 1869. An uncle Michael **BRENNAN** of Buninyong arranged for 2 of the boys and the 2 girls. Found in the Children's Registers for Wards of the State.

**EVANS E** (Evan or Edward), **MORGAN** Thomas and **THOMAS** Llewellyn, Welsh harpists performing at the local Welsh Eisteddfods in Ballarat in the 1860s. **EVANS** and **MORGAN** found in Ballarat Directories for 1865-66 and 1869, **THOMAS** seems to have been at St Arnaud or Stawell. (For a music historian who will visit.)

**HUGHAN** James Samuel bur Barrabool Cemetery Highton, died 11 Mar 1939 at the Benevolent Home Ballarat. Any records? Ballarat Benevolent Home now known as the Queen Elizabeth Centre. It is managed by Ballarat Health Services. Contact the Freedom of Information Department by email [foi@bhs.org.au](mailto:foi@bhs.org.au)

**KELSHAW** John d 1883 Sydney, NSW, m 1862 Ballarat, Elizabeth Jane **POOLE**. Son Albert Edward b 1863 Ballarat East. Provided a transcription of marriage certificate and examples of **KELSHAW** articles available on Trove from local newspaper. [The Ballarat Star newspaper at Trove 1855-1864](#)

**MADDEN** Alfred Hind b abt 1871 Romsey according to the 1929 b cert of dau Agnes June. He m1. Lucy Foan **WHITELY**, m2. 2 Jul 1927 Shepparton, Ellen May **THORNE ALEXANDER**. Probable birth found 29 Dec 1868 Portree, Nr Blanchetown, District of Agaston, SA s/o Thomas **IRVINE**/Mary Elizabeth **MADDEN**. (This fits with other info provided.) Details of siblings provided.

**McNAMARA** Owen b 1837 Dundalk, Co Armagh, Ireland and Widow Mary **CARNEY** (ms **CONWAY**) b 1843 Co Clare, Ireland, m 14 Jul 1866 St Alipius RC Ballarat, Usual Residence for both was Rosses Creek. Mary/Maria m1 1860 Patrick **CARNEY**/**KEARNEY**.

**McNAMARA** continued

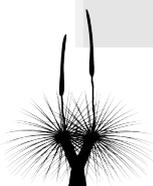
Owen's d cert d 9 Mar 1903 at Sunbury, bur Sunbury Cemetery, admitted 8 Aug 1878. Son John **McNAMARA** b 4 Apr 1867 Cherry Tree Flats, Ross Creek, Ballarat. What happened to the McNamara's after John's birth? He would have been abt 11 when his father died.

**MERRIFIELD** Samuel ~1834-1911, m 1865 Ellen **McNAMARA**, 8 of their chn b 1862-1873 in Clunes. Samuel was a builder, a town councillor and freemason. Will visit Ballarat

**MURRELL** Edward Ernest m 2 Aug 1884 Dubbo, NSW, Victoria Alice **WORMALD** b 13 Sep 1864 Rockhampton, Qld. In 1884 Alice's family was living in Ballarat where her father was an auctioneer. In 1889 Alice gave birth to a son Sydney **MURRELL** who died aged 1M, bur Ballarat Old Cemetery. Will visit to find out more.

**NICHOLSON** Alexander James m 1940 Gwendoline Ethel Edith **PATERSON**. Chn: James Elizabeth, Heather, Ian. Obtain marr cert to check parent's details. Alexander James **NICHOLSON** b 1907 Ballarat s/o Wm **NICHOLSON**/Elizth Ctin **ROBERTSON**, d 1983 age 75 Ballarat. Is there a local history society for Charlton area?

**NICOLSON** Fanny/Frances (**WHITE**) m 1865 Tarnagulla, David **NICOLSON**, settled in and around Maryborough, 8 chn. After a separation David went to Avoca and Fanny ended her days in Ballarat, buried 11 Jan 1909 in Ballarat New Cemetery RC Block A, Section 18, Grave 52. She is thought to have died in the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum (Queen Elizabeth Centre managed by Ballarat Health Services). Will visit Ballarat.



**POWELL** Harriet Frances (1878-1936) d/o George Burbrid/Mary Hannah CLARK. Harriet most likely to have attended Dana Street SS, involved in Lydiard Street Methodist Church and its Mutual Improvement Society which preceded Royal South Street debating contests. 1903 Electoral Roll at 28 Steinfeld Street, Ballarat East, occ. typewriter. 1910 admitted to Ballarat Hospital, occ. lecturer. Labour activist in Vic, NSW, NZ and New York, USA where she died. Brother, Arthur Charles POWELL b 1880 was a blacksmith.

**RICHARDS** Percival Selwyn, architect, b 21 Jul 1865 Christchurch, NZ, d 1952, arr 1887 Melbourne, in partnership in Ballarat 1893 with Wm BRAZENOR before setting up his own practice, continued until 1996 by his son Geoffrey Selwyn RICHARDS b 1898, d 1996 age 98 Ballarat, m 1927 Elaine Emma WATSON. Does anyone know of descendants still living in Ballarat or Melbourne? (This is for a master's thesis.)

**ROUCHAN** Jacques and his wife Anne had a daughter Anne who married Michael? **BRITT** about 1880. The BRITTS owned a shop in Ballarat. Cannot verify this information. There is no ROUCHAN surname in the Pioneer BDM Index for Victoria 1836-1888. In the Ballarat Cemeteries there are about 40 BRITT burials, 7 for ROUGHAN and 7 for ROUHAN.

**SNELL** Joseph b 1863 Carngham (s/o John SNELL/Mary TREVENA) was a gold miner in Creswick, Maryborough and Allendale. His father John SNELL and uncle Richard SNELL were carpenters and wheelwrights. My father Ernest SNELL b 1901, one of 13 chn, attended Dana St SS, Ballarat from abt 1907 to 1913. Do you have any attendance rolls for this school? Yes, we the Consolidated Index to Ballarat & District School Student Registers on microfiche and copies of registers for central Ballarat schools.

**STEPHENSON** William John m abt 1873 Ballarat, Mary Jane (Jessie) JACKSON b abt 1854 around Ararat. Chn: Mary Jane b 1874 Coghills Ck, Mary (Annie) b 1875 East, William (John) b 1877 Charlton, Robert b 1878 Charlton d 1880 age 2, Charles (Henry) b 1880 Wychitella, James b 1881 Lake, Oliver b 1883 Egan\_, Alice and Jessie (twins) b 1887 Lake, Alice d 1887 age 7 days Lake Marma.

**SWANN** James on 1876 electoral roll for Creswick, Shire of Mount Franklin Division, miner at Dry Diggings. Do we have any knowledge of him? Born? Died? How many years in the district?

**TILLY** Charles aged 72 bur 18 Aug 1867 Ballarat Old Cemetery. If you have any information on this person would you please advise me how to access it? Suggest purchasing for \$20 online the 1867 death certificate for Charles (registered as TULLY).

**WOOLCOCK** James (1826-1910) arr early 1854 from Truro, Cornwall, miner, wife Emma GAY/GRAY, both bur Buninyong Cemetery. Five chn b 1867-1876 Buninyong. Other WOOLCOCK families in Ballarat from the 1850s and 60s: John and Ann/Nanny HOCKING, William and Phillippa ANGIN, John Wills and Rebecca DEAN, John and Agnes Poyer HICKS.



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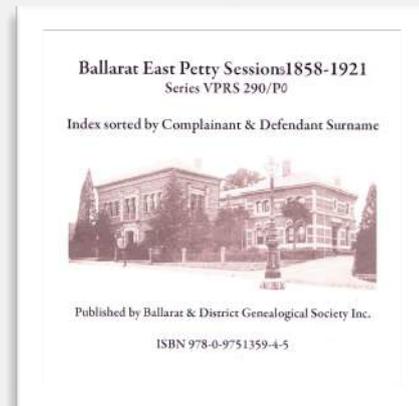
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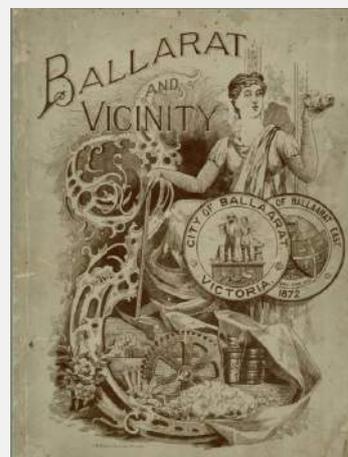
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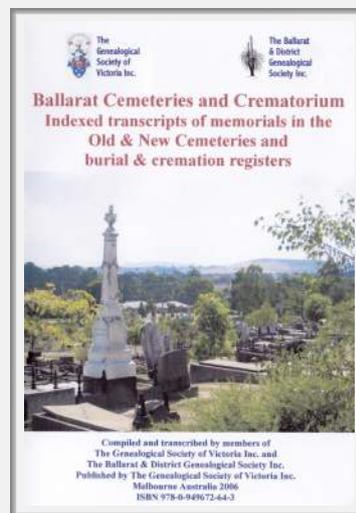
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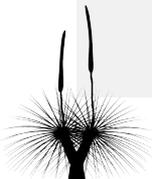
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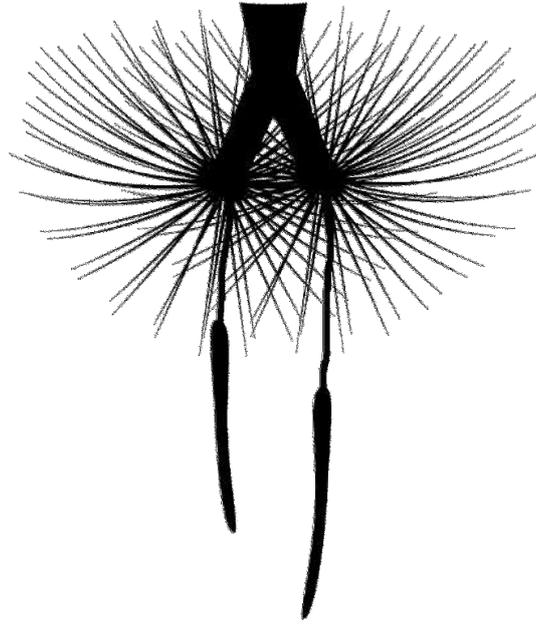
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