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BRANCH INFORMATION

Monthly Meetings

The Warrnambool Area of the A.I.G.S. Inc., meets at 8.00 p.m, on the second Wednesday of each month (except December & January) in the Library of the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, 23 Merri Street, Warrnambool. Visitors are most welcome.

Research Library

The Library is open at various times [Monday to Sunday] when staffed by volunteers of the Group. Ring Flagstaff Hill on 03 55647841 between 9.30 a.m, and 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, to check specific opening times.

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AREA ADMINISTRATOR

Just another reminder of the *Seminar*, to be held at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum Library
 on Saturday 19 May
 Registration 9.15 a.m,
 Opening at 10.00 a.m.

In addition to the speakers listed last month MAPWORKS will be present on Seminar Day with the usual collection of interesting material.

When you receive this Newsletter, I will be in the USA on business for Rotary International - no time for genealogy unfortunately.

Many thanks to Coralee O'Keefe for looking after the preparation of the Newsletter, Doug Holmes for chairing the May 9 meeting, and Margaret Jansen for doing my Thursday morning library duty.

Happy and successful searching!

Ray Welsford

RECENT RESEARCH REQUESTS

In case they intersect or overlap the interests of members, the following list shows surnames about which enquiries have been received in recent times.

Children of William and Mary OSBORNE on the "Persian"

BROUGHTON and VIEWBANK properties of Alfred LUCAS and John CASSIDY

Information about MAPLES Stores

Burials for BOOTHs in the Tower Hill Cemetery

Details of the "CICERO"

Mathew Morgan CLARKE married Emma ARNEL, farmer at Wangoom

Need more information? Contact Secretary Wendy Reed.

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT HISTORICALS

May 100 Years Ago - 1901

**[As reported in The Warrnambool Standard,
compiled by Betty Beavis]**

MARRIAGES:

M G HAMILTON of 'Hopefield', Kirkstall to Miss WHITING, second daughter of E WHITING of 'Sutton', Cudgee at Warrnambool Church of Christ. Full report. Guests and gifts (30).

John M'GUIRE of 'Tara', Allansford to Nellie McALOON of Ballangeigh. Niece of Edward BREEN. Some details given (21).

Leonard PITCHER to Sarah SFITELDS of 'Agepemone', Princetown, Details ... **Guests & Gifts (17)**.

W Howard SYMONDS of St Kilda to Ruby GAZZARD of Allansford. Rev. C M LOWE of Birregurra bride's brother-in-law, performed the ceremony (24).

BIRTHS:

Twin sons to Mrs Henry FRISH, Merri St (22).

FAREWELLS & PRESENTATIONS:

To J HUNTER STOKES, Christ Church organist & choirmaster (6).

WELCOME:

To Rev. Stewart BYRON at Ellerslie Presbyterian Church (31).

ACCIDENTS:

to Roger DUTTON, circa 13 years, at Shelley Beach (14); to elderly Wm GIBB (15); to Killarney resident John McMAHON (18); Nirranda mailman Mr O'SULLIVAN at Mepunga (28); John McENTEE at Purnim. Reference to Miss McENTEE and Dr MORETON (28); R MILVERTON and horse and cart belonging to butcher E BELL (29); horse and cart owned by John BONNETT of Southern Cross (6); to boy FEENEY, cockfighting at W'bool State School (30); fatal accident to Michael WHITE found dead in cattle pit at rail crossing (30); Inquest. Witnesses - Thomas WHITE labourer, Dennington; Alfred Henry EWERT, Mtd Const.~ John Thomas FITZGERALD of Kirkstall; Frederick Wm HARRIS, storeman, Koroit; Lionel DRUITT, M.D. and Constable M'NESS (31); to F C MORRISS of Spring Creek, near Koroit (16).

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Record number of pigs yarded at Warrnambool - 1040. Highest price - £2: 12s for pen of 7 baconers to John HACKETT, Wangoom(1).

Thomas SHARPE reports filthy state of lighthouse reserve during winter when a great number of cattle are turned into it and also damage to young trees (1).

Suggestion that services of Mr/Mrs GILLESPIE at baths be replaced by appointment of a caretaker and matron (1).

Ranger Wm STEWART gives report on Albert Park and other duties (1 & 2).

Better means of lighting town desired (1). Reference to Mr BURALL (14).

Old Merri-St weighbridge sold by council to Mr OWEN of Mepunga for £40. Building removed intact to his property by traction engine (21).

Museum visitors for month amount to 570 (2).

Detailed description of butter box (containing 56lb butter) to be given to H.R H. Duke of Cornwall & York by Farnham Factory (4).

Town property for sale - Stables and 3 two storied shops fronting Liebig St and occupied by LEITCH Cycles, T H EASSON and London Tailoring Co. Also GLEESON's Stables occupied by ARMSTRONG & FRASER (1)

Field trials of Deering Harvester Co held at farms of Messrs LANE Bros Crossley and Hugh REILLY Southern Cross (2).

Letter from E WILSON, contractor, re erection of fluming. Weather and costs discussed (15).

Description of T NAYLER's new shop at Koroit/Fairy St corner described. Contractors named (16).

Railway gateway No 107 near Warrnambool removed to Glenorchy - cost - £76:2:6 (18).

Local rabbit trappers feel price for skins should be raised from 2d per pair to 4d per pair (22).

Monster lorry built by H D STEWART to order of E OWENS, Allansford. Description (30).

Mrs Thomas NEW of Banyan St advertises sale of plant and goodwill of laundry business (18).

Mrs MEWHA requests persons who took a cow, branded 28, from MEWHA's sale by mistake to return same (18).

Marram grass to be planted on marine frontages of properties owned or leased by Messrs HOLLOWAY, CHAMBERS, LAWLOR, MURNANE, STANHOPE, S BROWN, BURNIE, BARTON, TOZER, W H IRVINE, Mrs CROFT, GAUL and LOGAN to check sand encroachment. Government voted £100 for the purpose (2).

Mr GIBLETT, jun., shows photo of Lower Gellibrand cheese factory. Only 12 suppliers. All of whom send their milk to factory by boat. Windlass and tramway convey cans from river to factory. Manager - Mr ATHORNE. Other details (2).

Matthew ROBINSON and Edward MAHON dissolve partnership as cab proprietors, Intend to operate separately (16).

William BALLIS sued by Const. HARRINGTON of Hamilton for driving a stage carriage without a licence (31).

Burglary at SWAN Bros, Koroit St. Gun stolen (17).

Port Fairy residents raise money to send BILLY HEWITT, one of the few remaining members of the Port Fairy tribe, to Melbourne to see 'the King' (17).

Daniel Adolphus HODGENS, brewer, and Henry Baker SOMMERVILLE involved in dispute with the Licensing Court over the Woodford Inn. Involved were William JEWELL, George PARKES, Albert Henry PARKES, and Miss Nellie Beatrice LYONS (2, 21 and 30).

Minstrel quartet from Allansford ('The Black Crows') - local artists Messrs DORNEY, M'ILLROY, BRISTOW and DAVIS (13).

Captain W C THOMPSON, Master of the 'Centra' forwarded to the Royal Geographical Society two coins dug up in the western district and dated respectively 1717 and 1792. Speculation re ancient wreck (1). Query - Was it the 'Jesu Marie'?(30).

DEATHS:

Sudden death of Miss MARIE HASSETT (2&4), tribute in 'Geelong Advertiser' (8), tribute at Hibernian meeting in Warrnambool (18).

Mrs A PETTIGREW of Crossley, widow, aged 74 (11).

Miss Maggie MUSSEN of Winslow (20).

Thomas COLTON, result of accident near Leongatha son of late James & Mary COLTON of Penshurst and brother of Mrs W J McCULLOUGH, Lava St (29).

Rev Lachlan McLEAN, aged 87, at Malvern. early resident of Woodford taking special care of the large number of Highlanders settled in Woodford, Purnim and adjoining parishes. Known as 'The Missionary'. Long paragraph. Sent out in 1852 by the Free Church of Scotland. Preached to his parishioners in Gaelic (28).

Michael WHITE of Koroit. Result of accident at railway cattle pits (30).

IN MEMORIAMS:

John KELLEHER, formerly of Warrnambool. Died at Stanley, Tasmania, 1899.

Catherine NICOL, died Panmure, 1900 (18).

Gladys Ashton OAKLEY, 4yrs 9mths. Died 1900 (18).

Jack SWAN, died May 1900. Inserted by friends R.W., J & G WILSON of 'Glen Lyall' Cooramook (25).

THE BOER WAR:

'Tongariro' arrives in Sydney with 1000 men back from South Africa including Pte S FERGUSON, Western Artillery, Woodford; Pte T JEWELL, Mounted Rifles and Pte W N P O'MULLANE, Western Artillery, Warrnambool. All members of the Victorian Second Contingent (2 & 15). Pte JEWELL returns to Allansford while unexpected (16).

Bugler S E GAZZARD of G Company, VNR, chosen to blow the 'royal salute' at St Kilda pier when Duke & Duchess of Cornwall and York stepped on Australian soil (18).

Nirranda riflemen Messrs ALL WOOD; BURNIE, HESKETH selected in the escort for the Duke (22).

Battle of Spion Kop described. No reference to any Victorians (28).

Text given of letter from Lieut. BURNIE (2).

Australian authorities, including veterinary Surgeon DESMOND of South Australia but formerly of Warrnambool, vigorously deny that Australian horses taken to South Africa suffered from 'glanders'. Disease unknown in Australia (18).

Corporal HIGGINS and Private COGHLAN have already been presented with field glasses and compasses, suitably inscribed. Sgt GEARY and Ptes HESSION, O'MULLANE and FERGUSON will be presented with them at a Smoke Night (3).

Father of Trooper SWAN who died at Umtali, South Africa, received his medal from the Duke of York (24).

Lieut. Alfred Gresham JOHNSTON, cousin of the Dr CONNELL of Warrnambool, was killed in South Africa, aged 29. Some details of family given (14).

HOISTING OF THE FLAG CEREMONIES AT DISTRICT SCHOOLS - a ceremony carried out throughout Victoria.

Names of Persons mentioned in association with ceremonies:

ALLANSFORD - Flossie OWEN, pupil (17).

ILLOWA - Miss Ruth McVICAR, Miss JOHNSTONE.

Messrs LEE, LIGHTFOOT HOWDEN and Corporal James BRUCE (22).

LAKE GILLEAR - Master W JOHNSTONE of Tooram (18).

P ANMURE - Mr & Mrs COON, Mr VICKERS, and Miss WILSON (20).

SOUTH BALLANGEIGH - Miss WILLIAMS, Messrs CAMPBELL, Edward TOMLINSON, Frank PEARSON, R THREFFALL, J IBBS, P DOOLEY, N McSWAIN, A VANDENBURGH. After the firing of the Royal Salute a second volley was fired from Drysdale Hill (20).

WARRNAMBOOL - Mrs RIORDAN, Cadets Lieuts WILKIN and OAKLEY, J HART (Temperance Band); Mayor FERGUSON; Councillors SIMPSON,

MACKNIGHT, KUCKS, MACKAY; town clerk H E LAWSON; Shire Secretary H W OSBORNE; Messrs D BOWTELL, J YOUNGER, A ROBINSON and S NETTLETON.

CHILDREN - Nettie M'CULLOUGH, Maggie MURRAY, Minnie MORELL, Beatrice LEAR, Fanny WRIGHT, Annie JONES, Alice VILLIERS, Ruby ISLES, Ethel GRAY and Edith BROWN. Master Sam WRIGHT.

W J MURRAY of Spring gardens supplied fruit for children (IS).

WINSWW - John GOOD, jun., and Mr WATT (20).

When Commonwealth Celebrations took place at South Ballangeigh the following persons were mentioned: Messrs Edward TOMLINSON, ANSON, PHILPOT (of Framlingham).

Items by
Tiny singer Leila M'SWAIN, also Maggie DOOLEY, Flora and Maggie M'SWAIN, Kate and Lizzie MELVILLE, Frank PEARSON, Thomas BREEN, Miss A BLAIN, Mr BLAIN, Mr Flanders, Misses GREEN and Messrs WATT and SYMONS (21).

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT

HISTORICALS

126 Years Ago – May 1875

[As reported in *The Warrnambool Examiner*, compiled by Betty Beavis]

MARRIAGE:

William Avenal ANIHONY, tanner, South Warrnambool, to Elizabeth Mary KELTON of Warrnambool (26).

FAREWELLS & PRESENTATIONS:

To William FOOTE, jun., leaving for Melbourne, resigns from various groups (1);
James H ALLAN - farewell dance (26).

ACCIDENT:

to lad George GOLDSMITH, employed by Mr LANE of Commercial Hotel (22).

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Benjamin GALL (? GAUL) charitably cares for derelict John BLEZARD (1).

Peter HANRAN (self-styled freethinker) of Banyan St writes letter to paper (26).

Alexander LUMSDEN, president of Warrnambool Farmer's Club to read paper at WOOD's Victoria Hotel. Subject - 'A Farmer. What should he be?' (15).

Thomas BOWMAN, manager of Warrnambool Gas company delivers lecture on 'The Mechanical Properties of the Atmosphere' with experiments. W F PLEYDELL, assistant. Proceeds to go to lighting Christ Church with gas. Refers to his youth in London (19 & 22).

Miss F NEWTON, Henna St, advertises pianoforte tuition (12).

Teachers at Warrnambool Grammar School - Principal F Lyon WEISS. Also Mr T L CAMPBEIL, Mrs R W HEATHCOTE, and Mrs Henry KING (5).

'A Flying Visit to the Hopkins' by 'Pike' - e Australasian' - Fishing trip. Refers to "Joe" introducing cabs to Warrnambool; to SMITH of the Club Hotel, to Mrs NELSON and to M'GENNAN who let boats (19).

Cr HARRIS moves that iron pillar boxes be installed for inhabitants' convenience (26).

Description of Daniel CLARKE's new premises in Timor St (29).

Hearses, harness, etc. and valuable property in Timor St for sale on account of John MONTGOMERY, leaving for NZ D\$1s given (15).

Tenders accented by Council -

Moses DALY for working the road roller with 3 horses. £1 per day and 5s for each extra horse (26).

Patrick HASSETT and Michael KILDARE - filling and carting maintenance metal at 8d per cubic yard (26).

Fred KING for oil, wicks and lighting 3 lamps at South Warrnambool, £30 per annum; (26).

Property sale account of J D ANDERSON - 2 roods, Fairy St - blacksmith's shop, two storied house, etc. Close to FARRELL's Farmer's Rest Hotel ("if)

11 acres for sale at Mailer's Flat on account of S SHADY. Some details (26).

2 roods, Koroit St East, 2 stone cottages, wells, orchards on account of Mr STEVENSON (26).

Alex BARBER to sell land at east Framlingham currently occupied by Mr DWYER (IS).

Sales on account of Davis HARPER and G S M BURDEN at Purnim (15).

Sale of assigned estate of C G LUNGDAHL, Spring Gardens (15).

Auction of 200 head of cattle at 'Bardslie Brae', lake Gilleear, 10 miles East of Warrnambool on account of J G WILSON.

Has sold one of his farms. Also sale of horses, colts, fillies and sheep by Messrs WILSON, well-known as horse breeders (15).

Robert COPPAGE granted land at Wangoom (19).

Gerald REILLY applies for lease for rural store at Purnim (19).

To let. Goodwill of butchery and plant opposite Reidy's Comer, East Woodford, W ADAMS (8).

Re-licensed land - 122 acres plus - to Ellen WEATHERHEAD approved at Tallangatta (26).

M FENTON's new home auctioned brought £550

New manager, Mr James STEEL, arrives and inspects Warrnambool Woollen Mill property at Woodford. Decides building is not suitable and new factory needed. More details (15).

Mr GUINN, Belfast brewer, opens beer shop in Warrnambool without a licence (22).

Well-known Cumberland milk-man, Tom DIXON, has broken up the monopoly of milk-selling in Warrnambool, but is now charged with selling below-standard milk by Constables ARCHIBALD & REAVER and Dr JAMIESON (19). Milk sold by HOURIGAN and DWYER found to be pure (19).

Farce - 'Betsy Baker' played at Woodford. Greatly helped by singing master James HARVEY, now living there (See also Standard, 25th May).

William RUTLEDGE sues William STEVENS over sheep killed by dog. Witnesses - Wm SOWERBY and William WILSON, Rutledge's overseer (26 & 29).

Oliver JACKSON, old offender, charged with vagrancy, wandering around Purnim and Woodford. Theft and perjury on his records. more details (29).

"Edina" about to be sold. may go to Sydney -Newcastle trade or to Queensland (1).

DEATHS:

John M'NALLY. Known as Tommy TOOLE's 'Man Friday' (1).

John BLEZARD, sobriquet 'DR BLEZARD'. Most interesting story. Came to Australia as surgeon on immigrant ship, but is now derelict. Inquest (I).

George DIGBY at the New Inn, Rosebrook Rd. Brother of Mrs Geo. LAIDLAW of W'Bool (5).

Michael SKEAHAN, found near bridge over Hopkins. Inquest (19 & 22). See also W'B601 Standard for 21 May.

Alfred Wingfield JUKES, aged 20, at 'Belvidere', Hopkins River (26).

Michael FENTON, aged 61 (26). Life history (26). See also 'Standard' - 28 May.

Mr TIEMAN (alias Joseph TALBOT) of Woodford, suddenly, on steamer 'Otway' (29).

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT HISTORICALS

126 Years Ago - May 1875

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BIRTH:

A son to the wife of William NASH at Spring Banks, Warrnambool (25).

FAREWELLS & PRESENTATIONS:

To William FOOTE, jun. (4); Mrs Henry KING - to teach dancing, etc. in Melbourne. Sale of her furniture - items listed (II).

ACCIDENTS:

To William RUST of Caramut and to James MORDEN and his son - references to Messrs OULD, BEST, NETTLETON, and BURKE (4); Mrs Jacob COLE - helped

by Mr OULD (4); hunting accident to Chester MURRAY at Colac (28).

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

C COLLYER appointed teacher of drawing at Koroit St State School (4).

Bishop of Bathurst (C of E) praises the establishment of the All Saints College, a large Gothic building, soon to be opened under the charge of Henry KEMMIS, formerly of Warrnambool, who was congratulated (4).

Donations to Warrnambool hospital include 10s from Sam HING, £1 - John BREE, 10s - W ROBB, 2/6 each from Mrs TROUTEN and Mrs HYAM, 5s from W CHARLESWORTH, 10s from J DINAN and 3s from D CHRISTIAN (4).

Widow of late J A WITHAM disposes of her Liebig St business to D MURTON, butcher from near Ballarat. Property includes slaughtering premises on the Merri possession on 1 June (14).

F Lyon WEISS chairs meeting re formation of Football Club. F DANIEL - secretary; Joseph LUSH - treasurer. Also present were Messrs SOUTHWELL and TUCKER (18).

Report on overhaul of the 'Otway'. Reference to Chief Engineer DAVIS who has introduced a 'silent exhaust' for the steam and Captain THOMPSON who suggested new topmasts to improve appearance and efficiency. More details (18).

James EDW ARDES, Framlingham schoolmaster, sues Botham LEE, a storekeeper there re furniture sold. Money to be taken out in goods (18).

Long article re Warrnambool Woollen Mill Co. (18).

GUINN's beer-shop, Koroit S1, selling beer without licence (18).

Mary Ann (wife of Richard FOX) and tailor Benjamin GAUL care for derelict, John BLEZARD, Reference to GAUL's son Willie (4).

Land Board Applications at Mepunga - David BOYLE, sen. and Roderick BOYLE; William CUST; James MITCHELL, John MORGAN (7).

Henry MA WBEY applies for 3 acres on the Merri cutting (7).

Trial of John BARNES re horse theft from John HORAN. Witnesses - Daniel M'LEAN, Thos. EMERY (groom at Jeliffe's stables), Francis M' ALOON, hotelkeeper.

At R J WILSON's carriage factory, Fairy S1, a family waggonette built to order of William ANDERSON of Rosemount. Details (11).

Mrs CRONIN's shop window, Timor S1, wantonly smashed (21),

John JONES returns from Darwin. Travelled there on the ill-fated 'Gothenberg' (21).

Lighter built by John MITCHELL launched (28).

Summons served by Const. HEAVER on Alfred GUINN. Const. ILLIQUER appointed Revenue Officer and also inspector of cabs, boats, etc (28).

Auctioneer J H CRAIG purchases M for FENTO"e nome £550 (25) Description of house (21).

Sale of James FLETT's farm at Purnim (4).

William ROSS seeks to amend his tender for fixing lamp-posts to 18s instead of 9s. Reason given. Accepted (28).

Mr STEEL visits Geelong's Woollen factories. His comments given (21).

To Let. Store and private house in Woodford adjoining Travellers' Rest Hotel and facing entrance to Woollen Factory. Hitherto occupied by Mrs O'GRADY (4).

Robert COCKERELL, blacksmith, Lava St, writes re his potato digger. not happy about the potato-digging match held recently at Mount Gambier (14). See also 'Examiner' - 5 May.

Case of widow, Mrs CAIRNCROSS V PATTERSON for wrongful seizure of furniture and effects of the Woolshed Inn at Hexham (28).

Jeremiah WILSON, Gertrude St Fitzroy, watchmaker, and

James McKEAN, Albert St, East Melbourne, solicitor, named as executors in will made by Thos Green WILSON, watchmaker of Warrnambool (28).

William BERTRAND reports threatening behaviour of John SIMMONS, landlord of Terminus Hotel. ill-treating wife (11). See also 'Examiner' - 8 May.

DEATHS:

John BLEZARD. Son of English cleric and surgeon on emigrant vessel and also on two whaling expeditions to Greenland. Spent about 20 years in Warrnambool during which time he acted as assistant to Dr CLARKE. Died Penniless (4)

Malcolm M'LELLAN, 55 years, at Hawkesdale. Brother of late John M'LELLAN, Esq., of Cape Wrath (11).

J B MORRIS, Penshurst publican. Interesting life story

CORRECTION

Please remove pages 3 and 4 of the March 2001 Newsletter. Page 3 should commence with the words: Exhibition Cookery Prizes ... and the 1875 News should begin on Page 4.

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR
Auditorium Flagstaff Hill
Saturday 19 May 2001
Registration 9.15 am
Opening 10am

Elizabeth Larking: *Genetics & Genealogy*
Gray Presland: *Police Records*
Helen Harris: *Baby Farmers*
Infant Life Protection Act of 19th C.

DISPLAYS BY MAPWORKS
(INCL. OLD & NEW MAPS)

BOOK SALES

Tea or Coffee available.
Bring own Lunch or buy at Flagstaff Hill Tea Rooms.

Admission \$16.50 (incl. GST) per head

Add the names of your
Warrnambool and Shire Forebears
to the *Pioneers' Register*.