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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to this edition of 'The South West Genealogist', this is the fifth issue of the newsletter for 1991 and I hope you enjoy it. This month we continue looking at genealogical software for the home computer in Computer Corner, in Marie's Memorabilia we reproduce the original notice re 'Regulations To Be Observed In The Hiring Of Immigrants', which may enlighten those whose ancestors were employed on arrival by Government shipping. This month I have included an

This month I have included an article on family and local history resources in South Eastern South Australia which I care across in another newsletter but is of special interest to people in western Victoria.

A review of the 1991 GRd is included in this issue and Genealogical Gleanings reappears whilst Irish Connection has a rest (editor has been a bit busy to put it together) for this issue, but it will be back next issue.

Last month our meeting was addressed by local historian Tom Wicking, if you have an opportunity to attend one of Tom talks, please do, he's very interesting.

THE AREA ADMINISTRATORS CORNER

Dear Members,

Those members who were present at our May meeting were entertained with a show of slides and a talk on Warrnambool in the early times by historian Mr Tom Wicking. The members appreciated Tom sharing his time and knowledge with them. It is hoped that Tom may have time to return, as he has a large number of slides, and the members-only saw a small portion of them.

For the June meeting our guest speaker will be Mrs Vanda Saville from Heywood.

Our congratulations go to Max Baudinette on obtaining 3rd place in the Alexander Henderson Award for his book on 'The Baudinet Story'. Max received his award at a presentation dinner held at 'Karinya Lodge Receptions' at Blackburn. The Judges were Dianne Reilly, Librarian, LaTrobe Library, Don Grant, PRO, and Dr Hilary Rubenstein, Lecturer in History of Jews.

Our members would remember Jodie Hoey who was a member of Warrnambool Branch for a time. The following is an extract from the weekly bulletin of Warrnambool Secondary College, on the results of ex-students who were awarded degree's at the recent Deakin University graduation ceremony. one who was worthy of a special mention was Jodie Hoey (nee Honan), who was awarded the Master of Science Degree. Jodie was a student at Warrnambool High School, who went on to complete a Bachelor of Applied Science in Chemistry with Aquatic Science. Jodie's thesis focussed on the life cycle, distribution, population and habitat of the Glenelg River freshwater crayfish. These animals were subject to a permanent 'Closed Season'. The then Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands needed the information so they could properly manage the resource.

As a result of Jodie's study, and her recommendations, based on it, controlled fishing of the freshwater crayfish is now permitted.

We are always pleased to hear of members who set themselves a goal, and who work hard to obtain it.

Noel Hallam  
Area Administrator

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED ?

The original boundaries proposed for the Colony of Victoria were as follows;

A line drawn from Cape Howe to the Tumut River, thence to the Murrumbidgee to its junction with the Murray, thence to the 141 st degree east longitude, (the boundary to South Australia) to the mouth of the Glenelg, and by the coast line to Cape Howe'.

This boundary is very different to those finally established and would have run from Gundagai to Tumut to Cabramurra and a line from there through Bombala to Cape Howe. The junction of the Murray and the Murrumbidgee near Boundary Bend sees this boundary go from Balranald to Hay to Narranderra to Wagga and on to Gundagai which would place nearly the whole Riverina district in the Colony of victoria. The politics behind the establishment of the current boundaries would no doubt be very interesting to read, some of the story is given in the 1981 Victorian Year Book, but not the story behind the reasons for the determination of the current northern border.

BOOK REVIEW

Recently the 1991 Genealogical Research Directory, commonly referred to as the GRD, became available. This years edition is in much the same layout we have come to expect with past editions with a few small improvements.

This years contents are as follows:

- List of Representatives
- Features of the GRD
- Introduction
- Important Notice Re Postage
- Article - How To Make The Most Out Of The GRD
- Major Research Repositories
- Calendar of Genealogical Events
- Abbreviations
- Explanation
- Directory Of Surnames
- Subject Entries
- Contributors Addresses
- List Of One Name Organizations
- List Of Genealogical Societies
- Professional Notices
- Maps

This edition once again contains in excess of 100,000 entries and has an enlarged One Name Society section, improved Subject Entries and a new Geographic division in the win Surname listing. Useful maps on the Regions of France, the German Empire 1871-1918 and on Poland are included along with maps of the counties of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, the provinces of the Netherlands and Belgium, and the states of Australia, USA and Canada and the districts ?? of New Zealand.

As in past years this is a most important tool for family historians and the production is to the same high standard we have come to expect with past issues, an essential addition to your library.

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GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS

Volume 40 number 3 of IRELAND OF THE WELCOMES is a special issue on the River Shannon, tracing the course of this great river with details of the features of the country through which the river flows. Articles on the fan-Lilies whose land is traversed by the Shannon include, Dillon, Maguire, O'Rourke, MacDermot, Nugent, O'Kelly, O'Kennedy, Fitzgibbon, O'Brien, and Fitzgerald. Byways Rather Than Highways looks at the Byways of Leitrim.

Number 30 of Wodonga's BORDERLINE NEWS has a Review of Brian Mitchell's 'A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland' and James Ryan's 'Irish Records'. A further item on 'The Ordnance Maps Of Ireland' is reproduced from IRISH LINK. Number 31 has an item on the lifting of restrictions on Deceased Estate Files in the AONSW that are over 30 years old. A file was raised for every estate attracting death duties. Number 33 contains reports on the 6th Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry held in Launceston in May 1991 and the recent 2nd Irish Origins Conference held in Melbourne.

OUR MICROFILM READER IS NOW OPERATIONAL IN THE LIBRARY  
\*\*\* PRINTING FUNCTION NOT YET AVAILABLE HOWEVER \*\*\*

MARIE'S MEMORABILIA

A lot of us have ancestors who were hired shortly after arriving in the Colony and some details are included in the shipping passenger list's. The following item lists the regulations under which disposal took place.

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Colonial Secretary's office,  
Melbourne, 2nd May, 1853.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE HIRING OF IMMIGRANTS

The hiring of families and single men who arrive by a Government Immigrant Ship takes place in the Married Couples' Depot; that of single women and widows without families, in the Single Females' Depot.

MARRIED COUPLES DEPOT.

2. The families and single men are open for engagement in the Married Couples' Depot between the hours of ten (10) o'clock AM and half-past three (3 1/2) o'clock PM, on and after a day on which due notice is given, until the conclusion of the fourteen lay days allowed by the Charter Party. Those who have not been disposed of at the termination of the lay days are forwarded to one of the out ports.

3. Applications for servants at the Married Couples' Depot should be made to the Overseer. It is his duty to point out such immigrants as are of the class sought for, and generally to assist employers in making the necessary arrangements. It is also his duty to see that no unreasonable engagement is made by an employer, and that no reasonable offer is refused by an immigrant.

4. If an unreasonable offer be made by an employer, the Overseer must report the circumstance to the Clerk in charge of the Depot, whose duty it will be, in the first instance, to address the employer apart; and afterwards, if absolutely necessary, to warn and advise the immigrant.

5. All agreements are written out and registered by an Officer of the Immigration Department.

6. All immigrants are expected to take service; but those families or single men, who, from sufficient cause, decline to do so, are allowed to leave the Depot as soon as the hiring commences. They must in every case take their baggage with them, and report their names and places of destination to the Overseer or officer who superintends the hiring. No immigrant, after leaving the Depot, is allowed to return without express permission from the Immigration Agent.

SINGLE FEMALES' DEPOT

7. The single women are open for engagement in the Single Females' Depot between the hours of eleven (11) o'clock AM and to two (2) o'clock PM, on days of which due notice is given.

8. No person is admitted to the Single Females' Depot to hire servants without an order, which may be obtained, by personal application at the Immigration office, during the usual hours of business.

9. Any employer, unknown to the Immigration Agent, may be required to bring

MARIES MEMORABILLIA (cont)

an introduction from a respectable householder in Melbourne. Nopublican or lodging-house keeper is, on any pretence, permitted to hire servants at the Single Females' Depot.

10. Applications for Servants at the Single Females' Depot should be made to the matron. it is her duty to point out those who are of the class sought for, and, generally, to assist employers in making agreements. She will report to the officer who superintends the hiring any unreasonable offers on the part of employers, or refusals by immigrants of reasonable wages.

11. It is the duty of the officer who superintends the hiring to prevent any unsuitable engagements being undertaken by women under twenty-one years of age without the consent of their parents or guardians.

12. All agreements are written out and registered by an officer of the Immigration Department.

13. Single women who have parents in the Colony, or who, from some other cause, are unable to take service, are allowed to leave the Depot with their baggage, between two (2) and three (3) o'clock PM.

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14. Any immigrant who refuses a reasonable offer of service will cease to be maintained by the Government, and may be required to leave immediately. The fact of such refusal should be reported without delay.

15. With reference to clauses 3, 10, and 14, and for the guidance of employers and employed, certified lists of the current wages are posted in conspicuous places at the time of hiring.

16. Immigrants who have accepted service must leave the Depot without delay, and cannot be re-admitted.

17. Noperson is allowed to visit the Depots, except for the purpose of hiring servants, without especial permission.

18. No officer in the Immigration Department is permitted to engage servants for other persons, except under the special authority of the Immigration Agent.

By His Excellency's Command,  
W. LONSDALE.

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Other notices in the Government Gazette were much shorter than the above as is shown by the following example.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 28th May, 1853.

INFORMATION is requested at this office respecting HENRY GIDDINGS, who arrived in the Colony as an Exile.

By His Excellency's Command,  
W. LONSDALE.

RESOURCES IN SOUTH EASTERN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The following article from the Green Triangle Visitor's News section on Mount Gambier appeared in the April issue of Wodonga's Borderline News, due to its relevance to our area of the State I have reproduced it here.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

Local and family history have assumed a great deal of importance over recent years and to meet the needs of those who wish to read or research in these fields, some good libraries and resource centres have been built up in the south East.

There are three important centres at Mt Gambier where those interested can find out more about the district or find assistance in their search to know more about their family tree.

The South East Resource Centre at Tenison College was first set up in 1977 as a result of a grant from the Schools Commission. This library has grown over the years and now houses an important collection of published and unpublished material on the South East and parts of western Victoria. There are also extracts from the Royal Society papers and copies of diaries of early settlers. It is open to the public during school hours.

The Les Hill Room at the Mt Gambier Public Library is another important place stopping place for the local history researcher. They now have on microfilm The Border Watch, The SE Star and The Register. Here too can be found cemetery records; the births, deaths and marriage records from Victoria and South Australia up to the early 20th century; an index of obituaries from Adelaide papers, a copy of the 1841 census and a set of South Australian almanacs. There are indexes of shipwrecks, records from the Mt Gambier gaol, local churches and burial records from the undertaker's files. They also have many early council, hospital and school records. The collection is continually being added to.

Mt Gambier also has another rich resource for family history devotees and researchers. The Mt Gambier Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has an extensive family history library on microfiche and has access to films and records on an international scale.

Millicent has two major collections. The one at the public library and the SE Family History Library. The Millicent public library has copies of the Mt Gambier and Millicent papers on film as well as the Register and the Observer. They have the facility to photocopy from the reader. They also have shipping records, parliamentary papers and Millicent and district school records. Janice Nitschke, the librarian, has also collected a valuable set of audiotapes of interviews with local people, especially those with memories of the early days of the district.

The SE Family History collection on the other hand is much more widely based and includes state and national and even overseas records. They are a branch of the Genealogical Society and have extensive resources on anything and everything to assist those doing family searches. They have many family and local history books and they are willing to undertake research for a small cost. Their library includes copies of microfiche of records throughout the SE by the Genealogical Society.

Penola Community Library has recently come to the local history scene but in a short time has done a great deal to gather resources on the district. Librarian Evelynne Bowden has amassed a number of books of local, regional and

State significance; unpublished material, such as burial records and council archives and has added theses by local people as well as video and audio tapes of Penola's History Group meetings. They also have files on families, buildings, industries and events in the district as well as diaries, letters and photos pertaining to Penola, Kalangadoo and Nagwarry. There are 12 references to Penola in the Historic Records Register, which also has important material about other South Eastern people and places.

Naracoorte's major resources on local history are held by the National Trust and have been compiled principally thanks to the energy, enthusiasm and expertise of Judy Murdoch. It is a good collection of material on the Naracoorte district and it is easily accessible, having been fully catalogued and cross referenced. There is an excellent and extensive range of photographs and also letters, papers and diaries. Especially interested are those of the two major pioneer landowners of the area the Robertsons and the McInness family.

There are also in the SE a number of valuable private collections. The Cliffords' meticulously arranged books, files and records at Yallum has many gems, as has Les Hill. His collection of photographs is comprehensive and well known, but very few may know that Geoff Aslin of Millicent has a specialist personal collection on the aboriginal peoples of the district, while another Aslin, Fred, of Mt Gambier has hundreds of audio tapes of various aspects of Mt Gambier's history. Pam O'Connor's collection on Mt Gambier has material not readily available and is arranged in themes for ease of access.

It is exciting that such rich resources are now available in the country and we should be grateful to those who invented microfiche, film and photocopiers which have enabled local collections to keep copies of valuable material. We are hopefully moving towards a time of co-operation among the many bodies concerned with this whole area of history and heritage. This is essential if we are to make the most of our resources and plan what is best for the future of the past.

Local history is indeed a room with a view. -SEBP.

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#### MORE GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS

Volume 7 number 1 of Hamilton FHS's Newsletter has an item on terms encountered in UK research, a reproduction of 'How To Trace Your Family Tree' from the English Womens Weekly is interesting, and the source of various Hamilton street names continues in this issue.

Number 17 of SCOTS LINK contains articles on 'Scotland Of Old', 'The NorwegianScottish Empire', 'Macbeth', 'The Branks', 'The Real Greyfriars Bobby', 'Photos As Part Of Your Family Research', 'The Clan MacMillan', 'Clan Donald', 'Bed And Breakfast In The Highlands', 'The Highland Clearances', 'The Tartans' and various other small items including 'Famous Scottish Writers and a list of more 'Comprehensive Family Trees'.

Volume 7 number 3 of FAMILY TREE magazine contains the following items, Occupations - The Proctor', 'Treasures Of The Parish Chest ' (2), 'Godbold',

Computers For FH - The Family Newsletter', 'A Victorian Tragedy', 'A Century Under The RAJ', 'Unexpected Connections', 'Fernetix Fer Fammlistry', 'Record Offices Vandalised' and 'Were Your Ancestors Touched'. Volume 7 number 4 contains 'Old Occupations-Northamptonshire Lacemakers' (1), 'The Scottish Dimension', 'Shipwrecked', 'Poetic Pieces', 'FH For Beginners - Census Returns' (1), 'Magic (Voodoo) Moments', 'D'ye Ken A John Peel?', 'Huntingdonshire FHS', 'Were Your Ancestors Touched' (2), 'The Great Fire Of 1653', 'Computers For FH Systems' and 'A Century Under The RAJ' (2).

COMPUTER CORNER

In this months column I will continue to review genealogical software packages for various types of computers, last month I looked at Family Tree for the Commodore 64 and 128 computers. This month I will examine a simple program called 'Jenny The Genealogist' which is written for the Commodore C64 and can be used on the C128 in C64 mode.

JENNY THE GENEALOGIST

Jenny The Genealogist by Glen Call is written for the Commodore 64 computer. and is referred to as a data storage, management and form printing package which of course are the basic requirements of any genealogical package.

Jenny is a package of six programs designed to work together. The programs are:

1. JENNY- this program maintains the genealogy database. Acting as the record-keeper, it allows you to add, delete, modify and establish relationships between records. (eg father, mother, spouse, etc.)
2. PEDIGREE~ this program allows you to search around the database and print pedigree charts and family group sheets for any individual who has a record in the database.
3. PEDIGRAPH- this is the same as the PEDIGREE program except it is for printers or adapters which support C64 graphics. The graphics make the printouts look cleaner.
4. FORMAT- this program is used to create a database disc. You must create a database disc before you can use the other programs. It erases any data on the diskette in the drive when the program is run. After formatting your disc the program formats an empty database of some 600 available records.
5. GSEARCH- this program is a general search program which allows you to search for records containing specific data in the data fields.,
6. MENU- this is a menu driver for the other programs, you load and run this program first then it will load the other programs for you as you request them.

By properly using these programs you can easily store, retrieve and print all of your genealogy information.

Jenny uses a nine character birthdate as its 'key' to the records and this is used in the storing and retrieving of records so must be entered carefully in a strict format.

Data is entered in response to prompts from the computer which asks you to enter the various items of data one field at a time.

When printing pedigree charts you select the ancestor of interest and then can scroll through his/her chart until you decide the portion you wish to print.

It should be remembered that this is a fairly basic program but is a handy way of storing your family history material if you have a Commodore C64 machine and it allows you to print out fairly basic pedigree charts of the information stored in the database. I have no idea of current price or availability of this program but version 2 appeared in 1984. More next month.