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MEMBERSHIP and SUBSCRIPTIONS to South West Genealogist NOW DUE.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to this second edition of 'The South West Genealogist, for 1993, happily for the second month we have an article contributed by a member, last month Rosemary Archer told of her visit to the 'Street' family reunion in Tasmania, this month Lorraine Smith tells of her visit to St. Catherines House in London if you have similar stories please send them in. Thank's Ladies.

our ongoing series in Marie's Memorabilia on local schools continues as does our Death Notices from the Hamilton Spectator and our hard working research officer Betty is back with her Warrnambool & District Historicals.

THE AREA ADMINISTRATORS CORNER

Dear Members and Friends,

Jill Heathcote, one of our members, loaned me some notes she took while looking through some early Warrnambool Standards - more than 100 years ago. These are interesting and I have made note of many items of interest to genealogists.

I also made note of some trivia such as Allansford News.

'Wandering gentry, since the resignation of Constable Drought, have made the Allansford Cave their rendezvous to the annoyance of surrounding residents'

Wonder what the lads and lasses(?) were up to? Times have not changed much. If you are interested, Doug has the date of the paper.

Of interest, mention was made 15/2/1879 that a Mr McMahon has applied for the removal of the PURNIM CEMETERY from the present site to a reserve on the

Hopkins River near the Aboriginal Station ' Also that 'the Purnim site was within 8 chains of the township ' AND that the Woodford Cemetery had never been opened.

This should perhaps be followed up. If your ancestors came from this area please check your death certificates. In the meantime we will check our maps for the site of this cemetery.

Till the next time good luck with your researching

Regards to all

Marie Boyce
Area Administrator

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

ENGLAND & WALES

Nottinghamshire Poll Books 1754 (fiche)

Wiltshire Poll Books 1772 (fiche)

SCOTLAND

Taits Directory for Glasgow & District

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WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS

(Compiled by Betty Beavis, Branch Research Officer)

MARCH 75 YEARS AGO - 1918

(As reported in the Warrnambool Standard')

MARRIAGES / NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

STANLEY, Alan, late A.I.F. to Marion
M'CALLUM of 'Bawn Kyle', East Malvern.
BELL, Albert, Woodgreen, London, to Jean
HAMILTON of Noorat.
PHILLIPS, Percy L. Manifold St., to Vera
GRANT, A.T.C.L. of Gowanville.
Cudgee.
KILPATRICK, Lachlan Bean, of Allanvale.
Great Western to Katherine Margaret
TURNER SHAW of 'Wooriwyrite', Terang.
DUIRS, James Harold Lorne, to Amy
KRUEGER of Kalgoorlie. (Lots of detail)
WELCH, Charles, North Melbourne to
Margaret BLAIR of Hexham.

ENGAGED

LAIDLAW, Robert. of 'Meringa'. Willaura
to Ethel B FARRELL of 'Melton Park',
Me 1 ton.

DECORATIONS

Pte J W LAIDLAW, Nullawarre. D.C.M.
Lieut R M BURNIE, Nirranda, M.C.
PERSONAL

Mr S HELPMAN
John DAVIDSON
J C ROSS, former engineer W'bool.
Late Lieut Harry Forster RUTLEDGE
Mrs Rachel HALL, Allansford (Death)
Harry BLEVINS (Death)
Daniel DONOVAN, 'Mamre' Piron Yallock.

DEATH

Alexander BLACK, Timor St., aged 56.

WELCOME HOME

Lieut H BURLEIGH, Nirranda
Cpl E W DUKES, Nirranda
Pte H R BORTHWICK, Nirranda
Pte D WILLIAMS
Pte H E BARKUS, Panmure
Pte J COCHRANE
Gunner G G GRIFFITHS
Pte J BYRNE (West Reserve)
Pte C WILLIAMSON
Pte L RICHARDSON, Woolsthorpe
Pte G SPIKIN
Pte A E COLLINS, Sth W'bool
Cpl GARDINER
Pte Colin BONE, Cobden
Pte Bob RICHARDSON, Woolsthorpe
Sgt Maj. James BRENNAN
Pte Stanley MITCHELL, Sth W'bool

NEW RECRUITS

Arthur PONTING
William SARLL
Gordon WORLAND

LETTERS, ETC. FROM SOLDIERS

Pte Leslie BROWN
Warrant Off. W J MOON
Captain Chaplain F P WILLIAMS
re death of Able Seaman Thomas
James HOSE
Trooper D W HUSSEY
Pte G WHITE, Orford
Driver Duncan JENKINS
re death of Harold ESAM

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Presentation to J J O'MALLEY - 15 years in Victoria Hotel.

M J TATE, H TOWNSEND, Roy WORLAND and Stanley BAIRSTOW, all known for artistic
penmanship. write names on Returned Soldiers Certificates.

Excellent description of Port Campbell and environs. (Woman's miscellany)

Mrs ROWAN purchases business of J D DEANY.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS (Cont)

MARCH 75 YEARS AGO - 1918

ITEMS OF INTEREST (Cont)

Charles SCARFFE farewelled.

Fire at Andrew SMITH's workshop, Sth W'bool. Jos, William and Arthur ROGERS, members of Fire Brigade, arrive early on the scene.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS

MARCH 100 YEARS AGO - 1893

(As reported in the 'Warrnambool Standard')

OBITUARIES, Etc

George POWELL, Canterbury Road.

Rev. James DUIRS, aged 91. died at Manse of Durris. Aberdeenshire, Scotland;
brother of Thomas DUIR's, Spring Gardens. Warrnambool.
(Informative article re Rev. DUIRS, M.A.)

MARRIAGES

CAMPBELL, Archibald, Wellington, N.Z, to Sarah MURRAY of Warrnambool.

COLLINS, John Scott, son of James M'K COLLINS of Liverpool, England, to Jennie TAYLOR of 'Avonmore', Allansford.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bush fire near Panmure damages property of C JELLEFF, J CAREY and Thomas STONEHOUSE.

Bush fire at Laang; narrow escape of schoolhouse; damage to property of John MURNANE, jnr.

Clever capture of Charles GIRDLESTONE made by Const. TRAINOR on the steamer. Julia Percy.

Presentation to H W DAVIS - leaving for Melbourne.

Peter CARMODY receives silver medal for services rendered at wreck of the 'Newfield'.

Riding accident at Dennington to Thomas MORTON, teacher at Yarpurk State School.

Dismissal of ganger, R FROST - Water Trust meeting.

Farewell to Dr J A Neptune SCOTT - visiting the 'old country'.

Local boy, John HAWKES, wins Beaney Scholarship for Pathology - Melbourne Univ.

New bell at St John's church. Difficulty experienced by bellringers. (2 articles)

Farewell to Mrs George MORIESON - leaving to join her husband in Fiji.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS (Cont)

MARCH 100 YEARS AGO - 1893

ITEMS OF INTEREST (Cont)

Captain DREWITT, local pilot, 'genial and ernstwhile mariner,, recovering from serious illness.

Further details re George GRANVILLE.

Fine description of Tower Hill and District - 'A Beauty Spot in Victoria, - copied from the Sydney Morning Herald.

Warrnambool eight compete in Victorian Rowing Championship v Yarra Yarra. W'bool crew - E H PRICE (bow), R PROUDFOOT, T ROWAN, D ROWAN, D O'DRISCOLL, P RYAN, C O'DONNELL, J ROWAN (str), D CLEARY (cox). Men's weights given.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS (Cont)

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT

100 Years On - Scotts & Cowley's Creek Hall by B & A Yeaman

Index to 'A History of St Johns Presbyterian Church, Warrnambool - 100 Years of Worship & Work '

Index to A Short History of St Johns Presbyterian Church, Warrnambool'

A List of Electors for the Electoral District of Port Phillip for the year commencing 11611848 - 301611849 for the Port Fairy Police District.

A List of Electors for the Electoral District of Port Phillip for the year commencing 11611848 - 301611849 for the Portland Police District.

Highlights In History of Warrnambool Co-op 1960 - 1992

Warrnambool Industrial Estate Directory - 2 copies

FAMILY HISTORIES

Dr Charles Vandenburg by Gwen Cole

Cole Family Reunion by David & Lydia Cole

OTHER STATES

Buchanans Index to Tasmanian Births and Baptisms 1803 - 1840

Index to NSW Convict Indents by GSV

IRELAND

Irish & Cornish Immigration to Moreton Bay 1848 - 1859 (fiche)

Irish Convicts ~. Exiles (fiche)

Landowners in Ireland 1876 (fiche)

MARIE'S MEMORABILIA

This month Marie presents Part 8 of her series of items on schools in Warrnambool and the surrounding district.

Page numbers quoted after the school number are the page on which the history of the school is covered in book 2 of 'Vision and Realisation'.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE VICINITY OF WARRNAMBOOL INCLUDING THE TERANG,
MORTLAKE, CARAMUT, KOROIT AND PORT FAIRY AREAS.
PART 8

KILNOORAT School Number 1837 see page 922

Frances Rae was Head Teacher for SS 1837 when it opened 11/3/1877. It operated part time with SS 1935 Cloven Hills. In 1889 it became part time with SS 883 Kolora (Glenormiston). the school was officially closed 28/2/1893.

NARINGAL School Number 1839 (formerly TALLANGATTA) see page 92213

This school is situated on the Cobden Road, 11 miles east of Warrnambool. It was first called Tallangatta. The name was changed to Naringal, which is thought to be aboriginal for stagnant waters', as a large part of the area was swampy in winter. The original school was opened 25/2/1877 with Benjamin Stocks as Head Teacher. A well known student was Sister Mona Wilton of the Australian Army Nursing Service, killed in action at Singapore in 1942. A new school was opened 25/11/1962.

FRAMLINGHAM EAST School Number 1860 see page 923

As a result of attempts by local people an area of 5 acres for a school was gazetted 10/11/1876. The school was listed No. 1860 20/3/1877. The school opened with J Hazeldene as Head Teacher. Due to fluctuations in enrolments the school was closed Oct 1894, reopened 21/6/1909 part time with Ballangeich. Closed again August that year and reopened August 1923 when tenders were called for a new school.

ORFORD School Number 1898 see page 924

A leased school operated in Orford from 1/1/1874 to 31/5/1877, Head Teacher being Peter McBeth and the school was numbered 1374. A school was built by the Department and this school opened as 1898 on 1/6/1877. The school closed in 1949 when the Consolidated School came into being.

WARRNAMBOOL SOUTH School Number 1902 see page 92415

This school opened by Cr. C L Crammond, Mayor of Warrnambool 11/8/1877. 19 pupils were enrolled by the Head Teacher James Sloss. Pupils of note include

MARIE'S MEMORABILIA (Cont)

Private David Mitchell who won the MM at the age of 18 years. Samuel Ferrier figured in a dramatic rescue of 5 seamen from the schooner 'La Belle' in November 1905.

BALLANGEICH SOUTH School Number 1926 see page 925

Three miles from Ballangeich a school was recommended to work part time with SS 1226 Ballangeich West (Now Cooramook). July 1880 a school room was occupied. The school officially closed in September 1909 and the building was sold in 1914.

WARRONG School Number 1937 see page 925

This name is an aboriginal word meaning 'waterhole'. The school was established in 1875 in the Parish of Warrong, Shire of Minhamite, 8 miles south of Hawkesdale. In 1876 the Head teacher was Charlie Phillips and the average attendance was 10 children. The school closed 8/8/1899 and reopened 3/10/1933 in a room of a local homestead. Local people built a school which opened 8/8/1935, but was destroyed by fire on V J night. New rooms were added, including that of Aringa State School. notable past students include Connie Gladman, later a Missionary Nun, who was killed by natives in New Guinea in 1954, and Bruce Cruickshank, now a Professor of Physics at Bristol University, England.

CROSSLEY School Number 2007 see page 926

Only a few miles west of Koroit, Crossley school opened 21/1/1878 under Head Teacher John J Madden. During that year the average attendance was 45 boys and 35 girls. The department supplied a brick (or stone) building and a four-room detached residence. School closed 24/4/1892.

HOPKINS FALLS School Number 2013 see page 926

In July 1875 application was made for a school to be established on a site near the Hopkins Falls, 5 miles S W from Purnim and 4 miles E of Wangoom. A school 241 x 161 was completed and school commenced in 1879 under the Head Teacher Barbara Gordon. In 1892 the enrolment was 11 pupils. 31/8/1894 the pupils were conveyed to the Wangoom school and Hopkins Falls school was closed. Reopened again in 1899 but in 1904 was reduced to working part time with Garvoc West. The school closed again and the building was sold in 1913.

BROADWATER School Number 2147 see page 927

LAKE GILLEAR School Number 2292 see page 930

The first Head Teacher George J Andrews began duty 29/9/1880. After working two years part time with SS 2827 the school closed 30/6/1917. Reopened 21/2/1923 it was unstaffed 15/3/1956.

DEATH NOTICES FROM THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

(Transcribed by Dorothy May Bond dec.)

From 1/1/1881 to 31/12/1885.

(Part 1)

ADAMSON Mrs Adamson of Condah, died 22/9/1882 and was buried there on 24/9/1882.

ARCHER On 1/11/1881, at the Bank of Victoria, Portland, Minnie, the eldest daughter of J Lee Archer, in her 21st year. She died of consumption and was buried at South Portland on 21/1/1881.

ATKINS Mrs Atkins, a daughter of Mr Hay of Portland, who recently married a ship's engineer, died at Portland on 31/12/1880.

ATKINSON Miss Kate Atkinson, second daughter of the Portland Town Clerk, died 26/2/1881, aged 25 and was buried at South Portland on 27/2/1881.

ATKINSON The wife of Mr E Atkinson, Portland Shire Secretary, has died and was buried in the South Portland cemetery on 15/8/1884. She was C of E.

BADNALL At his residence, Percy St, Portland, on 20/11/1885, after a long and painful illness, C H Badnall, aged 55 years. An Anglican, he was buried on 22/11/1885. He was a journalist.

BANNAM ?? A step son, aged 7 , of Frank Bannam, drowned at Ettrick on 30/1/1885 and was buried at Drumborg on 1/2/1885.

BELL John Bell snr, of Mount Eckersley, aged 98, died 4/3/1885 and was buried at Drumborg on 6/3/1885. His wife is aged 96 and they had 8 children, 57 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. 67 descendants are still alive including a son, James.

BOOTHBY On 8/12/1885 at Maretimo, Portland, Harriet Emma, the beloved wife of James H Boothby, Towanway, Wickliffe, aged 29 years. She was a sister of Mrs R Matheson.

BOTTGER ? Bottger, a man, died at Portland recently (15/1/1881)

BOUND May Bound aged 17 years, a niece of Mr and Mrs Allnutt, died at Portland on 27/8/1883 and was buried at South Portland on 30/8/1883.

BROCKLEBANK At Portland on 28/12/1884, Florence Marion, eldest daughter of Thomas and Kate Brocklebank, aged 9 years and 7 months. She was a niece of J R Woods and his brother of Portland. A C of E she was buried at South Portland on 30/12/1884.

BROWN At Clifton Cottage, Portland, on 25/8/1882, Euphemia, wife of Captain John Brown and dearly beloved mother of Mrs W P Anderson of Portland. She was buried on 26/8/1882.

BULL Miss Martha Bull, daughter of a settler at Camp Corner, near Dartmoor, died of fog fever on 13/12/1885.

CAMERON Mrs Cameron aged 93, died at Heywood recently (25/6/1881)

CAREY Mrs Carey a housekeeper, died at Portland on 26/4/1882 and was buried on 28/4/1882.

CARRACHER On 9/11/1885, at Mr S Righetti's residence on the Dartmoor Road, Patrick James, second son of Mr James Carracher of Boorooopki, late of Heywood, from a severe accident, aged 25 years. Buried at Heywood on 11/11/1885.

CHANDLER Mr Chandler a former butcher, died recently in Portland. (25/11/1884)

DEATH NOTICES FROM THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR (Cont)

CLARK A new-born son of Ellen Clark died at Oakbank near Heywood about 31/1/1882.

CLARK Mrs Clark aged 83, died at Portland on 24/6/1885. Her husband died in Portland in 1856. One grand-daughter is alive.

CLARKE At Condah on 10/5/1883, Patrick Clarke aged 85 years.

CLARKE At Condah on 22/11/885, from sunstroke, Peter James, beloved son of Phillip and Mary Clarke, aged 7 years. He was buried at Condah on 24/11/885.

CLARKE Two sons of Phillip Clarke died within the past three weeks at Condah. (23/7/1885)

COLDHAM On Saturday 2/12/1882 at Grassdale, Tahara, John Coldham aged 61 years. He left a wife and sons and was buried on 3/12/1882 at Merino.

COWLAND Mrs Cowland. mother of Alfred Henry and George, who lived between Heywood and Dartmoor. has died and was buried at Dartmoor on 18/10/11885.

CUMMINGS Florence Gray Cummings. aged 22, eldest daughter of Mr E Cummings of Portland, died 30/3/1883 and was buried at South Portland on 1/4/1883.

CUSSEN At Merino on 31/3/1883, Margaret. a relict of the late Maurice Cussen, aged 55 years. R.I.P. She was buried at Merino on 2/3/1883.

DACOMB Edward Dacomb, auctioneer, died at Portland on 23/5/1881.

DAVIDSON J Davidson, an old resident of Narrawong. died on 22/12/1885.

DIMOCK Mrs Dimock. wife of a Portland surgeon. died 23/12/1881.

DRUMMOND The eldest daughter. aged 16 and a half, of James Drummond died of diphtheria at Merino on 1/6/1884 and was buried on 2/6/1884.

DRUMMOND James Drummond, a Merino sheep farmer aged about 36. was found dead on 21/12/1885. His wife's name is Mary and his mother lives at Coleraine.

DUSTING John Dusting aged 72. of South Portland, died 81511885. A fisherman from Cornwall he settled in Portland in 1854.

DUTTON The wife of the late William Dutton died at Portland on 23/8/1885. They were married in Tasmania in 1843. A C of E, she is to be buried at Narrawong beside her husband.

EDMUNDS Johanna Edmunds, a widow of Merino Downs, died 16/6/1882. She was buried at Merino with her husband.

FAIRLIE Walter Fairlie, second mate of 'Albyn's Isle', died at Portland on 4/6/1882. An uncle lives at Lexton.

FARMER The body of Mrs Farmer (or Turner), between 40 and 50, who arrived from Melbourne on 29/7/1881, was found on the beach on 1/8/1881.

FITZGERALD On 31/7/1882, at Emerald Hill, Merino. Bryan Cunningham, fourth beloved son of Bryan and Robina Fitzgerald. aged 5 years and 1 month.

FLETCHER On 24/2/1885 at his late residence, Hurd Street, Portland. James Fletcher, aged 89 years.

FORAN John Foran. a Dwyers Creek sheep farmer, about 65 and husband of Bridget. died at Merino on 20/12/1884.

FOX William. son of Charles Fox. a newspaper employee. died at Portland on 29/10/1885 and was buried there on 1/11/1885.

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A VISIT TO ST. CATHERINE'S HOUSE

by Lorraine Smith

London's extensive underground system allows easy access to a number of places for family research, such as St. Catherine's House (birth, death & marriage certificates), Public Record Office at Chancery Lane (for census records), PRO at Kew (convict, military records, etc), Greater London Record office (parish records for Middlesex). Guildhall Library (convict. parish. newspapers. etc) & Somerset House (wills).

St. Catherines House is about 5 minute's walk from Temple underground station. Once there, your bags are checked (very briefly) and then you help yourself to the large volumes holding the birth. death & marriage indexes for England & Wales from April 1837 until recent times. The volumes are arranged in chronological order with four volumes per year. one for each quarter. The March quarter holds records for the months of January, February & March. The June, September & December quarters then follow on the bookshelf. Within the volumes, surnames, for the whole country, are in alphabetical order.

The birth, death & marriage indexes are kept in different sections. with signs on the end of the bookshelf denoting type of index there. and the years covered. Then its a matter of finding space on the benches to look at the book you've selected (standing room only). it is a fairly quick process to scan through each book for the surname you are searching, if you are not sure of the date.

once you have found and recorded details of a particular BDM, you fill out a form (a different colour for each type of certificate) and join the queue to the tellers, where a fee of £5.50 (approx \$A12.00) is charged per certificate. Your certificate will be available for collection 4 working days later. or if desired. it can be posted to Australia for no extra charge. If you are unsure of your facts, you can fill out the back of the form, requesting that a check be done. In this case. you ask that the information you give. such as parents names, be checked against the certificate, to see if it matches. If the information does not match, half of your fee is refunded.

Once you have your certificate, if you have difficulty reading it, or are unfamiliar with the whereabouts of a location, the superintendent is available to help. This may involve him ringing the records department to view the original certificate, if it has copied badly. Quite often, getting a certificate allows you to go back to the books again and go back another generation or two!

There is no booking facility at St. Catherine's House, and it can be very busy, especially at lunch times. It's a good idea to find all your record numbers from the books first, before you line up to pay. There are no tea/coffee/cold drink facilities there, and nowhere to sit for lunch, so you must leave the premises to eat or drink. There are also no coat rooms or bag lockers. Loudspeakers with recorded messages periodically tell you to keep your bags on your person at all times, as pick-pockets and bag-snatchers abound here! An unattended bag will be removed and destroyed by the police (suspected bomb).

In Australia microfilm copies of the St. Catherine's House indexes are available for viewing at the AIGS library at 6 Lavelle St, Blackburn. Microfiche copies are held at the Latrobe Library in Swanston St, Melbourne.

The Genealogical Society of Victoria at 252 Swanston St, also holds microfiche copies of the index to 1910 and AIGS has microfiche copies from 1900 to 1939. Ed.