

# South-West Genealogist

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## WHAT'S ON:

8 AUGUST - Monthly meeting. Family history and problem-solving discussions are held at each meeting, with access to records for individual research. Assistance is readily given. See page 2 for meeting place and time.

21 AUGUST - Workshop night. Cataloging of new resources and checking of microfiche, etc. is carried out on workshop nights - a good opportunity to find out just what records are available. Individual research may also be undertaken, with ready assistance given. See page 2 for place & time.

# EDITORIAL

This is our "new-look" newsletter. Having recently completed a course in page-layout using "Pagemaker", I felt it was time to give the newsletter a lift and incorporate some new ideas into its layout. I would welcome any comments regarding the new format.

To help researchers find items from the Warrnambool Standard which are outlined in Betty's "Warrnambool Historicals", Betty has now added the actual date that it was in the paper - see the number in brackets at the end of each item.

An interesting article is included this month on the Chinese in Warrnambool, taken from the Warrnambool Standard of 1887.

## AREA ADMINISTRATOR

Dear members and friends,

Our Annual Meeting was held last month and now we must press forward and do our best to help each other in our quest for knowledge about our various families. We certainly have a lot more resources nowadays - there seems to be something new each month. This month, for instance, we obtained a book called "The Immigrant Ship, New Zealander, Lost Portland Bay 1853". It makes interesting reading and includes the Ship's Passenger Disposal List. It is anticipated that we will be holding an Open Day towards the end of the year.

Regards to all  
 Marie Boyce  
 Area Administrator



## DID YOU KNOW?

that the Federal Electoral Office in Kepler St, Warrnambool has a complete, up-to-date set of microfiche, comprising names of electors in the Commonwealth of Australia. The fiche are indexed by surname, and research can be undertaken by members of the public.

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Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum Library, 23 Merri St., Warrnambool is the venue for:

### Monthly Meetings

2nd Thursday of the month, 8:00pm.

### Workshop Nights

4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm.

### Research Library

The library is open at various times (Mon to Sun) when staffed by volunteers of the group. Ring Flagstaff Hill on (055) 64 7841 between 9:30am & 4:30pm Mon to Fri to check if the library is open.

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# WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT HISTORICALS

## JULY 100 YEARSAGO-1896

(As reported in the Warrnambool Standard, compiled by Betty Beavis)

### Marriages of:

W. STEVENSON to Barbara JOHNSON at Illowa. Paragraph re wedding. (14)

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| Miss FLYNN, relieving teacher at | Allansford. (7)

John WHITE to Mary RICHIE. Paragraph re wedding. (17)

### Deaths of:

Thomas WHITE, Illowa. (1)

W. J. ALLAN (reference at City Council). (2)

Martin O'BRYEN of Cassady's Bridge. Died in the Yarra. Foul play suspected. Two articles. (7)

Thomas Patrick O'DONOHUE, aged 22, at Kanowna (White Feather) Private Hospital. Died of typhoid. (11)

W. S. GREIG of Macarthur. (14)

Miss DORE, daughter of F. W. DORE. (17)  
Mrs Agnes DUNN and Mrs Janet BELL mentioned at St. Johns. References to their work for the church. (27)

### Accidents to:

Mr O'NEILL, Purnim. (9)

Frank HARDY, coachdriver for Mrs MOREHOUSE, at Princetown. (10)

Mr COOK, teacher at Purnim. (14)

SPALDING child of Southern Cross. (14)

W. NAYLER of Nirranda. (15)

Mary O'DONAHUE, aged 80. (28)

| Allansford. (7) Miss FLYNN, relieving teacher at

### Farewells & Presentations to:

Miss FLYNN, relieving teacher at | Allansford. (7)

C. E. TRANTER at Allansford. (14)

R. CROWE at Koroit. (28)

Mr PHILP and Mr PARK, farewelled from the council. (30)

### Items of Interest

F. MORSE & Co granted contract for lamp- | lighting. (1)

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| Dangerous quarry of Mr KELLAS and | others in Fitzroy St. Reference to Mr | BLEVINS' quarry. (1)

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| James TALLENT, market inspector at | Warrnambool, relates pig story - report by | "Woomera" in the Australasian. (3)

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| Ponies and horses bought by West | Australians from John FINN of Port Fairy; | : Chas PHILLIPS; T. McCULLOUGH and | Phil LOCK. (4)

: Phil LOCK sells horses for India. (8)

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| Article in Argus re Western District refers | to John CURRAN's field of potatoes. (4)

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| George OLIVER granted stage-coach | licence between Woolsthorpe & | : Warrnambool. (7)

: Life story of R. CROWE, manager of | Koroit Butter Factory. (7)

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| Helen HORTLE appointed registrar of | Births, Deaths & Marriages at Ellerslie vice | Wm H. FLANDERS. (7)

# WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT HISTORICALS

JULY 100 YEARS AGO -1896 (cont.)

## Items of Interest cont.

A. B. PALMER leases Royal Hotel from George WARRELL. (9)

Henry BARTLETT, son of T. Bartlett, recovers from typhoid in N.S.W. (14)

Former Warrnamboolians take out leases at : White Feather north of Kalgoorlie - R. J. inspected- DAWKINS, R. MEAD, M. DAVIES, J. L. ELLIS and William ELLIS and William BONHAM. (16)

The Mildura Settlement - long article re CHAFFEY Bros and origins in USA. Family history etc. (17 & 23)

Two articles re Warrnambool jockey, J. SMITH in the "Age". (20-21)

Illegal use of Matthew ATKINSON's pony by four boys. (21)

Government delegate sent to Cape Colony requests sample of cheese made by John GLASGOW of Wangoom. (22)

SS FLINDERS runs aground on sand-bank, master - Capt. HOLLAND. (23). I

D. WILLIAMSON reports on Eskdale Svndicate recently visited by N. McKELLAR. (23)

Thieves break into Joseph MACK's office, also into MORSE's Princess Royal Hotel. (25)

Details of BELLAIRS and LOUEZ families given in court case. (25)

Delegates from Manchester visit Jackson GIBLETT's Tannery. (27)

Chris LOVELL's tent near Wangoom stolen. (30)

Coach trip to Mt Gambier by G. Company - V.M.R. Mentions T. VINES, T. CAWKER (famous coachman), Capt. JENKINS, Lieuts. HINDHAUGH & DAVIDSON, Sgt-Maj. BOURKE (crack shot), Pts. MACKNIGHT, BERTRAND & BRUMBY, Pte. GREENWOOD, Dr. JERMYN. (30)

Detailed accounts of local dairies one to four cows:

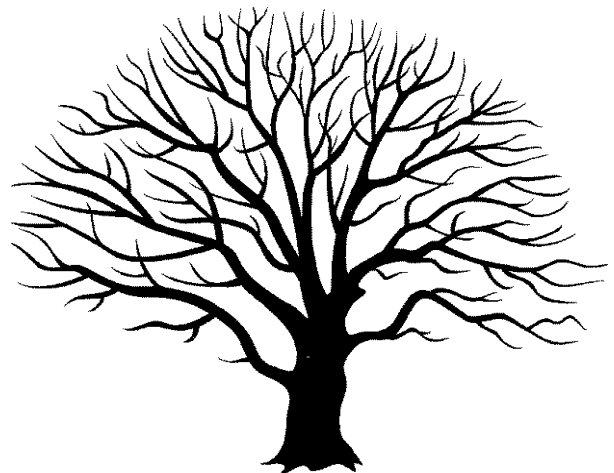
J. J. KUEHN (Gibson St) BONHAM. (16)  
Thomas MERRETT (Cnr Latrobe & Japan Sts.)

David PENDERGAST (Timor St)  
Bridget RYAN (Japan St)  
Lawrence COMMANE (Cnr Japan & Koroit Sts.)

John CALLAGHAN (Raglan Pde)  
Sarah KEE (Reserve Ground)  
John BYRNE (Raglan Pde) (30)

Details of E. J. COLLINS tender for lighting street lamps. Details of each ward. (30)

William FOUNTAIN, aged 63, hermit, taken from "Ryan's Den" - hole in the rocks near Mr Allison SMITH's property at Port Campbell - quite destitute. (31)



# WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT HISTORICALS

JULY 75 YEARS AGO -1921

(As reported in the Warrnambool Standard, compiled by Betty Beavis)

## Marriages of:

Hugh Hamilton McKNIGHT (late Lieut. A.I.F.) to Valerie GILLOT of Ensival Lez Verviers. Paragraph re wedding. (1)

Nayler Edgar BATES to Queenie Evelyn McLEAN. Wedding report. (7 & 8)

Wilson J. RAYMOND of Portland to Mary Jeffery (Polly) SMITH. Wedding report (22)

## Engagements of:

Hazel ELY of Darling Point, formerly of Warrnambool, to John TAIT of Drummoyne, Sydney. (22)

Irene McLEAN of Warrnambool to Robert TURNER, Wellington Rd. (22)

## Accidents to:

William HUGHES, manager of produce store at Hotel Mansions (4)

Mr COUTTS of Koroit St. at Nestle's (7)

Irene ESAM, aged 9. (8)

Miss ANDREWS of Sth Warrnambool. (11)

Miss Violet McCONNELL (accidentally killed) and narrow escape by Miss Marjorie VILLIERS. (28)

## Deaths of:

Mrs Martin BUSHELL, nee GORMAN of Killarney. (11)

Timothy Lamb CAMPBELL at Mildura. Family had general store in Warrnambool in 1873. (18)

## Deaths of (cont.)

David & Arthur CROLL. Lots of family information given. (23)

Australian surveyor in Singapore murdered - brother of Mrs James CROMIE of North Warrnambool. (23)

Mrs Abbott MARTIN. (27)

## Items of Interest:

W. D. JAMES, J.P., Albury, N.S.W. acquires THOMPSON Printing Co. in Koroit. Brief history. (2)

Life story of Mrs Thomas OAKLEY (Emma). (5)

Life story of John BEATTIE. (5)

Musical career, Fred CROFT, Mepunga. (7)

Funeral of Driver Joseph F. McCONNELL, Cycle Corps, A.I.F. Brief war history. (5)

Mrs Percy PHILLIPS and mother, Mrs P. GRANT (Cudgee) visit relatives in W.A. (1)

Citizen's Band Ball- items by Geo DAVIS, J. DEARNALEY, C. KROSCHER, G. MARKS, G. DAVIS jun, B. THOMAS. Decorations by George THOMPSON. (2)

"Our City" Pt 2, by John WARD. (2)

J. H. FLICKERT, Allansford, disposes of business to D. H. CLARKE. (5)

Mr GILES appointed scoutmaster. (6)

Messrs H. PRITCHARD & GIBSON liberate 500 yearling brown trout in Merri & Spring Creeks. (8)

*WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT HISTORICALS**JULY 75 YEARS AGO -1921 (cont.)*Items of interest (cont.)

J. McCULLOUGH purchases "St Leonard's". Mrs T. H. EASSON's Kelp St. residence. (9)

Motor car driven by Mr GREENING, auctioneer, catches fire. (12)

Gid RYAN's valuable studebaker destroyed by fire at Illowa. (18)

Mr MARFELL proposes establishment of new industry in Warrnambool - producing nuts, bolts, etc. (15)

Article on Dr Isabel YOUNGER's work for : Baby Welfare Centres. (15)

Details of war service of Sgt. J. A. JESSUP - mentioned in despatch - brother of Mrs T. JEWELL, Allansford. (16)

Dissolution of partnership - HOSKING & RYAN - motor agents. (16)

Farewells & Presentations to:

Mr & Mrs Robt JONES at Mailors Flat. (2)

Mr & Mrs GRIMSHAW at A'ford. (2 & 9)

Miss Ethel LEES at Christ Church. (1)

P. A. DIVINY, A'ford, Bank of Victoria. (12)

Miss Elsie OAKLEY at Coleraine S.S. (12)

Miss WHITE at Ellerslie (to Tas.)(23 & 25)

Mrs J. TAYLOR. (29)

Mrs John MUNRO at Framlingham. (29)

Mr & Mrs J. NEIL & son Jim, to Colac (29)



## A SCOTCH NICHT

(reported by Betty Beavis from The Warrnambool Standard, 29 June 1921)

The Warrnambool and District Caledonian Society held a "Scotch Nicht" in the Ellerslie Hall on Wednesday last. Hame sangs an' dances were enjoyed tae the verra maist. It brought back mony happy memories o' th' days lang syne. The rollicking Flours (sic) o' Edinboro, 'Hielant Schottische, Scotch Reels, Polkas an' sic like weer verra guid, an' mony ain was minded o' th' time when last they danced them; maybe at a feein' market or after th' hairst, in the land sae far awa'. Gran coffe an' cakes were served, an' yer een reeled as ye saw the shortie mixed wi' the sweets. Songs were sung by Mrs Geo MELVILLE, Messrs. LOWE and MOIR and Master Hector DONALD, a' in fine style, and that couthie recitation, "Bairnies Cuddle Doon," by Jean DONALD that minded us sae weel o' a' the sploors carried on when we were bits o' weans oorsels. After supper Chief Wallace presented ex-Chief DONALD wi' the Society's ex-Chiefs badge. The Chief said t' was weel earned an' as he had had a steep howe tae ha' an Mr DONALD had put a stoot hert tae the stye brae an' keepit the Society gaen thro' the troubled times. Ex-Chief A. ROBINSON supported the Chiefs remarks gie well. Ex-Chief DONALD as it will aye mind him o' happy days. Mrs WALLACE was kept gie busy on the piano, but didna' fash, as she kenned it was for th' sake o' Bonnie Scotland. About twal' o'clock it was time tae hie awa' hame, so jist afore Guid Nicht was said "Auld Lang Syne" was sung wi' herty guid wull. Syne the National Anthem brought tae a close a rale Scotch nicht.

# CHINESE OBSEQUIES

*(from the Warrnambool Examiner, 14/8/1887)*

*Submitted by Marie Boyce*

Whither for good or evil, Warrnambool possesses a growing population of Chinese. Upwards of fifty followers of Confucius or Buddha are located in and around the district, employed in the occupations of gardeners, pig-jobbers or empirics" - three outlets for their industry which they have pursued with some show of success. Store keeping has been tried by some, but in the endeavour to become too suddenly rich, one of their number so mismanaged his affairs as to gain him a passport into one of Her Majesty's gaols for six months. That appears to be the only exception as yet to prove the rule that our Mongolian residents are as honest as they are industrious. We have before now had to chronicle their marriages, which have of late become so frequent as to have lost the charm of novelty; their offspring, too, are allowed to sneak into existence without any special record, but the death of JIM AH TOW last week is noticeable from the fact that it is the first visitation of mortality which the Celestial residents in this locality have experienced, and Jim is the alpha of his race whose remains have found a resting place in our picturesque cemetery on the bank of the Hopkins. Jim's affliction was consumption, and about two years ago his own medicine man gave him up, advising him to try a European doctor. The late Dr Loftus was appealed to, who told the patient that his life might be prolonged by his seeking the balmy air of his native Canton, from whence he had come to this country eighteen years previously. Jim sent for his brother, with the intention of handing over to him all right, title and interest in and to his cabbage garden on the bank of Russell's Creek. For it appeared that Jim had fulfilled two of the conditions which promote happiness on this earth. He had been born at See-Chow, which is celebrated for its almond-eyed beauties, had lived in Canton, where luxury reigns supreme, and he had now only to fulfill the third condition, and that was to die in Lianchau, for there grows the best wood for coffins. For although Chinamen meet the dart of our common enemy with little concern, they are very nice as to the disposal of their clan, and believe in a substantial coffin; so much so that they see to the seasoning of the wood before their demise, if, indeed, they have not the box ready made in the house for years previously. Lulled into hopefulness by a slight relief from his insidious disease, and anxious to increase his store before departing from the land of the barbarians, Jim was induced to stop till the next crop of cabbages

## *CHINESE OBSEQUIES (Cont.)*

should be fit for market. But delay was dangerous in his case. After trying several Melbourne Galens<sup>\*2</sup>, Jim returned to Warrnambool, and after a lingering existence for two or three short months, he "existed no more" on Wednesday last.

A funeral is one of the festivals of Mongolians, and Jim's body was brought from the gardens to repose in state at LEE GEE KWONG's in Liebig St. The room was dazzlingly illumined with Chinese lanterns and candles. There, decked out in the robes of a Mandarin, to which by the way Jim had no pretensions in the flesh, the body rested on a bench, while at his head and feet were several fowls, a turkey, and a sucking pig, viands for which the Chinese have a great predilection, as many a depopulated henroost may testify. Messrs Beattie and Phillips were entrusted with the manufacture of a larger coffin than was necessary, the friends of the departed filling up the six or seven inches of hiatus at the foot with a sucking pig and a loaf of bread. All the Celestials in the district came to partake of the funeral-baked meats and drink to a smooth journey to paradise for the departed, and on Friday a large number collected to follow the remains to the graveyard. There were the spouses of the mourners and numerous olive (complexioned) branches, looking as cheerful as though they were on a pleasure trip, though the weather was anything but enjoyable. At the cemetery, Lee Gee Kwong, the doctor, who doubtless had officiated at the obsequies of many of his patients, assumed the post of chief priest and read prayers. A loaf of bread was then gently dropped in on the coffin. A mat was placed at the end of the grave, and a basin of gin upon it, with two egg cups at its side. Lee Gee Kwong and the deceased's brother then came to the mat and genuflected, making afterwards a number of profound salaams, concluding with pouring two egg cupfuls of gin on the coffin. The same ceremony was performed by several other couples, but instead of allowing the gin to fall on the coffin they let it trickle down the edge of the grave, whilst some expressed their grief in a Banshee-like wail. At length the ceremony was completed, and Lee Gee Kwong, having gently dropped some earth into the grave, it was filled up by the sexton. The basin and egg cups and a little drop of spirits were left at the foot of the grave as the company dispersed, but whether Jim was any the better for them history saith not. On leaving the cemetery all present were invited by the Chinamen to take a nip to the memory of their departed brother.

\*1: empiric - one whose knowledge is known only from experience

\*2: Galens - Galen, a physician & medical writer, born at Pergamum, 130 A.D. He treated diseases by using herbs & roots. Known as Herb Doctors today.