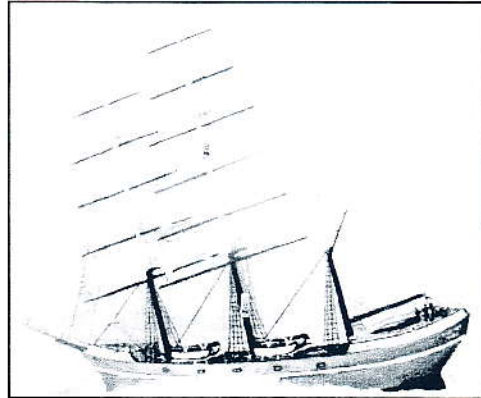


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McMillan Street Anglesea 3230
Visitors most welcome

Library And Research Facilities
Monday 10am-2pm
Friday 10am-12noon

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Forthcoming Meetings.

June 2003
Norman Haughton
Geelong Heritage Centre

Easter Raffle Winners



First Prize
Pat Hughes
shown with
Grandchildren
Leah & Joshua.



Second Prize
2 bottles of
wine
David Sholl



Jenny McDonald
selling raffle
tickets
at Anglesea
shopping centre

Our thanks go to the members who worked
towards the success of the raffle and to all those
people who supported the raffle.

From Fifeshire To Dundas Shire

This story is written by Bernie Gibbons who wishes to acknowledge the assistance of other descendants of Alexander and Christina Beveridge whilst being forever grateful to a great Aunt Annie Beveridge for her reminiscences of life as they were in the "good old days".

He also expresses his thanks to the Anglesea Family History group for their assistance.

This story is a insight into the life and times of Scottish immigrants Alexander Beveridge and his wife Christina , their family and descendants. The Beveridge's arrived in Portland from Scotland in 1852, 150 years ago. This anniversary was recently celebrated by family members in Portland

Alexander Beveridge married Christina Drummond in Auchtermuchty Fife in Scotland in 1836. Alexander's occupation was a Baker. The couple with their son John aged 15 immigrated from the port of Liverpool on the "John Davies". This ship was relatively new and was owned by the Davies family of Menai Bridge North Wales. This family being prominent in the Welsh Methodist Calvinists movement.

The ship left Liverpool under the command of Captain Richard Hughes with 448 immigrants aboard including Welsh Mariners amongst the crew. Religious observance being an important aspect through out the voyage as evident in an account written in the Welsh language by a crew member.

This has now been translated into English. Upon arrival the family details were recorded as follows. Alexander Beveridge aged 38, occupation Shepherd, literate, religion Presbyterian engaged to work for John McArthur Portland. Christina Beveridge aged 38, literate wife of Alexander. John Beveridge aged 15, literate, occupation as labourer.

The family journeyed inland to Grangeburn district (later changed to Hamilton Shire of Dundas) where land was available. At Grangeburn they camped in the vicinity of the present intersection of Gray and Thomson Street Hamilton . Alexander Beveridge was employed as a Shepherd at 'Skene" a large land holding in the district. Alexander purchased 70 acres of land at North Hamilton for 100 pounds in 1858 and a further purchase of 88 acres of land in 1859.

A bark hut was erected amongst a forest of black wattle trees on original land. A more permanent dwelling with a shingle roof which was thought to be erected prior to 1872. this property became known as "Heyfield".

Alexander Beveridge passed away in 1884 after having established a permanent home for future generations within the context of small farms they had known in Scotland. Christina passed away in 1891 aged 77 years. They are both at rest in the Hamilton cemetery.

The Irish Connection

John Beveridge married Ann Brennen in 1872 at "Crorreagh" North Hamilton. Ann Brennen and her sister Hannah immigrated from Ireland arriving on the ship "Forest Rights". Both were employed in domestic duties at Correagh. John Beveridge worked as a labourer on road works.



John and Ann Beveridge and family.

John and Ann had 5 daughters, Christina, Elizabeth, Mary, Euphemina and Annie. This required an additional dwelling to house the expanding family. John passed away in 1905 aged 69 years without leaving a son to carry the family name.

Ann died in 1916 aged 72 years.

The Pricor/Gibbons Family Connections.



**Grandfather Arthur Pricor
with baby Barney (Bernie)**

Christine Beveridge married Arthur Thomas Pricor at Ballarat in 1903. Arthur Pricor was a contractor working on road and bridges in the area. They resided at Heyfield. Their only child Amelia Ann was born in 1905 at Hamilton. Christina passed away in 1914. Arthur later married her sister Euphepha in 1918.

Elizabeth Beveridge married John William Pricor in Ballarat in 1903. John was Arthur's brother. They resided at South Hamilton and owned land adjoining Heyfield.

Mary and Annie Beveridge remained unmarried living at Heyfield throughout their lives.

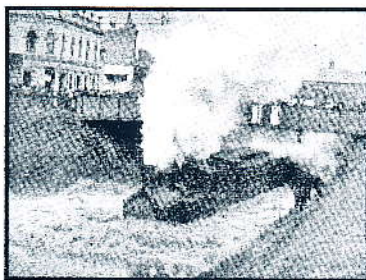
Annie had strong Christian principles along with her commitment to the Salvation Army Corps at Hamilton. Subsequent to her passing away in 1969 the Hamilton City Council renamed the road passing Heyfield, Beveridge road in acknowledgement of the pioneering connection.

The immediate past and present.

Amelia Ann Pricor married Edward Gerald Gibbons at Hamilton in 1935. They had 3 siblings, Arthur Bernard, (Anglesea) Edward Rex, Sue Willsher (Hamilton). They have family members in Melbourne, Geelong, Portland and Proserpine (Qld).

Postcards of Old Melbourne.

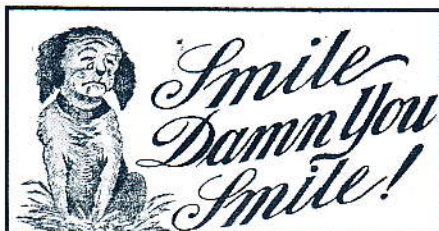
Courtesy of Judith Morrow.



**Train passing through flood
waters at South Yarra in 1907**



**The flood in Elizabeth St
Melbourne in 1862**



Charles Peake Reunion.

Recently Mavis O'Donnell with over 160 relations at Chiltern celebrated 150 years since her Great Grandfather Charles Peake arrived in Port Phillip on the 8th November 1852 aboard the "Earl of Derby" from Liverpool U.K. as an unassisted passenger aged 24 years.

The ancient chronicles of England reveals the early records of the name Peake as a Norman surname which ranks as one of the oldest.

Charles father James Peake was born in Worcestershire in 1786 he married Sarah Cook in 1810 in Hereford. They had 5 sons and 2 daughters. James was a Master Saddler and after his death in 1858 another 2 generations carried on the successful business involving over 100 continuous years.

The discovery of gold in Victoria in 1851 apparently attracted young Charles to Beechworth where he met Elizabeth Parkman - Wilcox. She arrived at Geelong from Southampton U.K. on the "Maria Hay" as an assisted passenger as a domestic for a Mrs Spicer of North Melbourne. They married in 1856 at Beechworth Rites of United Church of England. They moved to Black Dog Creek acquiring 10 acres of land and established a nursery. Their first 3 children did not survive infancy. The fourth child Francis Edward Peake, Mavis O'Donnell 's grandfather was born in 1863 and by the age of 16 both his parents had died. Francis was as resourceful as his father buying 28 acres of land by 1890 at Lancaster lead near Chiltern. He married Emily Findlay a local girl at St. Lukes Church of England Wodonga in 1889. He attained extensive properties at Chiltern valley devoting his energies to farming and within 19 years there was a family of 6 sons and 3 daughters.

Mavis O'Donnell's father was Francis Peake who was born in 1894. The Saturday celebrations of our family reunion included a one hour guided walk of Chiltern's old buildings, BBQ lunch around Lake Anderson, our "Olympic Games", photo sessions, and a verbal presentation from each branch of the family, concluding with a dinner dance at the local hall.

A coach tour on Sunday morning to visit all the old existing farms, the cemetery and other interesting places. The weekend finished with a luncheon at a cousins farm. The reunion had memorabilia display, their own printed balloons, caps and show bags. A great weekend was had by all who attended the reunion.



Surf Coast Shire Grant.

The Surf Coast Shire have just awarded the Family History group of Anglesea a grant of \$1000.00 to enable the group to create records of past pupils from the Surf Coast Shire schools. Chairperson Norma Morrison prepared the submission and will be presented with the cheque by the Mayor of the Surf Coast Shire. Well done Norma.

Norma Morrison to visit Salt Lake City.

Our Chairperson Norma Morrison will be visiting the Mormon Family History Centre World Library at Salt Lake City in September this year. She will be away for 3 weeks and is no stranger to the library as she has been there on several occasions in the past. Norma is willing to carry out some research for family history members. Should any members be interested they can contact Norma direct.