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**The Surf Coast Family History Group
c/o P. O. Box 98 Anglesea 3230**

**The Society is Housed in the Anglesea Historical Society Museum
McMillan Street Anglesea 3230**

Library and Research Facilities

Monday 10am-2pm
Friday 10am-12noon

Meetings

The 2nd Thursday of the Month
Commencing at 10am at the
Historical Society Museum
McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Visitors Welcome

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Forthcoming Meetings

April 13th Meeting
“Where do I start?”
Speaker: Pat Hughes

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May 11th Meeting
Trip To Colac

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June 8th Meeting
To be announced

Members are invited to register
topics of Interest for Meetings

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Members Please Note!
A Red Dot indicates fees are Over Due

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Remembering our Anzacs

The Dreamers

Soldiers are citizens of death's grey land,
Drawing no dividend from time's to-morrows.
In the great hour of destiny they stand,
Each with his feuds, and jealousies, and sorrows.

Soldiers are sworn to action; they must win
Some flaming, fatal climax with their lives.
Soldiers are dreamers; when the guns begin
They think of firelit homes, clean beds, and wives.

I see them in foul dugouts, gnawed by rats,
And in the ruined trenches, lashed with rain.
Dreaming of things they did with balls and bats,
And mocked by hopeless longing to regain
Bank-holidays, and picture shows, and spats,
And going to the office in the train.
Siegfried Sassoon

[Anzac Websites](#)

Visit Gallipoli

www.anzacsite.gov.au

About.com Military History-World War 1
<http://militaryhistory.about.com/cs/worldwar1>

Gallipoli 1915: The Drama of the Dardanelles
www.jwm.org.uk/online/gallipoli

Anzac soldiers Killed at Gallipoli
www.anzacs.org

Australian War Memorial
www.awm.gov.au/atwar/index.htm

Irish Prayer



Irish Prayer
May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer
For each prayer.

MEMBERS NOTICE

Please take note

**The Anglesea Historical Society Inc
&
The Surf Coast Family History Group**

**Will not display notices of times the house
will be closed**

**This is due to an attempted break-in
During the School Holidays**

1841 England and Wales Census Coming in April

Ancestry.com has nearly completed the 1841
England and Wales Census,
which includes an every-name index and images,
and is expected to be
posted in mid to late April.

This release will complete the England
and Wales Census Collection,
which already includes each census from
1851 through 1901, giving World Deluxe
and UK Deluxe members access
to seven decades of census information.

Great site access to the New South Wales archives.

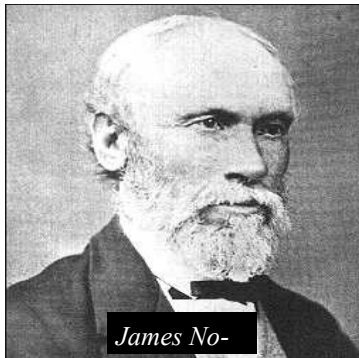
<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/staterecords/>

If you go to it, then click on state records, then key down and click on key name search you will get a search box. Just type in the surname and if you are lucky and your person is there, you could get ticket of leave details, pardon details, shipping details, divorce details, maybe a photo, depending on what records there are. You can even order records if you find one. From what I have seen it seems to be a really good site.

Glimpses into the Past

EARLY ANGLESEA FAMILIES 'THE NOBLES'

Noble Street Anglesea is named after a pioneer who first acquired land on the Winchelsea side of the river in 1868. The man in question, James A. Noble, arrived at Geelong on the 'Ferguson' in 1840 and set up a business in Corio St. Geelong. **It would seem that James loved to purchase land as an investment for the future.**



James No-

Amongst the many blocks he procured were 4 large sites on the western side of the Anglesea river. Rate books record that by 1875 James had acquired some 1202 acres in the area. Some of this parcel was marked as being part enclosed, and the erection of a dwelling was also noted. This was used as an outstation for Modewarre, and occupied by an elderly female caretaker and her two sons.

Alas this was destroyed by that years bushfire, and to make matters worse neither the building nor the contents were insured!

We will never know just how disillusioned James was by this catastrophe, but during the very same year he transferred these 4 large allotments to his son George to *presumably utilise for grazing purposes.*

Unfortunately for George there was a chap by the name of Tom Austin, who lived across in Winchelsea on a property named 'Barwon Park.' Tom had a brother William back 'home' in Somerset.

Young William despatched to his kinsman in the Colony, 24 rabbits and 14 hares for hunting enjoyment.

I know not what happened to the hares, but do know that by 1880 *thousands of rabbits had swarmed across to Anglesea and laid Noble's land bare, making it no longer suitable for grazing requirements but ideal for subdivision!*

By this time Anglesea was popular with fishing and hunting parties from Geelong. Many were delighted with what they saw, and enquired about purchasing land for a holiday cottage. George hoped to take advantage of this situation, and instructed his surveyor to subdivide some of this well sheltered land.

In 1884 the first release was put up for Auction under the name of 'The Gladstone Estate.' These 35 sites fronted between what we now know as Harvey, Parker, Jackson Streets and the River Esplanade - prices asked were between £5 and £10 per one acre block.

The initial lots were proximal to the coastline, because at this stage the bridge did not exist. These were nearest to the river mouth - the quickest way back into town. During 1886/87 there were another two releases of Nobles land.

By 1889 George had constructed his home 'Noorah' at the corner of what we now know as Noble St. and The River Esplanade. He placed a river boathouse almost opposite.

The 'Addy' 23/10/1889 reported that an inspection was made by representatives of the Winchelsea and Barrabool Shire Councils **for a bridge** to connect both sides of the stream.

George Noble was amongst those present, and afterwards entertained everyone in his new home (close to

the proposed carriageway). In 1892 the transit platform was built, and land in the Noble Street area was then released for sale. Noble's outstation (then on broad acres near the corner of today's

'Tom Austin's rabbits caused George Noble to subdivide 325 acres of Anglesea land originally purchased by his father for grazing purposes'

Murray and Fernald) was again destroyed by bushfire - this time in 1908 when occupied by the Whitons. It was not re-built. George and his wife Fanny moved from 'Angahook' at Aireys to live at 'Noorah' in 1915. They shifted into "Glissy" in nearby Colledge Ave during 1922, and lived there until he died in 1933

JAMES' SECOND SON **JOHN CHARLES** retired from his grazing property 'Glentree' at Modewarre in 1913 when aged 66. He purchased 'Beachmount' a W.B. dwelling on the Harvey Street hill, from J. F. Baxter, a timber merchant from Geelong.

For many years Charles' wooden boat was a familiar sight on the river. - he loved fishing! Charlie died in 1938 aged 91.

'Beachmount' was demolished in 1990, it was aged 101 years at that time.

Lindsay Braden.

CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

The biggest invasion of Cornish people to hit Eaglehawk since the Gold-Rush occurred last weekend. Eaglehawk a part of the world famous Bendigo Goldfield has been home to many Cornishmen and their descendants since Gold was first discovered there in the Autumn of 1852.

As part of the Back to Eaglehawk celebrations Cornish descendants from all parts of Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Cornwall held celebrations there including a mass march through the streets as part of the Street Procession, a Bardic Assembly with 25 Bards of Gorseth Kernow in attendance and a wonderful Cornish Church Service in the former Eaglehawk West Methodist now Uniting Church.

It is the third Cornish Festival in the City of Greater Bendigo since 2002. A mass of Cornish descendants with St.Pirans Flags flying, an Obby Oss in attendance and Cornish Banners from all over Australia proudly held high. They are led by the Highland Pipe Band through the streets of Eaglehawk to the cheers of thousands of onlookers.

The Bards of Gorseth Kernow after their Assembly led magnificently by Peter Trevorah with Marshall Richard Snedden.

The Highland Pipe Band led the way



The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc. Book shop
<http://www.familyhistorybookshop.org.au/index.htm>

The Surf coast Family History group-Members Interests
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| NAME | PLACE | TIMELINE |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| BIRCH | STAFFORDSHIRE | PRE 1790 |
| LOVATT | DERBYSHIRE | PRE 1700'S |
| CLEMENTS | DERBYSHIRE | PRE 1800 |
| PEACE | STAFFORDSHIRE | PRE 1800 |
| FARGIE | EDINBURGH | PRE 1800 |
| LUMGAIR | FORFAIRSHIRE | PRE 1810 |
| ARMSTRONG | FERMANAGH, IRE | PRE 1830 |
| DAY | HERTFORDSHIRE | PRE 1850 |
| GRIFFIN | HERTFORDSHIRE | PRE 1850 |
| LYON | CLAPHAM, SURREY | PRE 1830 |
| PHILLIPS | KENT | PRE 1830 |
| WESTERN | EXETER | PRE 1910 |
| DAVIES | EXETER | PRE 1910 |
| ROWELL | CORNWALL | PRE 1880 |
| GOSDEN | ARARAT/BALLARAT | PRE1860 |

“Plague - epidemic in Australia - Sydney and interstate - 1900 ”

Published by Rod & Wendy Gow

In January, 1900, Bubonic Plague came to Australia in epidemic proportions.

The population were well aware of the history of the “Black Death”. In the 14th. century, plague is estimated to have killed 200 million people in Asia and Europe - one third of the total population. In 1855 a pandemic began in China killing 12 million in China and India alone.

In late 1899 and early 1900 plague was rampant in Calcutta and thousands were affected with hundreds dying each week. Many thought it inevitable that plague would be carried aboard trading vessels to Australia - and they were proved correct.

The first case was reported from Adelaide, and with transportation supplied by unaware international and colonial shipping, the host rats with their infected fleas soon spread the disease throughout the colony.

Cases were reported from almost every state with Queensland suffering badly. The Sydney epidemic commenced in January and lasted until July. In those seven months the population thirsted for news of how this terrifying disease was to affect their day to day life. The very word Plague incited fear and in trepidation amongst the population.

The newspapers gave them the information they needed - and from those newspapers the text of this book is transcribed.

Further details on how you can purchase this interesting book and see an alphabetical list of names appearing in the book is listed on the web site at

<<http://www.ceinternet.com.au/~rgow/>>

2005 Xmas Raffle Winners

Mr. Ian Bruce

Mrs. Hallam

Thank you To everyone who bought tickets

New Acquisitions

CD's

Migrants Ships for South Australia 1836-1866
Port Philip Convicts Ticket of Leave 1837-1843
Bound for South Australia Passenger Lists 1836-1851
Biographical Index of South Australia 1836-1885
Scandinavia Vital Records Index
Vital Records Index, Western Europe;
Alpine, Benelux, French, German, Italian and Spanish regions.
Memorials of the dead- Ireland

Exciting News

We have released our Surf Coast School Index on CD
Selling price \$40.00
To make an order
Contact: Norma Morrison 52 616239

Tipperary tip bits

St Mary's Tipperary. BAPTS:

Sep 7th 1862.

Thomas to Francis Gahagan & Catherine Pike.

Witnessed by Michael Gray & Honor Barnett.

Sep 12th 1861.

John to Francis Geoghegan & Catherine Pike.

Witnessed by illegible? jo

Useful Websites Addresses

Women's Petition online: <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/womenspetition>

First Families 2000: <http://pandora.nla.gov.au>

Scotland Death registers 1855-1875

McKirdy Index: <http://www.mckirdyindex.co.nz>

Gloucestershire Will & Records: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/genealogy/genealogy.dll>

Useful list of databases - whether online, on disc or where they can be viewed:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/pathways/jnls/austjnls/browse/geoghist.html>

MEMBERS REMINDER

Don't forget to checkout our records we have on Microfiche We have the IGI for all counties in England & Wales. Check our Library We have some new and exciting Books, Microfiche, Films

Why don't you come and use the Internet to check

Census online

Plus much more.....

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