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The Surf Coast Family History Group

The Group is housed in the Anglesea History House, 5a McMillan Street, Anglesea.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 October at 10.00am

Nominations are open for all committee positions.

Please consider your availability to fill a position for the next 12 months.

Library and Research Facilities

Tuesday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesday by appointment

Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Meetings held on

the 2nd Thursday of the month

commencing at 10am at History House

unless an excursion has been scheduled

5a McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Visitors Welcome

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Forthcoming Meetings

SEPTEMBER OUTING - Thursday 8 September

Visit to Geelong Heritage Centre leaving History House 10.00 am. Cost \$5 plus lunch

Bookings, front desk or Jan on 5263 3085

OCTOBER MEETING - Thursday 13 October 10.00am at History House includes AGM

Speaker: Lee Hooper

Topic — *Wills & Probate*

NOVEMBER MEETING - Thursday 10 November

10.00am at History House

Speaker: Beryl O'Gorman

Topic: Irish Records

DECEMBER MEETING - Thursday 8 December

10.00am at History House

Christmas Break Up

Members and Visitors welcome at all meetings

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NEWS AND RESOURCES

Scottish Ancestry Group Roadshow

The Scottish Ancestry Group of GSV is holding a roadshow in Geelong on Sunday 23 October 2016 at the Waurn Ponds Library meeting room. Cost \$25, hosted by Geelong Family History Group. There is an interesting program:

John Blackwood - Scotlands People

Malcolm Horsburgh - Statistical Accounts of Scotland

Ben Wilkie - Scots Influence in Western Victoria

Susan McLean - Highlands & Islands Emigration scheme

Roots Ireland now has the option of a one day subscription: <http://www.rootsireland.ie/>

If you were inspired by Maree Davis's 'show and tell' item on her participation in the UTAS course and think that you would like to undertake this study, note that the course is being offered again: University of Tasmania
Writing Family History:
course starts 21 November 2016 Runs for 6 weeks <http://www.utas.edu.au/arts/writing-family-history>

Do you have research interests in Tipperary? The Tipperary Studies website is making records available online through its digitisation project. The site states: 'The Tipperary Digitisation project aims to make available online a range of sources, both historical and genealogical, which are part of the fabric which makes up the history of Tipperary ... Access to online documents is free and most of the sources presented will not be available to view elsewhere' <http://tipperarystudies.ie/>

Carol's Headstone photographs

Are your family members buried in a small Victorian cemetery? Possibility is that the headstone has been photographed and listed at this website: http://www.ozgenonline.com/~Carols_Headstones/index.html

You can obtain a copy of the photograph for free by emailing the photographer. This is a great individual initiative.

Exhibition alert

The Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience is scheduled to visit Geelong in February 2017 (venue to be announced). It will be one of 23 locations throughout Australia to host this event. What can you expect? The website states: discover Australia's history of courage, service and sacrifice from the First World War to the present day. See: <http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/>

Addition to the library

Jennings, *Otways at War: World War One Servicemen: Barramunga, Barwon Downs, Forrest, Gerangamete, Murroon, & Pennyroyal*, 2014 Pam

Introduction: 'The young and not-so-young men that enlisted during World War One from our region totals 212. Most were employed in either the sawmilling industry, farming pursuits or on the railways. All of those listed have some connection to our region – born here, attended a local school, employed in the district or family members resided here.'

POINT ADDIS We all know this prominent point on the Anglesea coastline - but after whom was it named? Edward Brown ADDIS (1790-1866) was a naval man, entering the Royal Navy as a first class volunteer at just 13 years of age. In 1806 he was wrecked near Sicily when his commander and 396 of the crew were lost. After attaining the rank of Commander on the "half-pay" list in 1831, he emigrated to Australia later in the decade. In February of 1839 he bought land in Malop Street between Moorabool and Yarra Sts. Appointed Magistrate later that year, he continued to sit on the bench until the 1850's. He was gazetted as a Commission for Crown Lands for the County of Grant in 1841 and also became Geelong's first Coroner. On close terms with Superintendent La Trobe, he took him to Boucher's lime kiln where the keys that became known as "La Trobes Keys" were found. Among other positions held was a directorship of the Geelong branch of the Bank of Australasia. In 1844 he is said to have spoken in Parliamentary Session in Britain on the subject of the Barrabool tribe and when the Protectorate was abandoned in 1850 he was made responsible for local aborigines. So a man of many parts! He built "Laira Villa" on 25 acres of land purchased in 1839 on the north side of Aberdeen Street between Addis Street and Shannon Avenue. Eventually he and his wife returned to England where they lived at *Laira Villa*, Newton Abbot, Devon, where he died in 1866. There is no known family.

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EARLY ANGLESEA FAMILIES - ALICE (PARKER) JACKSON

Jan Morris

It was a social wedding of the year when on the 22nd January 1884 successful young architect Mr. John Jackson married Miss Alice Parker, daughter of Richard Parker, Ironmonger of Geelong. History probably best knows the Parker family for the currency they produced when coinage was in short supply. The *Parker Penny* is much sought after today by coin collectors.

Alice and John were married at St Paul's Church, Geelong. The Geelong Advertiser of the time reported the event in full, listing those in the wedding party and what they wore. The wedding guests were also recorded, and provided a who's who of Geelong. It included the mayor and several business people and clergy.

The wedding breakfast was held in the lecture theatre of the Exhibition Building, which was leased by John Jackson and was promising to be a first class entertainment venue. In the evening a ball was held in their honour, in the new ballroom at the Exhibition Building..



John Jackson had been in partnership with another Geelong architect Joseph Watts. Jackson left the partnership to purchase the lease of the Geelong Exhibition Hall. The hall was in financial difficulties and entrepreneur, John Jackson thought he could make it a profitable concern. He rejuvenated it by adding luxurious fittings, creating a theatre on one side, a large ball room and facilities for a Farmers Exchange. However things did not go to plan and the Geelong Advertiser of 9 May 1885 reported court proceedings where John Jackson was being sued for unpaid debts. He told the court he was unable to pay. One can only imagine the position Alice was in having had their first child, also named Alice, late in 1884. She had come from a family of solid business people. She now found herself in a business that took high risks. The building of a hotel that could be developed into a solid business would no doubt be more attractive to her.

Just one year later in 1886, after appearing in court yet again, John Jackson announced that his newly built establishment, *Anglesea House* (later to become the Anglesea Hotel) had opened. The hotel was designed by John but wisely the business was in the name of his wife Alice. John spent much of his time in Geelong and Alice ran *Anglesea House* on her own. In 1887 Alice had their second child, Jack.



Anglesea River had changed its name from Swampy Creek and was becoming popular as a holiday destination for families. *Anglesea House* included a tower 75 feet (24 metre) high, from where a good view of Bass Strait could be seen. John Jackson continued to fall deeper into debt and in January 1889 the Geelong Advertiser included an advertisement announcing that Jackson was now insolvent.

In 1890 Alice Jackson applied and was granted a Victuallers License and changed the name of her business to Anglesea Hotel. The Jacksons had parted company by then with John living in Geelong and Alice in Anglesea River. John continued to appear in court, mainly for passing valueless cheques. As an architect he continued to do worthwhile projects. He also sketched a drawing in Indian ink and French crayon, from the roof of the Terminus Hotel. This drawing is still held in the Geelong Heritage Centre.

John Jackson moved to Western Australia to make a new start in 1891. Although he received many contracts for public buildings, it seems his fortune did not improve. He was arrested for drunkenness in 1897. He also suffered from fits and he died in Perth in 1902. Meanwhile Alice was running a very successful hotel in Anglesea River. Tragedy struck in 1898 in the

form of a bushfire that wiped out most of the town and the hotel was burned to the ground. Alice Jackson moved quickly to have it rebuilt but this time to a different design. Alice ran the hotel until 1920 when she sold it and moved with her daughter to Yea. She died in 1934, aged 77 years. The Jackson had two children. Their daughter Alice married Harvey Sichula, a farmer. They farmed at Anglesea and later moved to Yea. She died in 1976 aged 91. Jack was a motor mechanic. He served in the First World War and was wounded, He returned home but suffered from his war injuries. He did not marry. He died in 1955 aged 61.



*Cobb & Co. outside Alice Jackson's
Anglesea Hotel*

From the research of Merrill O'Donnell

The Cruise, The Club and The Hut

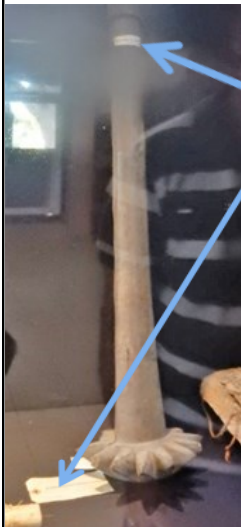
A Serendipitous Collision of Past and Present

Harry Wendt

For the uninitiated, history and historical events seem like a dry topic. They are just words on a page, or statements of fact. However with an alert and enquiring mind it can come alive and provide direct links to our own lives.

In May 2016 Harry and Marilyn Wendt were cruising in the Pacific. Marilyn had been researching the Paton family, owners of *The Hut* on Parker Street, Anglesea since 1912. Harry, with a general interest in history and its lessons for today was reading the story of John Coleridge Patteson (d.1871)¹. Patteson was with the Presbyterian Missionary to the Pacific and established the church at Norfolk Island. He had worked for 15 years in the Pacific and was very well liked around New Guinea and eastwards through the Solomon Islands. Nevertheless he was slaughtered and cannibalised on an island he had thought friendly *Nukopa*. Harry was intrigued how and why this would happen.

The cruise liner carrying Marilyn and Harry arrived a Port Vila. They disembarked with the rest of the passengers to be totally overwhelmed by the street vendors selling tourist wares and locals vying to be the local guide for the day. For the uninitiated a harrowing confusion surrounds them. We had no agenda, so a rate was decided and instruction given to a taxi driver to take us to the museum.



THE CLUB

John Paton
Frank Paton

Inside, Harry finds a very nasty club that was purportedly used to kill an early missionary, John Williams, on the New Hebrides Island of *Eromanga* on 20/11/1839². Apparently in very similar circumstances that led to the slaughter of John Patteson on *Nukopa*. Intrigued and interested, Harry called Marilyn, who immediately recognised the

attached tag stating it was donated by Frank Paton. The connection is made. Frank Paton – Anglesea & District Historical Society – Frank Paton - *The Hut*, to the New Hebrides – the Presbyterian Mission – and a gruesome club of death and cannibalism.

On mentioning this to our driver, he exclaimed “That is my church.” We were taken to the *Paton Memorial Church* where we spent half an hour with a very emotional Church Deacon. She explains that the previous Sunday sermon was based on forgiveness and understanding. She was brought to tears. Killing and cannibalising missionaries had placed a ‘Taboo’ on the islanders, causing an inability to produce consistent crops and even procreate well.

The Taboo was only lifted at that very church in a ceremony with great, great relatives of Williams and parishioners in 2009, 179 years after the time the club in the museum had been used.

Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu
PATON MEMORIAL CHURCH (PMC)
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Monday -	5.00 pm	Sunday school Teachers
	6.30 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday -	6.00 pm	Congregational Choir Practice
Wednesday -	6.00pm	PWMU Program / Meeting



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Frank Paton (1870-1938)³ was the third son of John Gibson Paton (1824-1907), who had been a missionary in the New Hebrides for over 40 years. He served on *Tanna Island* from Nov 1859 until



The Hut built by Frank Paton in Parker Street, Anglesea and still owned by the Paton family;

February 1862. He returned to *Aniwa Island* in 1864. Frank was born on *Aniwa*. Frank was the first missionary funded by the *Paton Missionary Fund* with money raised from the publishing of the work of his father (John).

Frank served on *Tanna Island* with his wife Clara Heyer (1875 – 1966), daughter of George Heyer, the first minister to the Grovedale Lutheran Church from 1896. In 1902 the ill health of Frank forced the couple back to Melbourne, where they settled in Boroondara. They purchased

The Hut for rest and recreation and encouraged other Presbyterian ministers to do likewise.

Frank's years at *Lenakel* on *Tanna Island* are described in two books, *Lomai of Lenakel* (1903) and republished as *The Triumph of the Gospel in the New Hebrides* (1908)

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Sands & McDougall Melbourne Directories

An excellent source of research for Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia are the Sands and McDougall directories, produced from 1857 until 1974.

These directories have three main sections -:

* a house by house, street by street listing within each suburb,

*a trades and professions alphabetical listing.

*other smaller lists which include government departments, societies, churches and municipalities.



Sands and McDougall Directories consist of not only a City Directory, but also its suburbs and the larger country areas too. It's a great genealogy tool for exploring family history. You can see who else lived in the street, So often there were marriages between people in the same street.

There are two major sequences for searching:

(1) Alphabetically by surname and

(2) Geographically by street address within a given municipality.

There is also a separate trade index. The directories list 'occupants' as distinct from 'owners', with occupants taken to mean the 'heads' of households.

Microfiche sets of the directories are available at most large public libraries in Victoria. The South Australian directories are on line. At *History House* we have a copy of the 1962 Melbourne directory.