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The 40th Anniversary of Bendigo Family History May 2022

First meeting was held on 16th May 1982 in Bendigo, at the National Trust Chambers in View St. Council Officers from AIGS in Melbourne were in attendance to assist in the setup of local Bendigo Group. Kevin Ritchie was appointed as first Area Administrator.

In 1992 Area Administrator Shirley Stone wrote the history of the first ten years. Now Rita Hull has written the next thirty year history.

A new booklet covering the history for the years 1992-2022 will be launched at the general meeting on 21st May 2022 held in meeting room 1 at Goldfields Library Hargreaves St. Bendigo.

Founding and current members are invited to help celebrate our achievements and memories at the meeting commencing at 2pm.

Celebrating
40 *Years*

Office Bearers 2022

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New email address – bendigogen@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

Area Administrators Report –

We have been able to spend our volunteer hours at the library uninterrupted for the past 2 months. Visits from the public have been tentative so far, but that has given us some time to become more familiar with our new laptops and their programs.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in February and we welcome Kath Martin as Secretary and Annette Delaney as Program and Publicity Officer and Website Manager.

In May the Bendigo Family History Group will be 40 years old. We will have a celebration and cake! Have you got a photograph of yourself taken in 1982? Bring it along on May 21st. We have a new masthead designed for the Newsletter, Facebook and the Website which we will launch.

Several of our new volunteers are continuing to fill places on the roster. Three have joined us transcribing the Bendigo Rates for 1945 and 1955 at BRAC, on a Thursday.

Research requests continue via email, keeping David, Rita and Eileen busy, with others of us every now and then trawling the internet for more information.

Keep well and join us for “our birthday”

Pam Keown

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CALIFORNIA GULLY SCHOOL

19 May 1880

We the inhabitants of California Gully beg to urge upon you the necessity that exists for proceeding with the erection of the proposed new school on the site already selected by the Department tenders for which were called a long time ago, none of the tenders for the works being accepted we believe.

We respectfully make this request on account of the inconvenience of the present buildings and also on account of the scholars being divided into two separate buildings and therefore not always under the control of the head teacher.

Adnesy Jacob

Angus Henry

Beckett George

Bostelman T D

Cameron James

Camps George

Carter John

Chennall Elisha

Cherry Martin

Collins Michael

Cook William

Copley John

Cowie Charles

Dawe Francis

Don Peter H

Dower John W

Ebbott Sarah

Eddy James

Ellis Robert R

Ennor John

Fardy Laurence

Glasson John H

Goyne Francis

Grenfell Henry

Hands Charles

Hardy Henry

Heitman Herman

Hicks Philip

Husband Peter

Inch Reuben

James Thomas Henry

Jenkinson J

Job James

Jones Thomas

King James

Kirk John

Knuckey Joseph

Leyshon W H

Little Samuel

Lutey Richard Eddy

Maguire Stanislus

Marshall James

Matthews Henry

Matthews Thomas

Mercer George

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Nurhut Frederick

Osborn John T

Oxnam John

Pabst Joseph

Pentreath Benjamin

Pulling James

Pulling William

Ripper William

Roberts Edward

Roberts Esther

Roberts George

Roberts Joseph

Roberts Moses

Roberts Thomas George

Rosemergy James

Rosewall William

Saville John H

Shov Louis P

Skidmore William

Smith G E

Stowe John B

Tonkin Henry

Tonkin Henry (Jnr)

Tonkin Jacob

Tremayne Samuel

Trembath James

Watson Robert

White John

Whitta John

Wilson William

Woolcock Thoma

ACQUISITIONS MARCH 2022

BEN 588 Lincolnshire to Victoria, Descendants of George & Elizabeth Houlden

CD 228 Register of Seamen Discharged, NSW, 1859-1887 MEETINGS 2022

Meetings are held in the Bendigo Goldfields Library Meeting room no.1 ground floor entrance Hargreaves St. All Welcome. Gold coin donation welcomed.

March 19th - General Meeting. Speaker Annette Delaney 'DNA for family history'

April No Meeting – Easter break

May 21st

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ELVIS In Bendigo

If you live in Bendigo, you must know that Elvis Presley is coming to Bendigo Art Gallery from 19 March to 17 July. I am sure it will be an exhibition worth a visit.

Just so that our group joins the spirit of involvement I have had a quick look at VicBDM records to see if I could find anyone with the given name Elvis.

Up to 1900 in the whole of Victoria I found 2 BIRTH entries

1891 Geo Elvis Epidariste Mignot father Geo Victor mother Elsie Vivian Mary Nutt

1897 Geo Elvis Hooke father Geo Hooke mother Annie Elvis.

Up to 1900 I found NO DEATHS

Up to 1900 I found 2 MARRIAGES

1897 David Elvis Jones and Agnes Tournier

1900 Elvis Edw Hoppner and Eleanor Martha May Kellett

I then had a look at death index to 1985 and found two who had been born in Bendigo

Elvis Richard Eathorne d 1960 age 59

David Elvis Normington Russell d 1979 age 73

And believe it or not there is a death in Yarraville in 1983 of Elvis Presley age 47...parents unknown

Just a touch oi research madness.

David Cotton Research Officer

Research February 2022

Bendigo Family History Group November 2021 Research in the Covid melting pot. Despite COVID restrictions we have continued answering FHC queries Here are a few examples.

SOPHIA TREMAYNE buried in Bendigo in 1926 ages 87. Who was she? Way back in Vic index 1856 a JOHN TREMAYNE married a SOPHIA NASH and they had several children around Fryers Creek and Glenluce. About 1864 Sophia became ill and was reported to be of unsound mind by Mt Alexander Mail newspaper 22 Oct 1864. Her subsequent movements are uncertain but she was in Bendigo Benevolent Asylum from at least 1910 till her death in 1926. Her husband John Tremayne appears to have children with Mary Ann Whittaker from c 1867. He died in Benalla 1901.....ongoing work to sort out.

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THOMAS COBB born St Pancras London 1876, said to be in Bendigo 1907 and said to have arrived on ship ORONTES. Ship list shows a Thomas COBBE with Ellen and 3 children, including George aged 7. We found that George was in the AIF in 1918 and died in France. His father died in Perth 1919 and mother 1930. Enlistment papers for George said born Wigan, England. His parents are Thomas COBBE and mother Ellen Kearney married at Warrington UK 1895. We doubt we have the same Thomas Cobb as enquirer looking for.

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WILLIAM HENRY CASEY b Shoreditch, London 1834. His parents are William Casey and Mary Ann RALFS, married Stepney 1833. William H was in Bendigo as a stationer by 1855 and married in Melbourne 1871 to Myra Tyrell McLachlan. This marriage cert says she was a spinster, father ALEXANDER MORGAN and mother ANN TYRELL..we are still working on this. William died in Durban South Africa 1914. He had two brothers both of whom came to Victoria. Sydney Wilson Casey b Scotland 1836, died Elsternwick 1913. He lived at Elmore c 1887 and his mother Mary Ann died there in 1890. The other brother was Albert e Berkeley Casey born Isle of Man 1844 died in Oakleigh 1931. William Henry Casey is included on the Pioneers of Bendigo photographs.

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HENRY HORSLEY and SARAH HUTT married Tottenham, London 1852, arrived Melbourne July 1852. Henry had a business in Bendigo as a draper.

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WILLIAM GLEGHORN a pugilist in England c 1840, believed to have died in Bendigo. Rita found him.

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FRANK PILFOOT married MARY TASKER Vic, 1865 and had several children around Rushworth area and wandered further afield. Last child born was Harold 1884 at Germantown (now Holbrook NSW). Frank wandered off after this and can be found in various Goldfield hospitals until he died at Maryborough in 1910. We are trying to find death of his wife Mary.

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CHARLES SYDNEY ABRAHAM believed to be Jewish married August 1872 EMILIA MONTEITH at Bendigo United Free Methodist Church. Interesting blending of faiths. She is daughter of Alexander Monteith, Grocer of Brougham St.

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OWEN CALLAGHAN and MARGARET TAYLOR married Vic 1855...several children including a daughter Margaret b Kyneton 1874 who married RICHARD MUNRO in 1891. They had a daughter AGNES MARY MUNRO 1892. Both Mr Callaghan and Mr Munro appear to have had their fair share of problems with the law and Rita has had a lovely time sorting it out.

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LOUISE OSBORNE was an engine driver in Raywood c 1880. His wife is MARGARET CARMAN. About 1895 Louis moved to a promising new mining area at Ellesmere north of Bendigo. This prospective mine was visited by the Minister for Mines, at the time a Mr Foster, and it was decided to set out town plans for a new township "Fosterville". We were asked to find where Mr Osborne lived in Fosterville. We did not find where Mr Osborne lived but we did uncover a large family scattered as far as Charters Towers QLD. An article in our Quarterly newsletter prompted 2 replies both from founder members of BFHG. Shirley Stone and Olive Pell and they both supplied family connections for us to follow up on.....that's why we publish these little morsels.

David Cotton Feb 2022

In Memory of WW1 Servicemen

1818 – CAMERON, Adrian Harold

Enlisted for service 11th August 1915, age 24yrs, from Peshurst, Victoria. Parents were James and Hannah [nee Walters] CAMERON of "Greenwood" Peshurst. He was one of six brothers and two sisters.

8th September 1915 posted to 46th Infantry Battalion, 2nd reinforcements. [Nominal Roll]

On 16th June 1917 he qualified as an instructor at the 40th Course of Instruction at the Southern Command Bombing School, Lyndhurst.

Returned to Australia 25th August 1917 and was discharged medically unfit on 12th December 1917.

Adrian married Jessie Clarke in 1926 and whose brother William Clarke was killed in action in France 23rd June 1919. He died in Hamilton Victoria 22nd April 1926; six months short of his son's birth.

In a letter to his sister in 1917 from Codford he wrote –

"The review by the King took place last week. We left here early last Monday morning and marched 15 miles to Lark Hill Camp, where we stayed the night in tents. The morning was beautifully fine but rain commenced in the afternoon so we marched the latter part of the journey in heavy rain. Next morning we marched five miles on to Bulford. The review was a sight I shall never forget. There were 40,000 of our Australian boys there. After the march past, which was perfect, we all formed in mass formation and cheered the King as he rode by on a beautiful black horse. He smiled and saluted us as he passed. I was about ten yards from him."

4764 – CAMERON, Keith James [brother of Adrian above]

Enlisted for service 11th August 1915, age 29yrs, Keith was sent to the 21st Training Battalion at Warrnambool, then to the 15th reinforcement of 14th Battalion. Embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A68 'Anchises' on 14th March 1916.

He was diagnosed with defective eyesight, Congenital Hypermyopic Astigmatism, and returned to Australia from Egypt to the Infantry Battalion at Royal Park, Melbourne on 24th June 1916. Discharged 16th November 1916. How did he pass the eye test on enlistment? National Archive Australia Army record, medical exam he states "caused by whip at school"

In 1922 he married Winifred KELLY, they lived at "Inglenook" Penshurst on the Caramut Road.

From Diaries and Farm documents held by Mount Rouse [Penshurst] Historical Society written by Keith Cameron.

"1915 Diary Notes 6th April. Saw an Eye specialist in Melbourne about my eye, scratched by a possum in my younger days"

Keith died 26th September 1953 in Penshurst, Victoria. Both brothers are buried in Boram Boram Cemetery, Penshurst, Victoria

Percy McIvor was born at Tragowel, Victoria on the 26 September 1894. He was the eldest child of Roderick (Rory) and Jessie (nee McLeod) McIvor; He was educated at the Tragowel State School until the age of 12, when he left to work with his father, helping to dredge channels and dams with the horse team and run the family farm.

He played football and cricket in the Tragowel teams before the war.

He enlisted at Bendigo on 20 February 1916 and joined B Company of the 38th Battalion 1st AIF. Several other local men also became members of the 38th Battalion, three of them were killed in action.

Percy became a scout for his company...finding the way through "no man's land" was one of his jobs. On one occasion the company withdrew behind him leaving him out alone. He made his way back eventually and was resting behind a hay stack. He could hear some movement and thought it was the Germans behind him, but luckily it was one of his company who had come back to look for him.

In February 1917 he was a member of a large group near Armentieres, Belgium. He was awarded the Military Medal because he "showed great courage and devotion to duty during the operation"

In June 1917 he was wounded at Messines, suffering a compound fracture to his arm. He was evacuated to England to Netley Hospital near Portsmouth and was back in Tragowel and discharged from the army in November on a pension of 45/- per fortnight.

Percy married, had 8 children, seven of them daughters, obtained a Soldier Settlement farm at Macorna milking cows, growing various crops as well as doing contract work for others. He made his final payment for the farm in 1945. He retired to Echuca in the 1950's and died in 1995 aged 101 years.

Walter John Keown

was born at Hay, NSW on 16th March 1886. He was the second son of William and Ellen (nee Turner) Keown. He was educated at the Pyalong State School and when he enlisted was a Grocer.

Walter enlisted on 29th Dec 1915, joined the 18th Reinforcements 6th Battalion.

He embarked for France in July 1916. The Battle of Fromelles had occurred in July 1916, with Battalions decimated so on 15 November 1916 Walter and his younger brother Thomas became members of the 59th Battalion, both being stretcher bearers for the duration of the war.

Walter kept a diary throughout the war which has given us an insight into the terrible times, loss of friends, social meetings to brighten their day, time spent on leave in England and Scotland, entertainment enjoyed or endured and his impressions of military leadership.

Walter married, had six children and was a Grocer, Butcher, Post Master. He died in 1956.

Three of Percy's daughters enlisted into the Army during WW2. Walter's eldest son also served in the war, going to Labuan Island, off Borneo.

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL GARDENS – BENDIGO



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