

# WANGARATTA THREADS

The Quarterly Newsletter of the  
WANGARATTA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

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## OPEN DAYS:

Tuesday & Thursday each week  
10.00am to 3.00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
11.00am to 3.00pm

## LOCATION:

Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre  
(Old Library Building)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
100-104 Murphy Street  
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*New Web Address coming soon !*



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

- ❖ Val Gleeson
- ❖ Bill Kenealy
- ❖ Sue Downie
- ❖ Jill Lloyd
- ❖ Rhonda Tucci
- ❖ Robert Newman



## RESEARCH:

We have researchers to assist with Wangaratta & District Family History inquiries, included is research of all our resources.

Rates: Members \$5.00 per hour

Non-members \$10.00 per hour

Please enclose a business size SSAE,  
or if overseas, two IRC's for your initial inquiry.

## SURNAMES CURRENTLY BEING RESEARCHED:

- ❖ Byrne, Schaffer,
- ❖ Lorke, Ellis,
- ❖ Hants, Bate,
- ❖ Dobson & Bolger



## COMING EVENTS:

Tues	25 March 08	Open Day
Thurs	27 March 08	AGM 7.30 pm
Tues	1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April	Open Day
Thurs	3, 10, 17, 24 April	Open Day
Sat	19 April	Open Day

2 – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008 State Conference at  
Inverloch Vic.

*flyers available at WFHS Centre*

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**CEMETERY SEARCH:**

We will search our cemetery holdings listed below for \$2.00 or 5 x 50c stamps per surname per cemetery.

If surname is common (e.g. Smith, Ryan, Wilson), or searching for multiple burials, a price may be negotiated.

Please enclose a business size S.S.A.E

- ❖ Wangaratta Cemetery (Headstones & Burial Records)
- ❖ Wangaratta East Baptist Burial Ground
- ❖ Bundalong (Headstones)
- ❖ Boorhaman Cemetery (Headstones)
- ❖ Bowmans Forest Cemetery Register to 1925
- ❖ Bowmans Forest (Headstones to 1995)
- ❖ Carlyle (Rutherglen) Cemetery Register
- ❖ Chiltern New Cemetery (Register)
- ❖ Chiltern Old Cemetery (Headstones)
- ❖ Eldorado Cemetery (Headst. & Register)
- ❖ Euroa Cemetery (Headstones Only)
- ❖ Greta Cemetery (Headstones)
- ❖ Hyem (Whitfield) Cemetery (Headstones)
- ❖ Milawa Cemetery (Headstones)
- ❖ Peechelba Cemetery (Headstones)
- ❖ Tarrawingee Cemetery (Headstones)
- ❖ Springhurst Cemetery (Headst. & Register)
- ❖ Stanley Cemetery (Headst. & Register)
- ❖ Ullina Cemetery

Most Cemeteries are transcribed up to 1996

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

Single Full Membership \$25

Joint Full Membership \$35

Single Pensioner \$20

Joint Pensioner \$30

Initial 1<sup>st</sup> Year Admin. Fee \$10

Newsletter Only \$12

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## Rules for Ancestors

or

## How to confuse your descendants

- (1) Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.
- (2) Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.
- (3) Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.
- (4) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Dolly, Dolly, Sukey, thereby making them doubly difficult to trace.
- (5) Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.
- (6) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hiks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks.
- (7) Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.
- (8) Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, & vague innuendo regarding your place origination.
  - ❖ you may have come from : England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales....or Iran.
  - ❖ you may have American Indian ancestry of the ..... tribe .....
  - ❖ you may have descended from one of three brothers that came over from .....
- (9) Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.
- (10) Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.
- (11) Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.
- (12) Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.
- (13) Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males, and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.

# PIONEERS OF THE NORTHEAST NO.21

## Jens Christiansen

Jens CHRISTIANSEN was born in 1839 somewhere from Denmark to Christian Anderson CHRISTIANSEN and Anna MASSEN, and as a teenager during the 1850's, he jumped ship in Melbourne, when it docked. He walked up to the north-east Victoria gold fields, where he settled in Beechworth, got married and started a family.

In 1879 Jens married Emily Augusta HARTMAN, daughter of August Theodore HARTMANN and Emily REED. Unfortunately the records do not give the location, but from the documentation surrounding the date, it's likely that the location was Beechworth.

Sometime after 1893, most of the children moved down to Melbourne, whilst Jens and the remainder of the family stayed in Beechworth. They rented a house and the children all did different occupations and studies. As an example of the types of study and employment they were involved with, one did metal work as an apprentice in a factory and one went to the Academy of Music; she later became a professional singer.

In the Victorian Referendum of 1899, it records Jens' name as being "James CHRISTIANSEN" residing in Beechworth, and his occupation being a miner.

Jens died in 1928 at Beechworth, and the age of 89 years old. Emily outlived Jens by 21 years, dying in the year 1949 at Beechworth, at a ripe old age of 91 years old.

His first name on official records has been englisied from Jens to James, and Emily's first name also shows variances including Augusta and Amelia.

### CHILDREN

Emily Elizabeth - born 1879 at Beechworth, Victoria. Died in 1968 at Wangaratta, Victoria – aged 89.

Anna Louisa - born 1880. Died in 1953 at Beechworth, Victoria – aged 73.

James August - born 1881 at Beechworth, Victoria. Died in 1929 at East Melbourne, at the age of 49.

Wilhelm - born 1883 at Beechworth, Victoria.

Mariana Rosetta Agnes - born 1887 at Beechworth, Victoria.

Mass Allen - born 1888 at Beechworth, Victoria. Died in 1971 at Wangaratta, Victoria – aged 80.

Raymond Henry Clarence - born 1890 at Beechworth, Victoria.

Roden Keith - born 1891 at Beechworth, Victoria. Died 1893 at Beechworth, Victoria – age 14 months.

Kasper Christian -born 1892 at Beechworth, Victoria. Died in 1893 at Beechworth, Victoria – age of 9 months.

Andreas Leslie Aubyn - born 1893 at Beechworth, Victoria. He married Esther Ruby YANDELL in 1920. He died in 1945 at Pascovale, Melbourne.\*

\* Note: Leslie served in World War 1 as a part of the Hospital Transport Corps, which was active between May 1915 to September 1918. His rank was that of a Private, and the ship he served on was the HMAT Orsova. Leslie embarked in Melbourne on the 17th July 1915, and his service number was 262.

# LIBRARY NEWS



## ACQUISITIONS:

### BOOKS–

Latest arrival –

- ❖ “Walhalla – Graveyard to Cemetery”  
The History of the Walhalla Cemetery

Others include –

- ❖ Callanders -Dookie & Wangaratta
- ❖ An Historic Graveyard-Port Fairy
- ❖ Burials with Scottish Locations
- ❖ In and around Penzance –Napoleonic Times
- ❖ Stories of the Outback –Donated by Jean Rankins
- ❖ Outback Heroes – Donated by Jean Rankins
- ❖ Bush Aussies – Donated by Jean Rankins
- ❖ Balldale Public School – Donated by Jean Rankins
- ❖ The Early History of Bacchus Marsh Schools
- ❖ Woods Point & Gippsland General Directory
- ❖ Rutherglen and its History
- ❖ Katamatite Roll of Honour
- ❖ Harrietville-
- ❖ 100 years of Local Government 1880-1980-  
Euroa
- ❖ Settlers California Bound & Returns – Donated  
by Jean Rankins
- ❖ Morris of Rutherglen
- ❖ Wise Family
- ❖ The History of Molyullah & Upper Ryans  
Creek
- ❖ The West Country's Australian Links
- ❖ The Story of The Mallee
- ❖ Captain Foster Fyans of Geelong –Donated  
by Judi Ryan
- ❖ Tracks to Woods Point & Jordan Goldfields
- ❖ Behind Broulee
- ❖ Burials in Cornish Locations Ballarat  
Cemetery
- ❖ Sweetheart Abbey
- ❖ Burials with Irish Locations Ballarat  
Cemetery
- ❖ Doncaster a Short Story

- ❖ That's what Grandpa Said
- ❖ The Mills Brothers of Port Fairy
- ❖ Mitta Mitta from the Early Pioneer Days
- ❖ Wahgunyah Primary School Centenary
- ❖ Tolmie.....The First Hundred Years
- ❖ Geelong The Pivot
- ❖ Pendennis & St Mawes Cornwall
- ❖ Along The Great Ocean Road
- ❖ The Bacchus Story
- ❖ Latin for Family Historians
- ❖ Diffey Family History
- ❖ Shipwrecks around the Lizard
- ❖ The View From Dockers Hill
- ❖ Shipwrecks –Falmouth to Looe
- ❖ The Parish that Wouldn't Die
- ❖ Shipwrecks around Mounts Bay
- ❖ Nuggets or Nothing
- ❖ With Wet Feet-Adams Family
- ❖ The Buckland Valley Riot
- ❖ Seventy Years Around Ryton Junction
- ❖ Bush Schools & Scholars

### MICROFICHE-

- ❖ York Marriages-Donated by Judi Ryan

### CDS–

- ❖ *Watch this space.....*



## **PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE:**

Wangaratta Cemetery CD	\$ 77
Wangaratta Honour Boards	\$ 20
Beginners Kit	\$ 2
Obituary Index	\$ 2
Greta Cemetery headstones <i>Includes names &amp; deaths</i>	\$ 5
Postage not included	

### ❖ New Listing:

- “Old News Today” *Incl postage* \$ 27  
a collection of snippets from the Ovens &  
Murray Advertiser and Corryong Courier  
1875 – 1900, Includes over 950 surnames,  
deaths, court cases, personal notices etc.

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES:

Have you ever experienced the frustration whilst researching, of being advised, "Oh, the address is on the website! Just surf the web, and you'll find it easy enough." Except that it is not always that easy, and perhaps you don't have a computer, or are not connected to the internet? Well, maybe this list will help you out in some way.

Listed below are the contact details of the most frequently utilized National Archives from all over the world. Good luck in your research!!

### **National Archives Of Australia, Canberra Headquarters**

Website Link: <http://www.naa.gov.au/>  
Postal Address: PO Box 7425  
CANBERRA BC  
ACT 2610  
National Phone Number: Main Switchboard (02) 6212 3600;  
Reference inquiries **only** 1300 886 881

### **National Archives Of Australia, Sydney Branch**

Postal Address: Locked Bag 4  
CHESTER HILL NSW 2162  
Tel: (02) 9645 0110

### **National Archives Of Australia, Melbourne Branch**

Postal Address: PO Box 8005  
BURWOOD HEIGHTS VIC 3151  
Tel: (03) 9348 5600

### **National Archives Of Australia, Brisbane Branch**

Postal Address: PO Box 552  
CANNON HILL QLD 4170  
Tel: (07) 3249 4226

### **National Archives Of Australia, Perth Branch**

Postal Address: PO Box 1144  
EAST VICTORIA PARK WA 6981  
Tel: (08) 9470 7500

### **National Archives Of Australia, Adelaide Branch**

Postal Address: PO Box 6536  
HALIFAX STREET (ADELAIDE) SA 5000  
Tel: (08) 8409 8400

### **National Archives Of Australia, Hobart Branch**

Postal Address: GPO Box 309  
HOBART TAS 7001  
Tel: (03) 6230 6111

### **National Archives Of Australia, Darwin Branch**

Postal Address: PO Box 24  
NIGHTCLIFF NT 0814  
Tel: (08) 8985 0300

### **National Archives Of UK**

Website Link: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>  
Postal Address: The National Archives  
Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU.  
England  
Phone Number: +44 (0) 20 8876 3444

### **National Archives Of Ireland**

Website Link: [www.nationalarchives.ie/](http://www.nationalarchives.ie/)  
Postal Address: Bishop Street,  
Dublin 8,  
Ireland  
Phone: + 353 (0)1 407 2300

### **National Archives Of Scotland**

Website Link: <http://www.nas.gov.uk/>  
Postal Address: The National Archives of Scotland  
H M General Register House  
2 Princes Street  
Edinburgh EH1 3YY  
Scotland  
Telephone: +44(0)131 535 1314

### **United States National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)**

Website Link: <http://www.archives.gov/>  
**Postal Address:** - please address your stamped envelope to: The National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
U.S.A.  
Phone Number: call them toll free at (**NB:** they don't state if this number will work outside of the USA): 1-866-272-6272

### **Library and Archives Canada**

Website Link (English):  
<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/index-e.html>  
Postal Address: Library and Archives Canada  
395 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4  
CANADA  
Tel: (613) 996-5115

From the Editors Desk..... so to speak !

My apologies for the delay in getting this edition printed and distributed.

You cannot help but notice a "small" change in the format of this edition of our Newsletter, for which I take full responsibility, blame or credit as appropriate.

The plan was initially to re-format the earlier version into "Word" , however I have taken the opportunity, and some liberty to publish in a new and different style. I would be happy to hear your comments.

Newsletter No 74 - May 2008 is already being set, with plenty of space for your stories, ideas, photos, snippets, requests etc.

We are also looking to send future releases of **WANGARATTA THREADS** and other communications via eMail and therefore need to update electronic addresses on our system.

If you have not already registered an eAddress with us, a quick message to me on [mvc22@bigpond.com](mailto:mvc22@bigpond.com) will do the trick.

Current mailout arrangements will continue for members and groups not connected to eMail.

Val Brennan .

Off the cuff !

For as long as I have been a member I have seen the ongoing request through **THREADS** for "someone" to arrange a speaker etc for the monthly meetings.

I certainly could not manage 10, but I could try one. So I am finally putting my hand up !!! I have no idea yet of what I might do, but it will come.

And.... what about every two months, or three ?

Maybe on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday workshops with lunch ?

Or what about 2-3 getting together to organize something ?

An excursion, sessions in the Centre, a trip to a location, cemetery of interest etc.

Each of us, during our diligent digging and sifting has acquired a whole skill set, different in many ways from the next. So we all have ideas, thoughts, abilities and experiences to offer.

Come on, what about it, let your new executive know what YOUR thoughts are. vb



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## **WEBSITES – worth a look !**

**Castlemaine Historical Society –**

[www.castlemainehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.castlemainehistoricalsociety.com)

**Historical Directories** -- a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales from 1750 to 1919. <http://www.historicaldirectories.org/>

**UK- National mining deaths and accidents** ( 166,000 names from 1850 -1914) there is also a list of names for 1840-49 & 1915 to present day-also a great site as regards information about the history of mining and links to other mining sites. [www.cmhrc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk](http://www.cmhrc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk)

**See also p6 for National Archives Addresses**

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