

Moama Cemetery

The Moama Cemetery Working Group is still looking for information about burials in any of the many unmarked graves at the Cemetery. A total of 681 plaques bearing the names of people who are buried in unknown unmarked graves at the cemetery, are now in place on the plinths. Besides these a number of plaques have been placed around the cemetery when the site of a grave is known.

If anyone can provide information about anyone known to be buried at Moama, especially in an unmarked grave, please contact:-

Anita Bartlett, PO Box 1343 Echuca 3564. or 0439 992 767

PAPERS PAST—100 YEARS

Echuca - At the monthly meeting of the Hospital Committee Mr. Stevenson (architect) preposed certain structural alterations at the institution. It was decided to adopt the plan submitted.

The Age Melbourne, Vic.) Sat 11th July 1925

Echuca - In the Police Court on Tuesday, James Henry Vicary was charged with having stolen 3 quantity of timber belonging to the Victorian Railways. He was sentenced to days' imprisonment, but the sentence was suspended on his entering into a bond to be of good behaviour for 12 months. On two charges of having stolen poultry was fined £1 in default seven days imprisonment,

The Age (Melbourne Vic) Friday 21st August 1925

Echuca - A majority of 130 votes, out of a poll of 181, were recorded at Moama against the proposal to merge the Moama Municipality in the Murray Shire.

The Age (Melbourne, Vic) Tuesday 1st September 1925

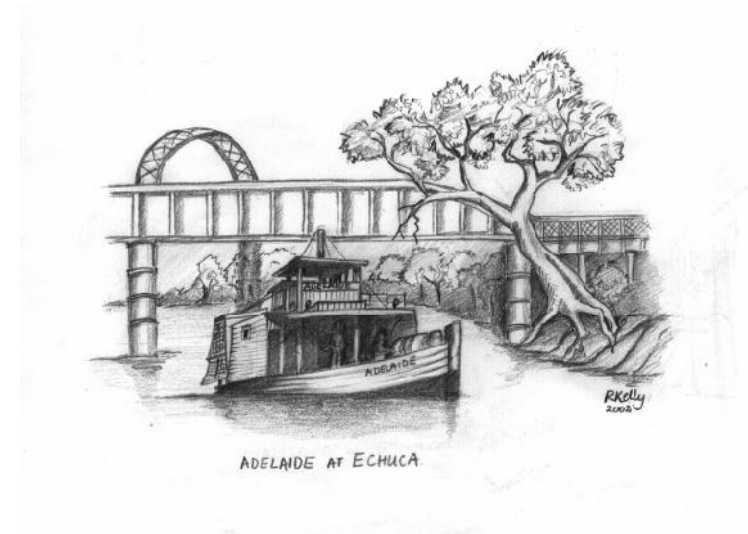
A beautiful set of teeth.

Refined women dislike the idea of wearing false teeth on plates, but when all teeth are lost there is no other way of replacing them artificially. If only a few teeth are gone, or some good firm roots remain, there is a method of reinserting new teeth that appeals to everyone of intelligence, by making tiny caps of platinum, daintily enamelled and coloured in exact imitation of the remaining teeth, and cementing them over the firm roots or natural teeth. Attached to these caps are new artificial teeth, firmly soldered with pure gold. The result is perfect, beautiful and permanent. The roof of the mouth is not covered in any way, food can be tasted, masticated properly, and singing and speaking is again a pleasure. Call, and I will be pleased to explain all about it.

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The Monthly Group Meeting is held at the Old Telegraph Station, 60 Chanter Street in Moama on the second Tuesday of each month, except January, at 1.30pm. **The Monthly Group Activity Session** is held from October to March, on the third Thursday at 7.30 pm, and April to September on the third Saturday at 1.30 pm. Venue Christ Church Anglican Echuca.

Excursions can replace the Group Activity Sessions.

The **Research Room** in the Old Telegraph Station, 60 Chanter Street in Moama is open and manned every Monday and Friday between 11.00am - 3.00pm, except on Public Holidays

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companion Jacobs to the body, on which there were neither hat or boots; he went to Mr. Young's house and told him of the circumstances and he (Mr. Young) returned with him (witness) to the creek; Mr. Young promised to go into Echuca and report the matter to the police.

John Jacobs corroborated the evidence of the pre-vius witness.

William Ryan viewed the body, but could not swear to its identity; on or about the 14th inst., he engaged an old man named Stephen Ford to remain with him during harvest and cook; the man came and remained one day, he was not sober, and afterwards left without his consent or knowledge; he (Ford) entered upon his duties, but must have left his (witness's) place between eleven and six o'clock on the following day; on his (witness's) return at the day and place named, the man was missing, but his boots and hat remained behind; the man appeared to be suffering from the effect of drink, his hair was grey, and he should take him to be about sixty year of age; he had not since seen the man alive; the creek in which the body was found is very deep in places, and he thought the deceased must have been making for one of the crossing places; the body was found about one hundred yards from a ford; he en-gaged the man at Minogue's American Hotel; he was then worth wages and fit to be employed.

Sergeant Hayes deposed that on Saturday the 17th inst., it was reported to the police that the man known as Daddy Ford was missing; it was also

stated that he had been drinking, that he left his boots and hat at Ryan's, and that there was a suspicion he had been drowned in the Billabong, and that if he turned up at all, it would be at Minogue's American Hotel; en-quiries were constantly made, but no news of the missing man could be obtained, until the body was found; it would be useless to have dragged the creek, because they had no indication of where he was sup-posed to cross; and it would be impossible to tell within a mile. William Minogue identified the body as that of Stephen Ford alias "Daddy", an old man who for sometime in his employment; he last saw the deceased alive at Ryan's where he took him, he thought on the previous Monday week (12th inst.); subsequently the deceased was reported missing, and enquiries were made for him at his place, but he did not turn up; the deceased was in the habit of drinking as much as he could get. This witness when pressed as to how he identified the body, which was so decomposed as to be apparently beyond recognition, replied, by the bunions on his feet, his moleskin trousers and a shirt which he (witness) had given him. Mounted Constable Morris proved bringing the body in. The jury after a brief consultation brought in the following verdict "We are of the opinion that the deceased body is that of Stephen Ford, and that he was drowned in the Billabong Creek near the Campaspe, on or about the 15th inst., but how, or by what means there is no evidence to show".
Riverine Herald 28th October 1874

Death by Drowning

On Saturday afternoon at the Bridge Hotel, Dr Gummow (Deputy Coroner) held an inquest concerning the death of a man whose body had on the previous day been found floating in the Murray. Donald M'Leod, a laborer residing at a place called Murrumbidgee Reef, deposed that on the 23rd inst. (Friday), he discovered a body floating down the river, and having procured a boat, and with assistance of a man named Patrick Cagney he secured it, and then gave information to the police.

William Hayes, a publican residing at Sandridge and uncle of the deceased, deposed that he could not identify the body, but he did identify the property found on the corpse as that of William Hayes, who fell off the *Wahgunyah* on Friday, the 16th. He recognized the watch as one bought by the deceased when last at Sandridge, a key as that belonging to a box in his possession, and a ring he positively swore to as one the deceased was constantly in the habit of wearing.

Mounted Constable Freeman deposed, that from information received he went down the river to the Murrumbidgee Reef, and found the body where it had been secured. In the vest pocket of the deceased, he found the watch and steel chain produced; they had been in his possession ever since, and the watch had stopped at twenty-four minutes to seven o'clock; he also produced a key and ring which he took from the small finger of the deceased's left hand. He had no knowledge of the deceased, but on the evening of the 16th inst., it was reported to the police that a man named William Hayes had fallen into the Mur-

ray from the steamer *Wahgunyah*, while she was along the Echuca Wharf; he could not say if the body of the deceased was that of the man alluded to.

William D. Tomlinson, a shipwright, residing at Echuca, identified the body by the shirt and ring, as that of William Hayes; he last saw alive at about five o'clock on the evening of the 16th inst., at the wharf; he was then quite sober; he had heard from the captain that the deceased was a very well behaved man, and that he intended to make him mate of the boat next season; at about half past seven on the same evening, he heard of the deceased's death by drowning.

The Coroner having summed up, the jury returned the following verdict "We are of the opinion that the body of the deceased shown to us, is that of William Hayes; that the body was found in the Murray on the 16th inst., but how or in what manner he was drowned, there is no evidence to show."

On Sunday at Graham's Shamrock Hotel, High Street Dr. Gummow held a second inquest, touching the death of a man whose body was found in a Billabong off the Campaspe.

Thomas Stratton, a splitter, residing on the Rest-down run deposed, that on the preceding day he went out shooting in company with a man named John Jacobs; at about ten a.m., he found the body of the deceased floating in a creek of stagnant water near to Mr. Daniel's place, close to the Campaspe River; the distance from Echuca was about six miles; he drew attention of his

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

to the 44th AGM 19th July 2025

The past year has been fairly uneventful in terms of the context of the preceding years after dealing with Covid, the 2022 floods and the numerous relocations we endured. Last year the old building was made more comfortable using the flood grant money for better heating and air conditioning, carpet and furniture. There are still some minor editions to come with the installation of two security wire doors. The Murray River Council has also installed security lights on the building, and is keeping an eye on the rising damp in one of the library walls.

The management committee has continued its great teamwork this past year ensuring that all the essential jobs are done, and this allows the group to operate smoothly and effectively. Now our dedicated management committee members require special mention for the jobs they do every year.

Library: One of the major tasks has been the updating and reorganization of the library which began after we left the Murray Hotel in 2020. It seems such a long time ago now and, pardon the pun, much water has flowed under the bridge! Lorraine Johnson and Catherine Murnane have been involved in this mammoth task since the move, and finally they have reached an end point with a simple data base, and streamlined categories for the books. Anita Bartlett tackled some of the thorny problems in the compilation of the data base. This library is an essential local resource and an excellent reference base to

verify on line research. Lorraine and Catherine have demonstrated stamina, determination and dedication. Thank you so much.

Projects: The other on- going task this year has been the scanning of the research files by Anita our Project Officer, and her support team of Wendy Hicks and Sue Shaw, and also the scanning of Family Histories as well. Our scanner has really been getting a workout. This work will continue into next year as there is still a lot to be done. Other members could contribute to this scanning as Wendy and Sue will not be full time next year, as they will be just regulars on the roster. Well done over the past year. Of course, there are still other projects that require attention and that hopefully will involve more group members.

Finance: Barbara Goldsmith has again managed the group's finances providing accurate detailed, transparent financial records each month for the committee, so the group has built up resources through her careful planning and management. She instigated the use of the Square at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles after careful research, and the trial of other direct credit means. We really appreciate your work. Barbara also plans and buys most of the essentials for the sausage sizzles every quarter, and brings them to the venue, which is no mean feat with her car stacked with those essentials. She also collates all the finances for these events too. Thank you again.

Secretary: John Howe, as the group's

secretary, maintains our Hotmail platform and our Facebook page throughout the year, and circulates all the information received, as well as all the groups' official correspondence to members. He also produces a Monthly newsletter that is always full of great family history websites and hints. He runs our Facebook page, always promoting our events and finding interesting snippets of information. As Vice President he has chaired Monthly meetings and activities when the president was not available. Thank you, John for your enthusiasm and dedication.

Bridges and Branches: Shirley Durrant has been our editor for a very long time now, and she puts together four exceptional editions of the magazine every year for our members. She provides a great deal of the content using her thorough research skills on TROVE. These magazines are circulated digitally around the country, and copies are immortalised in the archives of the NLA, and the State Library of Victoria. Great work Shirley you are doing an invaluable task, preserving the history of our group and the local area, as well as promoting it across Australia.

Research: Our research officer, or should I say "guru", Janice Smith is always busy either in the research room or with on line requests. She provides detailed information, and her enthusiasm and thoroughness are evident in those responses. She is also accumulating more relatives too!! It is great publicity for our group. Thank you, Janice.

Activities Program: Our activities program is organized by Helen Hastie who researches and contacts very interesting guest speakers, and arranges excursions to buildings, properties, and museums of interest. These activities are the highlight of the year. Thanks, Helen, for such meaningful entertainment and also for your proof-reading skills of Bridges and Branches.

Riverine Herald: Wendy Hicks is continually contributing to our digital files by scanning the Riv for all notices of interest to Family Historians, building the group's extensive archival record of local personal notices. She is continuing a tradition that began in the early stages of the group's inception. Thank you too Wendy for your role as social secretary too, often providing delicate handmade cards for significant events in members lives.

Garden and Building Maintenance: Our own handyman and gardener, Eric McConachy has continued his creative work in the garden providing a natural ambience, and he has continued with general maintenance in our old building when it is required. He spends many hours at both buildings, and he is very resourceful in finding the most appropriate plants to have in the garden, and materials for the building repairs. Thank you, Eric for all your work.

In brief: Other smaller tasks, but still just as essential, are the continuous restocking of the kitchen, bathroom and office with the necessary essential items by Lorraine. Thank you.

The toilet was down in the back yard, known as the "Dunny" or the "Out House".

The newspapers were cut into squares, tired up with string and hung on a nail for toilet paper.

The "Night" man occasionally sneaking the pan from under you.

The washing was boiled in the "Copper" and stirred with a wooded stick which had become very smooth over time.

The "Blue Bag" for keeping "whites" white.

Collars were kept stiff with "Starch" soaked in water.

"Handkerchiefs" were soaked in a bucket of salt water before they were washed.

Good old "Velvet Soap". I'm still using it!

The "Horse & Buggy" were the means of getting to town. And that "Prickly Rug" that kept you warm.

The "Coolgardie Safe" that hung under the tree.

Going to collect big blocks of ice from the Ice-works with my Dad for the "Ice Chest".

My Mum making "Butter".

When you could purchase a bag of "Broken Biscuits" straight out of the tin in the shop, for sixpence.

When the bread was delivered by "Horse & Cart".

Pulling the fresh bread from the "High Tin" loaves to eat and making a big hole!

I used to suck on the tin of "Condensed milk" when Mum was in the garden. We owned a shop and Post Office the

"Travellers" used to bring samples of their goods to store keepers for ordering.

The great choice of "Lollies & Chocolate" we sold, and pinched!

The lovely vegetables and flowers I grew from the "Out of Date" packets of seeds.

How scared I was, when the soft drink delivery man made his last call before Christmas and was "Drunk as a Skunk" by the time he got to our shop, because everyone was giving him a "Christmas Cheer". My Dad had to drive him home. The delivery man had to return the next day to collect his truck! (I hated drunk people and still do).

I worked the "Telephone Exchange".

We went to the railway station to collect the incoming mailbags in the morning, and then taking the outgoing bag back to catch the afternoon train.

We used to visit Grandma and she was always dressed in "Black".

Ken remembers when

The kerosene "Tilly Lamp" and the "Shellite Light" was their means of lighting.

Then came the 32 volt electricity until 240 supply.

Fuel was 37 cents per gallon for super petrol (no unleaded).

When the telephone was on the wall and the local telephone exchange connected you to the number required.

At the change to decimal currency when "Choc Wedges" were only 5 cents "Two in Ones" were 10 cents.

From the Hastie's.

New to the Library - August 2025

Australian Resources:

Celebrating Women : Kyabram Writers Group

Paddle Steamers of Australia : Beth Connor

Biographies:

Atkins - Henry Atkins Family Revisited : Dawn Friend

Doncon/Lea - Families : Ian Lea

Freeman - The Tail of Billy Freeman : Alan F. Atkinson

Turnbull/Hyde - Families : Ian Lea

Withers - Whose Forebears in Ancient Britain Walked : Robert Ashley

English:

The Worst Street in London : Fiona Rule

Local (Echuca & Moama) :

Echuca, A History : Susan Priestley

St. James, A history : Mavis M. Wollin

To Comfort Always : Peter Phillips

War was a Family Affair, Memories of Residents of Echuca

N.E.W.:

Mathoura - Mathoura Public School Centenary, 1877-1977

Mathoura - Mathoura 150th Celebration, 1846-1996

Mathoura - Church of the Holy Cross, Golden Jubilee, 1935-1985

Mathoura - Mathoura Presbyterian Church 1918-2018

Railway Development of the South-West Riverina : Ian Lea

Victorian:

Gunbower - Gunbower Harness Racing Club, 1924-2024

Liquid Gold, Inns, Taverns and Hotels : Lew Leslie

Pastoral Pioneers of Port Phillip : R. V. Billis/A. S. Kenyon

Whroo - Rushing to Whroo, 1853-1880

The Surname ANGOVE (as in Angove Wines and the ANGOVE family in our district) was actually derived from the old Cornish language words 'An Gof' meaning 'The Black-smith'.
John Howe

This year financially Bunnings sausage sizzles have again provided us with a good income. Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to do these sizzles.

A very big thank you to all the members on the duty roster. You ensure that the research rooms are

open two days a week to the public. Finally thank you to every member who has contributed to our group this last year. Your support and teamwork have been outstanding.

Judy McCleary

PAPERS PAST—100 YEARS

Death In Cemetery

There was a death in the White Hills Cemetery but no-one mourned. It was a snake four feet long which scared Visitors.

The sexton killed it but he did not toll the bell. Five minutes later a lady noticed a six foot snake, but that escaped.

The Herald, 19th October 1925

Whirled to Death

Workman's Fearful Injuries
Shocking injuries were sustained today by William Woodhead a workman employed at the Lynn Shoe

Company, of Clifton Hill, who died an hour after admission to the Melbourne Hospital today.

Woodhead's clothing was entangled in a machine, and he was whirled around at fearful speed. His clothes were torn off before the machine was stopped.

One of his arms was nearly cut off at the elbow. His leg was severely injured and he was bruised and battered on his chest and abdomen.

Post script (William was 28 years old and buried in the Melbourne Cemetery)

The Riverine Herald, 1st December 1925

Coming Events

September

Tuesday 7th @ 1.30pm Monthly Meeting

Saturday 20th @ TBA Excursion - Cohuna Historical Society

October

Tuesday 7th @ 1.30pm Monthly Meeting

Thursday 16th @ 7.00pm Surprise Night !! Christ Church (CCE)

November

Tuesday 11th @ 1 30pm Monthly Meeting

Thursday 20th @ 7.00pm Christmas Breakup Christ Church Echuca (CCE)

December

Tuesday 9th @ 12 noon Lunch Committee Meeting

Harry Burton Broomhead 1877-1942

My husband's grandmother was Daisy Malitor Broomhead. She was one of 14 children, being number 13, resulting from her father's two marriages. One of her older brothers, from the first marriage, was Thomas Broomhead. Researching the name Broomhead in Trove recently, I came upon a new entry that I had not seen before.

In the 'Echuca & Moama Advertiser and Farmers' Gazette', dated 30 September 1915, there was an article: 'Prisoner in Turkey, Cousin of Moama Resident', which noted that Mrs. T. Broomhead, of Moama, had received a letter from Mrs. H. Broomhead, her husband's cousin's wife, who lived in Nottingham, England. The article detailed the following:

"Among the crew of the gallant Australian submarine AE2, which was stranded in the Sea of Marmora and her crew captured by the Turks, is Second Class Engineer Harry Burton Broomhead, a cousin of Mr. T. Broomhead of Moama".
The letter was as follows: "There is very little to tell. I have had two letters from my husband since they were taken. In the first, written from the military prison, Constantinople, he said that they had been struck by Turkish shell, and it was a very near thing with them. They had to swim for it, and he was in the water about a quarter of an hour. He said he lost everything except his life, and was lucky to get away with that. He said he was a prisoner of war, and that I should have to imagine the rest. In his second letter he said they had been moved from Constantinople to a central camp for prisoners among the hills at Afion Hara Hissau, Asia Minor. They were



absolutely cut off from the world, and allowed no news or reading matter". Having not been aware of Harry Burton Broomhead before, I immediately hopped onto Google and Ancestry. Harry was born 25th May 1877 in Sheffield South, Yorkshire, to Arthur Broomhead and Lucy Moore. His naval career commenced on 13 Oct 1898 when he joined the Royal Navy in Portsmouth, having given his birthdate as 1876, a year earlier. Thereafter he served on various ships as an ERA, Engine Room Artificer, and a CERA, Chief Engine Room Artificer, until 1st Dec 1913, when he was loaned to the Royal Australian Navy. He subsequently served on the AE2, one of only two Australian submarines built and commissioned in England. The crew were both English and Australian, and the AE2 arrived in Sydney in May 1914. After war was declared, the submarine was deployed to New Guinea and Suva, and eventually returned to Europe, specifically the Dardanelles, where it was unfortunately captured, and Harry's internment began. After three and a half years, and the end of the war, Harry was released. Instead of

The 1916 Murray River Flood

Echuca - The flood, is subsiding. The Murray is Stationary at 33 feet 1 inch. It is reported from Barmah, 30 miles upstream, that the river there is falling. There is still a considerable quantity to come down from the Goulburn and the Murray may be expected about Sunday or Monday. High Street is still inundated, and the main entrance to the town hall and court house remain blocked. Other buildings are still surrounded. Warren Street bridge over the Campaspe was clear on Thursday and Swan Hill Road was comparatively passable. The village settlement remains flooded, and some days must elapse before the settlers will be able to return to their homes. A vast area of country is still under water on the New South Wales side of the Murray. The flood is generally believed to be the greatest since 1870.
The Leader, Saturday 7th Oct 1916

The Murray River Hotel, Destroyed by Fire

Echuca. The Murray River Hotel, in High Street, Echuca, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon. This building, which was a wooden structure with a bark roof, was situated between the Riverine Herald Office and the drapery establishment of Mr. Walker. Fortunately, both the latter are substantial brick buildings. The back part of the Riverine Herald Office, however, was at one time on fire, and but for great exertions must have been entirely destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The landlord, Mr Edelman, had had gone out for a walk and left the bar locked up. There was only one person (the cook) on the premises at the time of the accident.
The Australasian, Saturday 29th December 1866

Moama Municipal Council News

Echuca. Moama Municipal Council has decided to levy a general rate of 2d. in the pound on unimproved capital value of the land in the municipality, and in addition a local rate of 2d. in the pound on the unimproved capital value of land of land within the town area. A water rate of 1½d. in the pound on the unimproved capital value, with a minimum of £2/10/00 has also been ordered. It is probable an endeavor will shortly be made to linkup Moama Municipality with Murray Shire, and to connect the water supply with Echuca.
The Age, Wednesday 15th 1919

Another Snake Story

A snake story which include a narrative of nerve and pluck on the part of a young girl, comes to us from Malmsbury. Yesterday, on the premises of Mr. George Boundy, a servant girl, Miss Castles, observed a snake making its way to the chimney in the kitchen. She at once rushed to kill it, but the reptile dropped down towards a hole in the floor and had nearly got down, when its pursuer caught its tail. She held on and called for help, and the reptile raised its head through another hole in the floor. It could not, however, escape from the girl, who tugged until it came in half, and was consequently rendered harmless for future mischief. The girl's courage in seizing the venomous reptile is worthy of remark.
Kyneton Observer 27th November 1873

So this is the point of the story. Families of missionaries had to be restricted to four children for obvious economy purposes. I am the youngest child, number six, so in Africa I would not have been born! What! No John Viney; not a good look.

Stafford was transferred to the Bush Church Aid Society, and appointed to Croajingalong diocese based at Cann River, East Gippsland. All of Victoria east of Orbost and up into NSW was his Parish; in those days a very wild and less civilized area in places. They lived in the local Pub while Stafford built the Vicarage. Examples of the wilder kind of life; Sitting one night with a group of blokes around the fire in a boundary riders hut, one of them gets up, hand in pocket, threw a handful of .22 bullets into the fire and walked out. One elderly parishioner complained that someone was pinching her firewood. One of the other

parishioners said leave it to me. A few nights later, down the road a stove exploded. A bit of gunpowder in the wood did the trick.

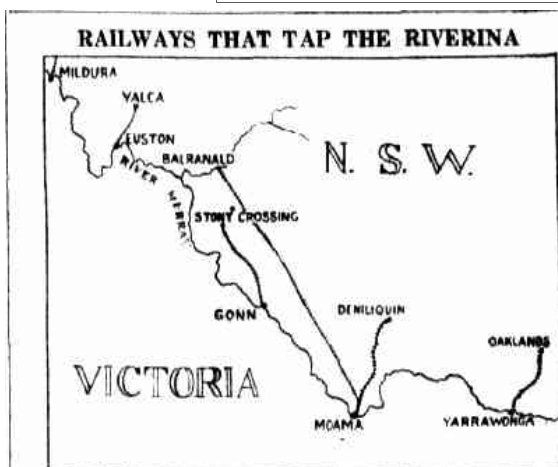
I was born in 1941, the youngest, number six.

We moved to Emerald in 1944, just beside the railway crossing. I started school at 4½. So it must have been prior to that, my girlfriend Jill and I, used to go to the Puffing Billy station at Emerald, and hitch a ride on the engine footplate to the railway crossing. They let us off there and we ran home. Try that now.

Dad's parish extended from Selby through to Cockatoo and Macclesfield, so he often did 40 miles on Sunday. He drove a horse and two wheel jinker. Believe it or not the horse's name was Silver.

John Viney

The Herald 19th Oct 1925



A map showing the border railway, controlled by the Victorian Government. They are Moama to Deniliquin, 44 mile.) Moama to Balranald (under construction), 120 mile, Gonn Crossing to Stony Crossing (under construction), 38 mile, Euston to Valca (authorised) 30 mile, Yarrawonga to Oakland (authorised) 37 mile, Mildura to point undetermined, (authorised) 24 mile

remaining in England after his recuperation though, Harry decided to return to Australia with his family, wife Florence, and two children, Clifford and Elaine. He remained with the Australian Navy, until he retired from the Flinders Naval Base, and was transferred to the Retirement List 25 May 1936.

Harry Burton Broomhead died 11th Mar 1942, and is buried, with his wife Florence, in Burwood Cemetery, Church of England Section 5, Grave No.143.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal and the Long Service and Good Conduct

Medal.

Much of this information comes from the following webpage, where there are many more details regarding Harry's life and service.

www.anzac-biographies.com/2017/05/02/broomhead-cera-harry-burton-broomhead-dsm

Anzac Biographies – Anzac stories from the Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum, Queensland. I am still trying to establish the link between Thomas Broomhead, and his cousin Harry Burton Broomhead.

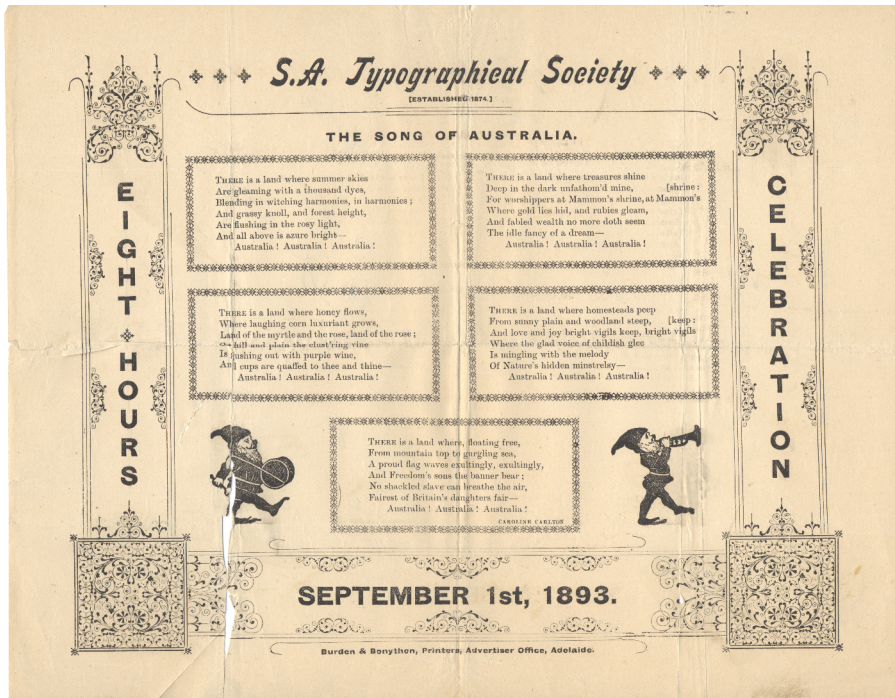
Catherine Murnane

Presentation of Members with long term Certificates



Catherine Murnane, Ruth O'Connor, Val & Brian Ellis, Marg Grigg, Ken & Helen Hastie, John Howe
Absent- Lyn Bloomfield, Diane Marsh, Judy McCartney

The song “Australia”



The song “Australia”

This song was sung at St Joseph’s School, Numurkah by the Senior Class at an evening of entertainment given in St Joseph’s School room on Thursday 18 December 1890 at 8 pm. Other entertainment listed on the program included Pianoforte Duets & Solos, Recitations, Drama, songs including “Ireland Free Once More” and “Wearin’ o’ the Green”. Chorus’s by the Infants, “Young Tom”, Sparrow on the Tree”, “Pickles “ and “Robin”.

The song “Australia” was composed as a result of the 1859 competition to create a “patriotic song”. The Gawler Institute in Adelaide offered prize of 10 guineas for a national song, one

prize for lyrics and the other for the music.

The winning lyrics were written by English-born South Australian Caroline Carleton (1811-1874}.

The music chosen by the judges was composed by the German-born Carl Linger a prominent member of the Australian Forty Eighters. (Born 1810 in Berlin, Kingdom of Prussia. Died 1862 in Adelaide aged 51 years).

The song was also one of the options in the 1977 plebiscite to choose a new Australian National Anthem. It was preferred by South Australia, but lost in the other states to “Advance Australia Fair”.

Helen Hastie

John Viney, The family member who was not meant to be.

John Viney, the family member who was not meant to be.

Now you have to listen to my story. It follows my family line from early Australia to the present day.

Thomas Haynes Viney left London in 1831 as a ships carpenter on a whaling ship to the “South Seas”. During that voyage we understand that he was transferred to another ship to repair storm damage.

We next hear of him being picked up from an uninhabited Pacific Island and landed in Sydney. This solves the mystery of not finding a passenger arrival, as he just walked off the ship. We next find him in 1840 in business as carpenter and joiner in Pitt Street South Sydney, and marrying Elizabeth Hunt at St Lawrence, Church of England, Sydney.

Thomas’s brother William then immigrated to Adelaide arriving January 1837 on the *Coramandel*, which was the first official immigration vessel to South Australia. William established a carpentry business in Adelaide.

Advertisements' in Newspapers in 1842 in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide resulted in the brothers reuniting. Thomas moved to Adelaide and set up business there.

Lets jump forward to Adelaide in 1903 when my father Stafford Stanley Viney was born. Through the Church of England, Stafford decided on a calling to the ministry, so in 1924 he commenced as a lay reader in the diocese of Wangaratta and then Bendigo. We know that he spent some time as Lay Reader at Stanhope. Other times were spent at theological

colleges.

Stafford was ordained a Deacon of the Church of England (now Anglican) in December 1928, and ordained a Priest in December 1929, both of these in Bendigo.

So here is a local connection, Stafford was in charge of the parochial district of Moama, Echuca Village and Torrumbarry from January 1929 to January 1930. Apparently the parish was not going very well money wise so he obtained permission to install a bath heater in the vicarage, at his own expense. There is no record of him being reimbursed.

Lets move to my mothers side. The Jackson’s were original settlers in south east South Australia with land at Mt Benson, near Robe. Muriel Charlotte Jackson was the youngest daughter of Robert and Harriet Jackson, born in 1900.

Muriel became a school teacher, but then turned to nursing in anticipation of becoming a missionary, with the Church Missionary Society. She had met Stafford and they anticipated going to Africa when married. Muriel trained at the Austin Hospital and St Georges in Kew.

Muriel travelled to Tanganyika (now Tanzania) via India, and spent her time nursing in the town of Berega before returning to Australia.

They were married in June 1930 at St Hillary’s Church. From 1930 to 1932 they spent time at St. Paul’s Chatswood and Erskineville, both in the Sydney Diocese.

At this point it became obvious that the Great Depression restricted the church from sending missionaries overseas.