

the Black Sheep

The
Photographic
Legacy of the
Dreier Family ...



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of the landing at
Gallipoli ... see how
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Roll Project ...



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Cover:

Ari Burni cemetery at the far end of Anzac Cove and 500 metres from the commemoration site is one of the first cemeteries visitors to Gallipoli come across. It marks the site of the first day of battle between the allied forces and Turkey.

The landscape profile on the bottom of the page shows The Sphinx (second from the left), Ari Burnu (fourth from the right), Anzac Cove (third from the right) and Lone Pine on the far right.

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bethink

We have a rather literary edition of *black* sheep this time around - and I make no apologies for it!

BLB relaunch

Did you know that we have a marvellous new piece of equipment in the library. After many years of submission writing, hunting around for sale adverts and generally keeping our ears to the ground we have at last been able to acquire a modern reconditioned Microfiche Reader/Printer



WWI project

Debbie

Only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience life's deepest joy: true fulfilment.

Tony Robbins

The Photographic Legacy of the Dreier Family

BY NEIL COX

The Dreier name is synonymous with photography in East Gippsland and particularly Bairnsdale but not many know the full history of the family. Why they were such collectors of photographs and photographers in their own right remains a mystery but their substantial collection has become the mainstay of the EGHS archives.

Julia Sophia Christina Horstman married Frederick Thomas Dreier at Sale on 21 April 1869. Frederick was then a carrier at Stratford and was born in Prussia or Northern Germany about 1833. Julia with her parents Conrad and Caroline Horstman and brothers and sister had emigrated from Hanover to Tasmania in 1855, and the family had then come across to Boisdale, Victoria within a year, later settling at Bundalaguah.



Julia



Herman

mortgaged in the amount of £300 on a valuation of £669.

Frederick's brother

Herman John, born in 1854, had arrived from Germany in 1877 to work for Frederick, and then on 24 May 1883 at Maffra, he married Julia. There were three children — Albert Charles born 1882, Herman John (Jack) born 1886 and Annie Louisa born 1889. The original blocks of land at Wy Yung selected by Frederick were freeholded by Julia on 28

Frederick Dreier was naturalized in 1872 and about this time selected two blocks of land at Wy Yung — allotments 17A2 and 17B2 of 44½ acres at the corner of what is now Dockertys Road, and allotments 17A1 and 17B2 of 79½ acres to the south along Dockertys Road — and took up farming. In July 1 880 Frederick was charged with stealing cattle at Wy Yung and at his trial in Sale was found guilty, being sentenced to four years' imprisonment. He was incarcerated in Geelong Gaol where

he died of paralysis in October 1883 at the age of 49 years.

At the time of his death, Frederick owned allotments ISA and 15B of 76½ acres (originally selected by Bishop and Ryan respectively), on which was a four roomed weather board cottage with shingle roof in a very dilapidated condition, allotment 18K of 25½ acres bought from Huniford and sold at a later date, and the allotments 17A1 and 17B 1, together with the selection lease on allotments 17A2 and 17B2. The freehold land was

June 1883, and Herman added considerably to the landholding over the subsequent years by buying from neighbours — 81¼ acres from Dooley (originally selected by W.W. Waller junior), 108½ acres from Dooley (originally selected by George Luckins), eighty acres from Hugh Coulson and 75½ acres from Christie — so that the **family's landholding was eventually** to exceed 550 acres. Another house was built to replace the dilapidated cottage on allotment 15B, initially of four rooms, with a kitchen wing added later including a large double



Albert



Annie



Jack

chimney and two other small rooms behind the kitchen. The property was called Hill View, and there were a number of outbuildings erected near the house. Farming activities carried out on the property were mainly beef cattle grazing with some maize growing on the small area of river flat land, and oats for stock feed grown on the hill country.

The three children attended the Wy Yung primary school — S.S. 1616 — situated just near the north east corner of the property, although the homestead was quite a distance away overlooking the Mitchell River valley. After leaving school Albert went to work for the Smith family at Rosehill just across the river from Hill View, whilst as far as is known Jack worked on the home farm. Both Albert and Jack were in camp at the time of the Great War but did not serve overseas.

All three of the children became interested in photography and collecting photographs — not only of the local district, but Australia wide and even some overseas areas. By 1918 they had acquired photographic equipment and it appears that they were all taking photographs, especially in the early years

They recorded scenes and activities around the farm and local district, and also on their trips by bicycle and train to visit relatives in the Maffra and Sale areas. In addition they bought photographs from professional photographers, and must have exchanged images



Members of the Dreier family photographed in the farm yard with outbuildings in the background.

with correspondents both within Australia and overseas. Fortunately for those of us who now have to deal with the images, they meticulously recorded on the reverse of the images in pencil details such as date, names and place, and often even the weather conditions and the camera setting.

In 1927 Herman Dreier bought his daughter Annie their first motor car, a Chrysler tourer, and paid an additional sum for her to have some driving lessons. This enabled them to extend their travels and photography. Later vehicles were a 1938 Plymouth sedan, a 1959 Vauxhall sedan, a Holden utility and an international Scout utility, which all feature in their photographs, as does the earlier horse drawn jinker driven by Annie and the buggy driven by her mother, plus earlier farm vehicles

Multiple copies of the photographs taken by themselves were always printed so that all three had their own collection, and even the purchased images were often bought in triplicate. None of the three children married. In 1944 both Julia and Herman Dreier died aged over ninety years, and were buried in the Bairnsdale Cemetery, with additional adjoining grave sites being reserved for the three children. The five similar marble headstones in a row make an impressive sight, although not overly large. Albert Dreier died in 1956 and in his will provided that his photograph collection was to go to the State Library of Victoria. Annie and Jack duly packed up **Albert's share of the photos** and delivered them to the Library.

During the 1960s Jack arranged for an extra building of two rooms to be shifted onto the property and placed next to the main part of the house, and this was used for the photograph collection. Jack continued to take photographs until the early 1970s, although some of the last ones are not of the best quality. He died in February 1976 leaving everything to his sister Annie. As death duties were still in force at the time, the Christie paddock at the corner of the Wy Yung and Bullumwaal roads was eventually sold to pay these. Due to their age, the farm had been let run down, even though they had employed workmen on the property.

Miss Annie Dreier continued to live alone in the old cottage



119. Our Chrysler Motor Car taken on Eagle Point Road 4 June 1929.



Jack, Annie and Albert on the verandah at Hillview, Wy Yung c1952.

A special exhibition highlighting the Dreier collection is presently on at the historical society museum.

It is a rare opportunity to see some of the more obscure images and is also a chance to see some of the meticulous notebooks (over thirty of them) that accompany the images that they took.

See inside cover of *Black Sheep* for opening hours.

without the benefits of electric power or telephone. The kitchen section by this stage had become badly infested with termites, as had the additional two rooms. She died in the Bairnsdale Hospital on 26 November 1977. It appeared that the four rooms in the main section of the house had been left nearly as they were when the parents died.

The remaining photographs (and other memorabilia) were gathered up by her executors and the Gippsland ones put aside. A clearing sale was held on the property in 1978 at which albums

containing non-Gippsland images were sold along with a large pile of loose postcard photographs. The executors decided to hand over a collection of local relevance to the East Gippsland Historical Society, which now forms a large part of the image collection at the museum. The remaining part of the collection was sold privately by the executors. The farm property was eventually sold in two stages, as the original access to the homestead block was awkward, so a redrawing of boundaries was completed. The

new owners of this section sold the bricks of the homestead chimneys, and then eventually had the remains of the old house demolished. Some of the outbuildings remain on the site.

Under Miss Annie Dreier's will, the proceeds of the sales of the property were divided mainly amongst several charitable or public organizations including the Bairnsdale Hospital, the Anglican Church of Emanuel at Wy Yung and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Jack photographed in the Main Street gardens as many people would remember him, c1960s.



Annie and Albert with their bicycles c1911. It is thought this image was taken by Howard Bulmer.





*A Bulmer copy of a C. Mason
image of Dreier's Hillview c1893*



The Dreiers did not only photograph "special events" but recorded the "everyday", such as feeding the chooks.



170. Taken Sunday 30.10.1937. Second [photo] of Mum taken in her chair on the verandah opposite Dad's room with Kathleen Cox's pigeon.



There is also note of the third image being the pigeon alone.

There is something strangely reminiscent of *Arrangement in Black and Grey No. 1* painted by the American painter James Whistler, better known as *Whistler's mother*.

168. Of old Dinah (buggy horse and saddle hack). Jack shot her on Monday afternoon 19th April 1937, age 16 years for £9/10/- from F. Shrader of Glenaladale. Buried at top end of paddock J/C. 19th April 1937.



"G_d blast the Shire Council (42 times) "

An insight into sleepless nights in the 1920s Bairnsdale.

Maintaining the records and archives of the Museum is a constant state of flux as new records are deposited for **safe keeping and old boxes that haven't been "looked at"** for years are re-evaluated. **It was during one of these "re-evaluations" that the following letter came to light.** Addressed to the Shire, it appears that May Yeates, was **suffering from what she saw as "SII" (Shire induced insomnia)!** Written in pencil, on six pages of small A5

buff coloured paper, there is no record of the response she received and we can only speculate what the offending object was. Initially it was thought it may be **a tree stump but seeing she mentions "facilities to keep themselves clean" and "that the local governing authority place it there or allowed it to be placed there"** we are now speculating that it may in fact be a water trough **you be the judge.**

To
Those Whom It May Concern
per favr of the Shire Secretary

Gentleman or Sir,

This is the plaint of a long suffering person. It deals with a matter, that I am assured, comes within the ken of the local government. The only doubt I have is as to whom it should be addressed – the President and Councillors of the Shire, the Shire Engineer, the Shire Secretary, the Health Officer, the Inspector of Nuisances, the Chief Summoning Officer, the Water Trust, the Water Trust Engineer, the Water Trust Secretary, or the Turnkey.

That is my apology in addressing in the way I have done. The grievance to which I would refer, relates to the night atmosphere in the vicinity of my bedroom window which for health reasons has to be kept open day and night, winter and summer.

In many years the locality of our home was Arcadian in being free from noisome or other nuisances but since the local governing authority, in its laudable desire to give people facilities for keeping themselves clean, and incidentally to pollute street channels by running waste water into them which becomes offensive when allowed to stagnate. I regret to say in the words of a well known *comic song* "*Them days are gone for ever.*"

Lying in bed, trying to court sleep when most others are happily in the land of dreams I am frequently disturbed by the vile language that comes pouring through my window from men going in a northerly direction, after they have passed our gate. When I cannot sleep I employ myself in various ways and as a change to cross and puzzles, and thought I would note down the angry expressions and shrieks of pain used by passers by, during the last twelve months.

Here are some of them but there are many others the spelling of which I am unfamiliar with :-

D__n (too numerous to count)	G__d blast the Shire Council (42 times)
Blinking, blithering, blasting blazes (once)	Oh, my sainted aunt (once)
Who the D____I put that thing there (16 times)	Jumping Jews, what have I struck (3 times)
Wish to H__I it tripped every Shire Councillor (12 times)	<i>Cripes, I've broken my toe (twice)</i>
<i>Who the H__put that D__thing there to break a man's neck (6 times)</i>	

These expression are bad, but nothing to the cursing drunken and half-drunken men .

The offeridend(sic) obstacles that causes these violent outburst of language appears to be on the footpath and I'm told that the local governing authority place it there or allowed it to be placed there.

With the reflection that it is curious that a public service that was designed and installed to induce people to be cleanly in their persons and habits should result in making other people unclean mouthed, it had just occurred to me that perhaps after all this should have been addressed to the officer whose duty it is to keep the streets clean. But you will know best.

Hoping in sending this gesture – that word explains I think all that I mean to convey – that you will not think unkindly of me. I beg to subscribe myself.

Yours with the best wishes

May Yeates
Francis Street
Bairnsdale

15/6/25 PS That part of Francis Street where footpath and street channel have never been made.

Research Enquiries

Enquiries continue to pour in faster than our volunteers can handle them. Do you know anything **about the following if so, please** contact the group or enquirer direct.

EGFHG 502 MORGAN
William and Annie nee
McLaughlin in Lucknow from
c1875 having children Alexander,
Rosanna, Elizabeth and George.
Peter Morgan
2 Fran Court
Ringwood 3134

EGFHG 503 BARNES (ES)
George married to Mary Welsh/
Selwood at Sale in 1855. Children
James, Margaret and George.
Mary's daughter, Sarah, from
previous marriage died at Buchan.
Any information on family sought.
Robyn Atherton
PO Box 237
Harden 2587
robynatherton@bigpond.com

EGFHG 504 SLATER
With associated family names
Richardson, Race and
Cochrane in the Lucknow/
Bairnsdale area c1900-1950.
Joyce English
Brewster Street
Berwick 3806
87868575 / 51460467

ENFHG 505 BRENNAN
Patrick Brennan arrived Woodside
c1853 where he acquired property
and is well known. Died 1918 in
Fiji. Family information etc.
sought.
Anne Ridley
36 Springdale Road
Killara 2011
ridleyanne244@gmail.com

EGFHG 506 McDONALD
Duncan McDonald with wife
Isabella Meek had daughters
Flora, Harriet and Mary. Resided
Briagolong area c1880-1900? Any
information appreciated.
Marie Hodgkinson
212 MacKenzie Street
Toowoomba 4350

EGFHG 508 WATERSTREET
Charles and Honora (nee Ryan)
have 13 children at Aberfeldy/
Woods Point area c1860-1900.
Seeking details of where they
physically lived and associated
with which mines.

Paul Waterstreet
2/175 Victoria Road
Bellevue Hill 2023

EGFHG 511 THOMPSON
Joseph's family were well
established in the Club Terrace,
Orbost and Bonang areas from
1888 to present. Looking for
headstones and anecdotal
information.

Albert Hanssen
10 Hull Court
Waikiki WA 6069
emcement@westnet.com.au

EGFHG 512 MURPHY
Murphy family from Omeo/
Benambra area. Family details
have been sent but anecdotal or
photographs welcomed.

Janet Brooks
3 Tepper Circ
Kambah ACT 2902
jmebrooks@incanberra.com.au

EGFHG 513 ARCHIBALD
Seeking war service of William
Rae Archibald who resided
Bruthen at outbreak of WWI. No
Australian service records can be
found, but he claimed to have had
four years service.

John Wynd
17 Seaby Street
Stawell 3380
johnwynd@tpg.com.au

ZIMMER, William Henry
Was a policeman in Bairnsdale in
the 1920s.

John Zimmer
5153 1773

QUAIL/SWAN family
Charles, wife Emily and son
Robert Ray.

Gloria Turner
gturner@netcon.net.au

KANANNOK HOUSE
Property moved to Riley Street,
Bairnsdale. Looking for history of
building and the racing history
associated with it.

Suzanne Garrand
spgarrand@gmail.com

LAY family
Any details of their time in this
area. Full family tree lodged at
museum.

Barbara Lay
5476 2587
barbara.j.lay@gmail.com

VINCENT family
Samuel and Margery and their
family from the Mt Taylor area.
Farmed at Wy Yung, also death of
Charles Vincent.

Rae Anne Vincent
walhallacoffee@gmail.com
5165 6220

660 PRINCES HIGHWAY
Broadlands area, past Bomfords
Lane, seeking information etc.
Rosie Tweedley
9755 1814
conceptswconfines@gmail.com

WALTERSON/JOHNSTON/
HUTTON
Seeking information on these
families from Tongio Station also
the McDougall and Sandy
families.

Christopher Hogan
chris@hogan.id.au

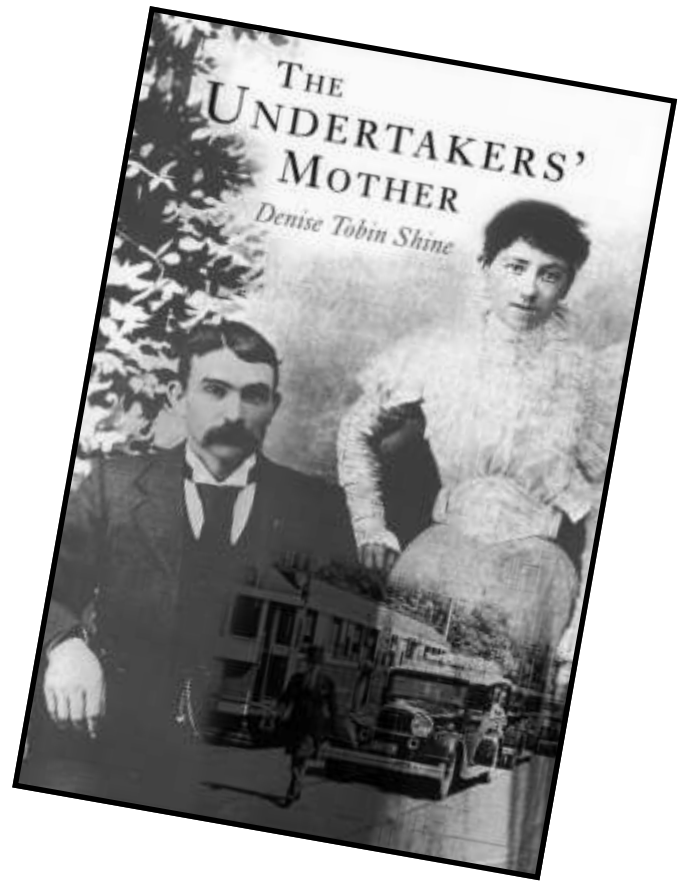
VARNEY
Frederick Tasman Varney and
direct lines associated with, also
location of property near Lindenow.
Don Varney
12 The Point
Tura Beach
02 6495 9291

Enquiries and requests for
photographs of Waterford, the
figurehead of the *County Antrim*,
Walter Hobson (winner of the 1891
Maiden Sculls), and James family
history have all been finalised.

The Undertakers' Mother

No, it is

No, this it is not the life story of Shirley Baggs (as was suggested to me on the evening of the launch), **but rather a granddaughter's** account of a grandmother she never knew.



Shire of Bairnsdale Honour Roll Project

Some time ago I hinted at a project to try and find photographs, biographical and service details for all names listed on the Bairnsdale Honour Roll at the museum. With anniversaries of WWI approaching in 2015, I have bitten the bullet and

started. What have I done!!
The more I seek, the more I am scratching my head. Some names are absolutely untraceable and for all intents never existed, some are spelt incorrectly and others who should be there are not! If you have

a name on the roll and / or can help please feel free to contact me either at the rooms or museum or 5152 2378 (if you can catch me at home). Below is a sample of the type of sheets we are hoping to create for all listed. *ed.*

Shire of Bairnsdale Roll World War I

Roderick, F.



Frederick Roderick
Signature of person related

Name	Frederick Roderick
Service Number	715
Rank	Trooper
Unit	8th Light Horse Regiment 2nd Reinforcements
Enlisted	25 Sept. 1914 at Broadmeadows
Discharged	
Date of Death	7 August 1915, aged 23 yrs Gallipoli, Turkey
Cause of Death	Killed in Action
Memorial Details	Lone Pine Memorial Gallipoli, Turkey

Other Service Information

Frederick Roderick landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 27 July 1915 and was reported missing just eleven days later on the 7 August. It was over a week before his being killed in action was confirmed on the 7 August 1915.

Biographical Details

Frederick Roderick was the fourth child of Frederick and Annie (nee Brandbury) Roderick of Walpa, Lindenow and was born in 1892 at Coongulmerang. Frederick and Annie had married in South Australia in 1883 before arriving at Wuk Wuk to take up a selection.

Frederick was one of ten children and attended Wuk Wuk School and Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Calulu band which was formed in 1908 and the Bairnsdale Rifle Club.

When he enlisted he was a single man, labourer and described as being 6ft tall, 12st 4lb, of fair complexion with blue eyes and fair hair.

Sources
Richardson and Treasure, *History of Lindenow and District*
Mapping the Anzacs website, National Archives of Australia
Australia War Memorial Roll of Honour

Accession Register

The library continues to expand and grow with more group purchases and donations, many donations. Thank you. Here is a taste of some of the latest acquisitions....

CD

Bruthen Cemetery Headstones, Transcripts and Images
Harrow School Register 1801 - 1893
Historical Records Index for Tasmania, Victoria, NT and WA
Omeo Cemetery Headstones and Transcription
Sands and McDougall Melbourne Directory 1896 - 1900
Wellington College Register 1859 - 1923

Microfiche

Passengers and Crew on Convict Ships into Sydney 1830 - 40
Passengers and Crew In and Out of Sydney 1833 - 1840 (5 fiche)

Publications

A Century of Service - The Story of the Buchan Bush Nursing Service Around Bristol
Bairnsdale Advertiser B.D.M. Notices, 12 vols., 1981 - 2010
Bairnsdale - The Way We Were
Ballarat B.D.M. Notices
Baptisms Gippsland and NSW 1848 - 1855
Cart Licenses Northern Tasmania 1826 - 1831
Castlemaine B.D.M. Notices
Cemeteries of South West Victoria
Cemeteries of Victoria - A National Estate Survey
Come Rain, Hail or Shine - History of Meals on Wheels
Early Coastal Newspapers B.D.M 1877 - 1912
Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District
Fitted for the Voyage - Adelaide Steamship Co. Ltd. 1875 - 1975
Hobart Town Gazette
How to trace your Irish Ancestors
Hurley Family Tree
Index to Launceston Examiner Vol. 6 1872 - 76
Index to Launceston Examiner Vol. 7 1877 - 81
Liber Melburniensis
Little School on the Hill (Clifton Creek)
Lone Graves and Isolated Cemeteries of Victoria
Morgan's Street Directory of Melbourne
Mostly Clifton
My Most Interesting Ancestor (Tas. FHS)
Paradise of Dissent, South Australia 1829 - 1857
Phelan Family History
Pictorial History of Australia at War 1939 - 1945 Vol. 1 - 5
Pioneers and Settlers in the Police District of Kiama, NSW
Shipping Arrivals and Departures Tasmania 1803 - 1833
Sites of Historical Significance in the East Gippsland Region
St Mary's Hospital Hobart Index 1841 - 1862
Suffolk
The Bega Bushfires of 1952
The Growing of Hops in the Mitchell and Tambo Valleys
The Kiel Family and Related Scottish Pioneers
The North West Post Index Vol1 Part 1-5 1887 - 1908
The Splitters - Miles Family of Ulverstone, Tasmania
Transcript of the Parish Registers of St Mary, Thomkam Magna, Suffolk
Transcript of the Parish Registers of All Saints, Stoke Ash, Suffolk
Van Diemen's Land Heritage 1803 - 1878
White Sails, Whistlers and Woodlands

A.G.M.s, B.D.M.s and *what's new on* Trove

It is that time of the year again for the Annual General Meetings. The Historical Society meeting is set for Saturday 28th July with Graham Simpson as guest speaker showing his film of the Roussac family photographs. The Family History Group is having its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 11th August at the rooms at 2pm. So a reminder that your subs are also due now.

For those who haven't been on

Trove for a while it may well be worth your while to revisit the site. Many Gippsland papers have been added to this digitised and search friendly site. They include:
Bairnsdale Advertiser and Tambo and Omeo Chronicle (Vic.:1882-1918)
Gippsland Times (Vic.:1861-1954)
Maffra Spectator (Vic.:1882-1920)
Traralgon Record and Morwell, Mirboo, Toongabbie, Heyfield, Tyers and Callignee Advertiser (Traralgon, Vic.:1883-1886)
Traralgon Record (Traralgon, Vic.:1886-1932)

I have "wasted" many hours on the papers and then I went to the images and discovered their wonderful new "large" image download ability. Fantastic.

And there are some *new* BDMs that have just been released online and searchable.

WA Births 1841-1932 and England and Wales Births to 2005, Marriages to 2005 and Deaths to 2006 on the Ancestry site on the computer in the Family History Rooms.

Also on Ancestry is the National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) for England and Wales from 1858-1966.

In Memorium



Alfred Max Dyer

22 January 1929 - 7 March 2011

For some of those born at “Sister Bull’s” it is worn like a badge of honour - it is ancestral proof of being a Gippslander - and Max was one of these.

Max was the son of Alfred George and Emily Mary (nee Parkes) Dyer. His father was a bullock driver which may have influenced his love of all things “Australian”. During his working life he was a farmer and shearer.

He married Barbara Carlyle and they had one son, Wayne.

Max was a member for almost fifteen years across two centuries (he would have liked that) and contributed to the history of the region with several well researched books on the Gibbo region.

He was a meticulous researcher and interpreter of the historic landscape. He would never claim any historic fact until such time as he could prove it and back it with documentary evidence. He was instrumental in seeing that forgotten mountain cemeteries were permanently memorialised.

A funeral service in his beloved mountains was held at Benambra where he was buried and we extend our sympathies to his family in their loss.

Gwenda Mary Leighton

7 July 1920 - 7 March 2012

Gwen was a member of the EGFHG for over ten years, and it was only when her health failed her, that her membership lapsed in 2001.

Gwen was the daughter of Albert Edward and Ellen Amelia Attenborough and was born in Yarram. He father was a farmer in the district. Her mother was one of the Newberry family, her father being a local photographer of long standing in the district.

Gwen married Joseph Neighman, then later Thomas Leighton. She had three children, Mary, Leona and Albert, of whom only Mary survives.

When returning to Australia from Fiji in July 1949, Gwen recalled that the DC3 she was on almost crashed, with one engine out and another on fire. **She said that it was “like the hand of God lifted the plane up”** when they were low enough to see the white caps on the waves. The plane was many hours overdue before landing safely thanks to the ex WWII pilot who was in charge. He reputedly had never “lost a plane”. **One of her fellow passengers on that flight was Arthur Calwell, the then Minister for Immigration in the Chifley government.**



Jenny Williams

8 February 1944 - 28 April 2012

Jenny Williams so enjoyed her family history research that she was known to **have “adopted” friends families to** research when she exhausted her own. She was a member of the group for over fifteen years up until two years ago. Jenny was the daughter of Clyde and Ethel Lambourn. Our sympathies go to Kym, Trent and Carly in their loss.

Clive Henderson Macdonald

23 July 1925 - 17 March 2012

Those of us who knew Clive, knew of his passion for family (and local) history. He was born at Stockdale to Robert William and Edith Maud Macdonald. Edith had been a Hempel before marriage. He married Moreen Heatherill and they had three children, James, Kathryn (dec.) and Stephen.

Clive joined the family history group in 1990 and contributed greatly in the formative years of the group.

As ill health and limited mobility took over Clive was less active in the group but always happy to talk about family history whenever you bumped into him in the street.

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