

Reflections

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday March 16th Our March forum - 2pm – 4pm in the Heritage Centre Meeting Room.

Format for this meeting is as yet undecided. You will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

In **May** we are hoping **Megan Gibson** will be our guest speaker. Megan is a writer and genealogist who has worked as a researcher for some of the Australian episodes of *Who Do You Think You Are?*. Again, we will let you know as soon as arrangements are finalised. If you want to check out Megan's web site, it is www.familytreetime.com.au.

FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

Starting off the year with our first FTM User Group. Please bring along your laptop, internet connection if required, extension lead, etc, and a list of questions you may have. Feel free to notify us of your questions and/or problems prior to the session.

Session 1 - Place Names and entering them correctly in Family Tree Maker.

Session 2 – General Questions and Discussion

Date: **Saturday, 23 February 2013**
Venue: Heritage Centre Meeting Room
Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm
RSVP: piadgs@gmail.com

Contact: Genevieve Hayes (5956 6340) or Suzanne Hayes (0418 512 404)

Make sure that you do a back-up of your FTM data, just in case!

IGA COWES

Anyone shopping at the IGA Grocery store in Cowes, please give our **Shopper Number 595** and all credits will go to the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc. It would be most appreciated by the Committee if you could spare a few points.

Contributions are accepted in good faith and the Newsletter Committee do not accept responsibility for accuracy of information or opinions expressed.

I HATED MY NAME

Susan Lilley

At school in the 1950's there was a naughty song about 'Seven Old Ladies' who got locked in the lavatory. I would never have let mum and dad know that I knew it.

"The third one in was old Mrs Humphrey(s),
She sat down and made herself comfy,
Then she found she couldn't get her bum free
Nobody knew she was there"

So having the surname Humphries, it was not one that I liked! I fixed that as an adult by taking my husband's surname.

As the eldest grandchild on both parents' sides I was the honoured recipient of family histories. My Humphries family history was typewritten on twenty-two yellowing foolscap pages, with a few attached notes, and some penned in new descendents. The fact that the Humphries family came to Australia on the "Norwood" under the name of "Perrin" had been established and PROV had cross referenced Humphries and Perrin as the same family. It was believed to be her maiden name, as shown on the birth certificates of children born in Australia.

Over the years my cousins and I received smatterings of extra research and the branches were extended as new babies were born. There are times when life is so busy that family tree research is not a priority

In retirement I resumed researching. My other forebear's existence in England, Wales and Germany was evident in many genealogical records, but I never found the "Humphries" prior to their arrival Australia. I wondered what I was doing wrong.

Last year it only took a short time in the Oxfordshire Archives, UK to confirm there were no records of the dates I had of Humphries births, deaths or marriages from "The Family Bible" in their archives at all.

With the help of the Oxfordshire Family History Society, I found the Perrin family in the 1851 census in Oxfordshire, the names and ages of the children corresponding with the passenger list of the 'Norwood'. I could have done that before, in the PIADGS rooms, but I had thought there must be records of the Humphries in the UK.

So the Perrin family arrived here in 1854 and from that time called themselves Humphries. Why is another story yet to be written.

The Humphries family in Australia put up with incredible hardship and were a true pioneering family. They worked hard and established a great family in this new world of equality and opportunity. I am proud to be descended from them.



*William & Hannah (or Anne) Humphries
previously known as William & Anne Perrin*

But, as a ten year old I would have liked being "Susan Perrin". There's no verse about them!

A commercial traveller in the West received the following telegram from his wife:-
"Twins arrived to-night. More by mail."

He went at once to the nearest office and sent the following reply:-
"I leave for home to-night. If any more have come by mail, send to Dead Letter Office."

Queanbeyan Age. Friday 17 August 1906

CITING OUR SOURCES

“Sighting our Sauces”

David Rathgen

In the previous edition of *Reflections* I outlined the basic principles for citing our printed sources – books, journals and the like.

The basic pattern for giving references to CDs, computer data bases and the like is very similar:- Author (wherever known); Title (of the CD or database); Publisher and wherever possible a full reference; and the date the information was either published or discovered by you.

CDs etc

When making a first reference to an index such as those in our rooms (eg Digger etc), be as complete as possible:

- Author: The specific author is usually omitted here.
- Title: *Federation Index, Victoria 1889-1901: Indexes to Births Deaths and Marriages in Victoria*;
- Publisher: Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Victoria;
- © VicHeritage,
- Date: 1997.

Verify

If in doubt: ASK!

I wanted to make sure that the style I am commending here was acceptable to the publisher, VicHeritage; so I wrote to them (and also to Macbeth Genealogical Services Pty Ltd, who have not replied). Here is VicHeritage’s reply:

“The citation style you propose is acceptable to the Registry, as **it comprehensively identifies the source of the information.**

However, I would recommend you consult Chapter 2 of the Australian Government *Style Manual* (6th ed, John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 2002) for an authoritative technical overview of citation standards.

John Hartley; Legal & Policy Officer; 24/08/2012”

Notice the words “comprehensively identifies the source of the information.” This is the key to good citations. Our Library does not yet have a copy of the ‘Style Manual’ referred to; my own copy is the 5th edition which I have used (and which is now donated to our Society’s library).

Subsequent instances may be abbreviated to:-

- *Federation Index*, VicHeritage, 1997

Here is another common CD example:

- Author: there is no specific author mentioned, this can be omitted.
- Title: *South Australian Birth Registrations 1842-1906*;
- Publisher: © South Australian and Heraldry Society Inc;
- Macbeth Genealogical Services Pty Ltd; 1998.

Subsequent instances abbreviated to:-

South Australian Births 1842-1906; Macbeth 1998.

Internet sites:

We find information on the internet. Here is one I found recently for the Finger family in Queensland:

In the first instance, be as complete as possible:-

- Author: John Finger
- Title: “The Finger Family in Australia”
- Place: Queensland, Australia;
- Publisher: <http://www.fingerfamily.com/html/australia.html>
- (viewed 21 August 2012)
- When citing from the internet ALWAYS add the date you found it or viewed it or used it. Material comes and goes so quickly we need to assure others that it was there on that date.

Subsequent uses of this material can be shortened to:

- John Finger, “The Finger Family in Australia” August 2012 .
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Internet Sites such as Ancestry or Find My Past are treated in a similar fashion.

In the first instance, be as complete as possible:-

- (Author's or Owner's name if found)
- (Name of Tree or other identifier)
- (*copy the URL reference from your search engine; find an author or owner*) e.g. <http://www.fingerfamily.com/>
- Publisher: Findmypast (UK) 2012 brightsolid online publishing limited, trading as findmypast.co.uk;
- (viewed date)

Subsequent uses of this material can be shortened to:

- (Name of Tree or other identifier)
- Find My Past (UK) (viewed date)

Here is my suggestion when using Ancestry.com

In the first instance, be as complete as possible:-

- Author: (Owner's name if found)
- Title: (name of Tree or other identifier)
- Publisher: Ancestry.com (copy the URL reference from your search engine, for example:- <http://www.ancestryeuropa.lu/about-ancestry/legal/>)
- (viewed 7 May 2012).

Subsequent uses of this material can be shortened to:

- (Author's or Owner's name if found)
- (Name of Tree or other identifier)
- Ancestry.com
- (viewed date)

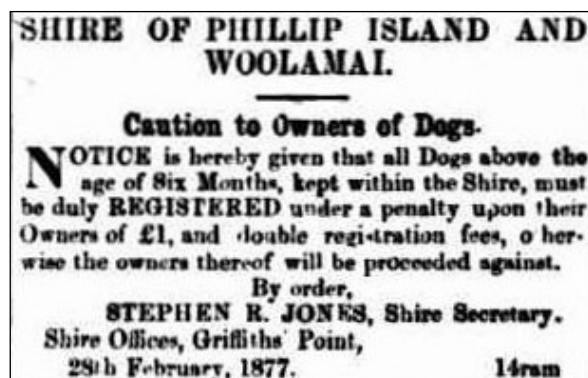
In the next edition of Reflections, I will draw attention to citing from original documents.

Since our Forum in September 2012, Peter MacClellan kindly supplied a page from "Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian" by Elizabeth Shown Mills, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore Maryland, 1997, page 44, Figure 7 'Guidelines for analyzing evidence.' Thank you, Peter.

ATTEMPT AT RAPE.

Wm CRABB, of Callington, was indicted for assaulting Jane Pyne, of St Ives, a married woman, on the 18th of May last, with intent to ravish and carnally know her; he was also indicted for common assault. Mr Hockin appeared for the prosecution, and Mr E. Coode and Mr John appeared for the defence. The case was full of details that are totally unfitted for publication. The jury before Mr Coode had concluded his address, stopped the case and found verdict of not guilty.

The West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser.
12 July 1839



South Bourke and Mornington Journal.
Wednesday 7 March 1877

Thomas Kemp, hanged for sheepstealing

*Here lies the body of Thomas Kemp,
Who lived by wool and died by hemp;
There nothing would suffice the glutton
But with the fleece to steal the mutton;
Had he but worked and lived uprighter,
He'd ne'er been hung for a sheep-biter.*

Malcolm Downie:

*Here lies interr'd a man o' micht,
They ca'd him Malcolm Downie;
He lost his life ae market night,
By fa'ing aff his pownie.
Aged 37 Years.*

MORNINGTON AND SOUTH GIPPSLAND

by A TRAVELLER

No. 5

BASS

The oldest settlement in Mornington, and one of the most backward as regards improvements. As you approach the township – if you can call it one – you see that the inhabitants are fifty years behind the times. Trees, &c., are standing as they were fifty years ago; no fine streets meet your view; no side-walks, or clear streams of water running alongside to cleanse and purify, though there is plenty of water there, I can assure you. For a summer residence, for hunting, fishing, or shooting, and good air, it is superior to say in Mornington, but in the winter it is “the very deil.” The buildings of any note are the Schoolhouse, Bass Hotel, and Pender’s private residence at Bass Park, which abuts the township. All the other habitations are built after the Irish style of architecture, combines with the “Highland bakey” system. Indeed the residents – some of 34 years’ standing – might well exclaim, “Tea-tree you’re my darling, and dab you’re another.” For if ever they had any energy they must have kept it inside their houses, as outside their habitations are wretched in the extreme. It seems they are content with a few cattle, horses, pigs, geese &c., running about, wattle and dab for a shelter, and they think Bass a second heaven and the grandest place in Victoria.

At this place and for miles east there are thousands of acres of the finest land ready and open for selection, but the Mines and Lands Departments have had it proclaimed a mineral area, therefore no man can select more than 20 acres. The roads are about the worst in the colony. The present government and all former ones have sadly neglected this part of the colony, for in looking over some papers and returns in my possession, I find that the government has received from land sales, licenses, rents, &c., a sum of £70,000, and spent the magnificent sum of £4000! Indeed it was a race between one minister and another of the different governments that have been in existence since 1856 which could prevaricate most. Three hotels grace this place. Where they get their customers from is a puzzle, as most of the inhabitants get their wants supplied by the trading captains in Westerport Bay. I put up at the Bass Hotel, which is on the Woolamai side of the bridge. After a good night’s rest I pushed on my way. The first property you come to is Duardin’s, back on the river is M’Haffie’s, then Messrs Anderson’s, Kidd and Turnbull’s. Now we are in what is commonly called coal country, and as it demands more than a passing notice, I shall try and describe Griffith’s Point, as it stands near the junction of Westernport Bay and the ocean, at and near “Cleeland’s folly,” Cape Woolamai. This is the place where the coal-mines tramway runs to a jetty they have built. The Government, with that favoritism that “Bristling Jimmy” displays to those that give him a vote, has erected another jetty, light, crane, &c. Talk about stone-wallers, ultra free-traders, partial protectionists! I firmly believe that that there is more legislation done in Cleeland’s Albion that is done in the Assembly by the one-pound-an-hour gentlemen. There are two jetties, one on the mainland, and the other in the township called Newhaven, where the gulls are the only living things that break the monotony..

Now for that misery of miseries,

GRIFFITH’S POINT

This place is beyond all redemption, full of arrogance and assurance. It can boast of a school house, three hotels, with about as much trade as would buy oatmeal to bait a mouse-trap, in fact it is a matter of astonishment to hear of a stranger’s visit, though it is pampered by the Melbourne land owners on Phillip Island. Mails three times a week, and the monthly returns during the past eightenn months have not averaged 200 papers, letters, &c. Other parts of Mornington can scarcely obtain one mail a week. A worthy hotel-keeper of Melbourne has built and let a fine hotel here, and whether it is the landlord himself, or that the residents of this fishing hamlet are not used to good furniture or clean and tidy bars and rooms, I wot not, but trade here has fallen, I believe, to an average of 10s. per week. If I were a publican I would not care so much for that if I could get any employment within a small radius, but every one here is steeped in poverty to such an extent that they all sup with the same “gibby.” I think the amount of traffic is not likely to cause that highly intelligent body the Shire Council of Woolamai and Phillip Island to have their streets metalled, nor do I think this place will ever become famous except for a seaside residence for lunatics – in fact, a local supply could already be guaranteed. Near the coal mines stands the only police quarters in my travels since I left Cranbourne.. Crime here is almost unknown, and the constable’s duties mainly consist in looking after timber licences.

