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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All meetings are held at our rooms, 56 Chapel St., Cowes

Saturday 27 May 2017 at 2pm

Pamela Rothfield 'The Phillip Island Cemetery and some of the people who reside there'

Pam is a fourth generation Islander, secretary of the Phillip Island Cemetery Trust, a member of Phillip Island Historical Society and is passionate about history. Please RSVP, for catering purposes, by Wednesday 24 May to piadgs@gmail.com with "cemetery talk" as subject

With the celebration of 150 years of settlement in 2018, this is an opportunity for all of us to learn more of the history of our island.

Saturday 3 June 2017 Family Tree Maker User Group 1.30pm – 4pm

Latest News – Software McKiev 2017 update
Doug Elms – Demonstration of FTM 2017
Citing sources in FTM

\$2.00 for Members; \$5.00 for Non-Members. For catering purposes, **RSVP by Thursday, 1 June 2017** to PIADGS at piadgs@gmail.com with "FTM User Group" in the subject line

Saturday 8 July 2017 at 2pm **Barbara Knell. 'Journey through time'**

Barb. will share her exciting family history which includes convicts, squatters, adventurers and moonshiners backed up by photos, clothing, a stuffed owl and a family tree. Come and see the memories come alive.
Please RSVP for catering purposes, by Wednesday 5 July to piadgs@gmail.com with "journey through time" as subject

Saturday 22 July 2017 Christmas in July. \$20 per head. RSVP by 8 July

Saturday 5 August 2017 Family Tree Maker User Group 1.30pm – 4pm

Saturday 19 August 2017 Trivia Night. 7pm. Bring your own nibble & drinks.
Tea & coffee provided

October. 'Brick wall swap'. More information closer to the date

Phillip Island's artist of brush and palette fame (Mr. G. Whaley) is also of an enterprising turn of mind, judging by his latest development. On the foreshore at Cowes for some weeks he had been at work building a house-boat in which he purposes taking excursions to Woolamai and elsewhere, when they come on visits to the island. The house-boat will be furnished with a cabin containing bunks to hold several persons, and all the necessary etceteras that go to make a floating house a comfortable home for the time being, have been arranged for by Mr Whaley. Some very nice examples of the latter's brush have been on show in several of the business houses at various times throughout the year. To say that he is an enthusiast in portraying the beauties of nature on canvas is putting it very mildly. Cape Woolamai with its magnificent scope for the painter appeals strongly to Mr Whaley. We wish him every success in his enterprise.



Text: Frankston and Somerville Standard. Friday 11 May 1923

Photo: C. K. Newman

A VOYAGE FROM HOBART TOWN TO MELBOURNE IN 1860

Transcribed from the hand-written (in pencil) diary of my great great uncle.

April 1860

- 25th Sailed from Hobart Town on the Schooner 'Tamar' at 12 a.m. wind fair but light.
- 26th Calm during night and nearly got ashore. Off Cape Raoul about 3 pm with light head wind.
- 27th Rounded Cape Pillar during night. Off Maria Island about 2pm - no wind.
- 28th Breeze freshened up from northward during night and continued. Sighted the "Hargraves" bound for Snowy River at 7 a.m. - Off Schouten Island at 2 p.m. "Hargraves" to leeward - no wind
- 29th Sunday - Brig bound for Hobart Town passed us before daylight. - "Tasmania" steamer passed us to windward of Schouten Island at 9 a.m. bound for Melbourne. Stiff breeze blowing from northward. Took in sail in afternoon and reefed topsail and mainsail. -
- 30th Blew very hard during night, made no headway. - Stiff head wind all day, but sea down a little. Off St Patricks Head at 3 p.m. -

May

- 1st Blowing hard all night but made a little headway. - Off St Georges' Rocks at 9 a.m. - At 6 p.m. came to anchor under Swan Island. - Strong head wind.
- 2nd Weighed anchor at turn of tide about midnight. Wind the same, and heavy sea running in the Straits. - To windward of Goose Island at 9 a.m. wind increasing, and tide against us. Came to anchor under Hummock Island at 11 a.m. - Went ashore for water but found none - 5 p.m. blowing a gale. Let go the second anchor. -
- 3rd At 11 a.m. hove in the starboard anchor, - no change of wind. In afternoon rained and blew harder.
- 4th Blew very hard all night but rode it out with one anchor down. - Squally during day - with sunshine occasionally
- 5th No change. Blowing as hard as before
- 6th Sunday. Hove up the anchor at 9 a.m. and set sail, but obliged to run to our anchorage again being unable to get away from the Island. Anchored at 1 p.m.
- 7th Got under weigh at 8 a.m. and tried the N.W. end of the Island but found too much sea running and a dangerous *part* to work the vessel. Ran back to our anchorage again.
- 8th Got under weigh again shortly after 7 a.m. and steered for the main land in hopes of a change of wind. Blowing the same from S.W. and heavy sea running. To windward of Goose Island at 10 a.m. Dropped anchor under Waterhouse Island at dusk

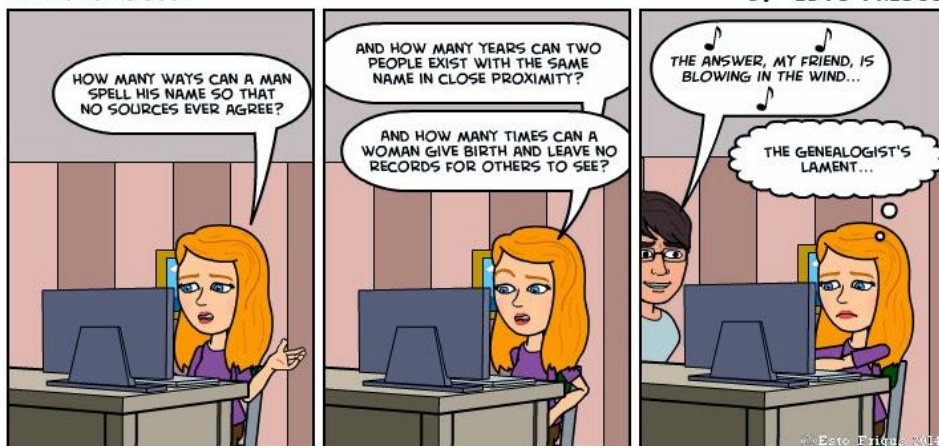
- 9th Went ashore and got two casks of water and two sheep. In the afternoon hove up anchor and went about a mile further up where we anchored in a more sheltered spot. Went ashore on Little Waterhouse Island and shot some rabbits. Wind about West and more moderate.
- 10th Blew very hard from westward all night - obliged to give more cable and get the second anchor ready. - lay there all day - no change.
- 11th No change - still at anchor
- 12th No change of wind, occasional showers of rain. About 3p.m., sighted a brig supposed to be the "Montezuma" bound for Hobart Town -
- 13th Sunday. Blew very hard all night but lulled towards morning. Hove up anchor at 10 a.m. and put out. Very heavy sea on and wind increased. no change..
- 14th Wind moderated through the night, and continued so throughout the day. Making some headway but no shift of wind.
- 15th Change of wind during night. - Sighted Curtis Island about 8 a.m. - light breeze with slight change
- 16th Wind about the same all night. Sighted Main land early. Breeze getting up. - Beating about all day. Sighted a steamer and barque. -
- 17th Wind very changeable all night. - Arrived at Port Phillip Heads about 8 a.m., and when just entering a heavy squall took us which obliged us to let go top halyards, and lower the mainsail. Continued to blow a gale. Reefed topsail and mainsail. Steam tug arrived and towed us up to the wharf - where we arrived about 2 p.m. blowing hard all the time.

Jan Andrews

I went looking for an ancestor I cannot find him still.
 He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.
 He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.
 He avoided any man who came to take the US census.
 He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.
 And every 20 years, this rascal changed his name.
 His parents came from Europe, they could be on some list.
 Of passengers to the USA, but somehow he got missed.
 And no one else anywhere is searching for this man.
 So I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.
 I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed.
 But the weather took the engraving and some vandal took the rest.
 He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.
 No family Bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts.
 To top it off this ancestor, who has caused me many groans,
 Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES!

<http://members.home.nl/sjouwke/genealogie/jokes.htm>

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'SECRET GOOGLE TRICKS FOR GENEALOGY THAT'LL HELP YOU FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

1. Apply Quotation Marks

Also known as a string search this is one of the best, and most obvious ways, to limit search results in Google. When you type in a name like James Wilcox, Google will search the entire title and text of pages for those terms. They do not need to be related to each other – so you may turn up a page with James and Wilcox, but not necessarily a page where these terms appear together.

Use “James Wilcox” or “Wilcox, James” to limit results (remember that many genealogy related sites place the last name first). Also apply quotations around terms like “obituary” to make them exact — otherwise Google will substitute other words like ‘death’ or ‘died.’ This can be helpful in some situations, but for others it can be a big hassle and turn up many unwanted results

2. Use the Minus Sign

Oftentimes when we are searching for ancestors, especially those with common names, we may find that a certain person or location we're NOT looking for turns up again and again, clouding our results. For instance, a James Wilcox who lived in Somerset keeps coming up for us. He's definitely not our guy, so we'll exclude the term Somerset.

Place a minus sign before a term to exclude these unwanted results (Example: “wilcox, james” 1837 mahala -somerset). The minus sign can be placed in front of many terms to further refine results (-dunbar -somerset -1907) or term strings (-“Wilcox, James Robinson”). Just make sure that the minus sign is placed directly before the term with no space in between. This works to exclude specific sites as well (-rootsweb).

3. Get Site Specific Results

Would you like to get search results only for a specific website, such as FamilySearch? Use 'site:SITEURL' before a term or terms to do this. Example: site:familysearch.org “wilcox, james” –note that we didn't place a space between 'site:' and the url and that we didn't include the 'http://www' part either.

4. Search Only Page Titles

When looking for a specific ancestor it can be very helpful to have the pages you turn up *only* be ones that focus on that individual alone. Or, when searching for a surname, to find articles centered around that specific last name. Making sure a search term appears in the title of the page is a good way to do this. This isn't always true of course, and you'll miss a lot of results this way, but when looking for discussions about a person, biographies or in-depth data it can be a very helpful trick.

To search *only* web page titles use 'allintitle:' Example: allintitle: “Wilcox, James.” You can also search only the text, and exclude the titles, by using 'allintext:'

5. Search a Date Range

This is one of the best and most underused Google search tips for genealogists. This super cool trick lets you search multiple dates at one time without having to enter them individually. This is hugely helpful if you are looking for birth, marriage or death records (or any date based source) but don't know the exact date of an event.

Just add DATE..DATE to your search box to accomplish this (two periods in between the dates like this 1900..1910). For instance, we know that James Wilcox was most likely born between 1835 and 1839 based on the information we have, so we could search for “Wilcox, James” 1835..1839. This will bring up only pages that include one or all of the dates 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838 and 1839. It will not *exclude* pages that include other dates (which we usually would not want to do.) But if we did want to do that we could exclude any date by typing -DATE, such as -1840 after our other terms.

6. Search for Terms Near Each Other

One of the most frustrating things about searching for ancestors in Google is that, while the engine will search an entire page for your terms, your terms may not have any association to each other. As mentioned early on in this article, that can cause major problems for

genealogists since many pages include long lists of dates and names. It is entirely possible, for example, to find the exact names, dates and other details you're looking for — but not in relation to each other in any way. For instance, our searches for James Wilcox and 1837 turned up pages that include James Wilcox and the date 1837, but that date was often applied to other people on the page.

However, there is a way to ask Google to find terms near each other! Enter AROUND(1) between terms to do this. An example would be: "James Wilcox" AROUND(10) 1837. That means we want Google to look for pages where the exact name James Wilcox appears within 10 words of the date 1837. You can change the modifying number to anything you want ("James Wilcox" AROUND(3) 1837 or "James Wilcox AROUND(1) Mahala) a lower number means a closer association and thus, usually, fewer results. We can also apply this to multiple terms (Example: "Wilcox, James" AROUND(10) Mahala AROUND(5) 1837). You will be blown away by how much this helps you find more relevant results.

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/6-secret-google-search-tricks-for-genealogy-thatll-help-you-find-your-ancestors/>

Thank you to Elaine Alexander for forwarding this to me

MORE FREE INTERNET SITES

- Polish roots <http://polishroots.org/GenDobry/tabid/60/Default.aspx>
- Meanings & distribution of surnames <http://forebears.io/surnames>
- Victorian Post Office Directory 1966-1867
<https://google.com.au/books?id=wQkFAAAAYAAJ&dq=&hl=en>
- Victorian Inquest deposition files 1840-1925
<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1805122>
- Home front Ballarat WW1 <http://www.ballaratww1.org.au>
- Port Phillip District. Ancestors in Victoria prior to 1852 <http://www.portphillipdistrict.info>
- South Australia Early Settler Records <http://familyhistorysa.info/colonists.html>
- Irish Lives Remembered genealogy e-magazine
<http://irishlivesremembered.com/>
- Addressing History. A searchable, historical database of towns and cities of Scotland.
<http://addressinghistory.edina.ac.uk/>
- Genealogy In Time e-magazine Newest genealogy records
<http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-records.html>

NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

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| Lewis, H. John | Salisbury South Australia. A history of the town and district |
| Collins, David | English colony in New South Wales. 2 volumes |

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. Tate Platt – A correspondent under this signature, evidently badly afflicted with the cacoethes scribendi has of late sent us several lengthy letters. We beg as a particular favor that he will not write any more, it is really too bad to subject us to such a deluge of twaddle, and we cannot consent to subject our readers to a similar infliction.

Wellington Independent (N.Z.). 6 December 1862
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/>

PHILLIP ISLAND IN THE NEWS

Herdsmen and Constable's Horse.

"THE RETORT 'CORTEOUS.'"

A good deal of laughter was occasioned at the council meeting of the shire of Phillip Island and Woolamai, when councillors received a report from Mr A. J. Walton, herdsman for the Phillip Island riding; who is also the rabbit inspector.

The officer reported that on April 20 he had impounded off the roads a horse supposed to belong to Constable Wilkins. He considered that his office of rabbit inspector gave him a permit to camp on Crown lands, but Constable Wilkins asked him for his permit to camp which he did not have. The constable then told him to shift his camp. He asked, "How long will you give me to shift, and the constable replied, "As long as it took you to impound my horse." The herdsman asked if a permit was necessary to forward same at once. He had shifted but would go back.

Amidst laughter, Cr McIlwraith suggested that the herdsman might shift camp when ranging.

Mr Bonwick, secretary, said he wrote stating that in his opinion the herdsman had a permit as rabbit inspector to camp on Crown lands.

The Powlett Express. Friday 19 May 1916

The first ball under the auspices of the Phillip Island Football Club, took place at Leeson's Hall, on Friday evening the 13th inst. The Hall was beautifully decorated with ferns and evergreens. The ball committee worked hard to make the affair a success, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, I am pleased to say their efforts were amply rewarded. First class music was provided by Messrs Groves, Burton and Jeury, while Mr A. McLardy officiated as M.C. There being about 30 couples present. In addition to the 24 dances on the programme, there were 9 specials and it was exactly half-past five

San Remo.

AN ALLEGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

Our San Remo correspondent writes:—The local shire hall is sadly in need of a new piano. The one at present in use is rusty and wiry; some of the notes are missing and the rest hopelessly out of tune. The vocalists at concerts are placed at a cruel disadvantage and cannot do justice to themselves, while the dancers have unnecessary pounds of lead added to their feet. If things are not improved we shall have in a short while people repeating after our entertainments the words with which an old-time musician relieved his tortured soul when speaking of some unsatisfactory theatre performers:

You think they are crusaders, sent
From some infernal clime,
To pluck the eyes of Sentiment,
And dock the tale of Rhyme,
To crack the voice of Melody,
And break the legs of Time,

And when it comes to an overture on the shire hall piano one is irresistibly reminded of the pathetic notice posted in American drink saloons: "Do not shoot the pianist, he is doing his best." An effort should be made to obtain a new instrument, or at least to expend £5 in an endeavour to re-stituate the present moribund one

The Powlett Express. Friday 14 July 1916

o'clock on Saturday morning when the assembly broke up, everyone declaring that the affair was the most enjoyable and successful one that has taken place at Cowes. Most of the guests present showed their appreciation of the affair by wearing rosettes of "Royal and Scarlet" ribbon. I must not omit to mention that the catering was intrusted to Mr Leeson, and reflected great praise for the able manner in which it was carried out.

Mornington Standard. Saturday 21 June 1890

SODS LAW OF GENEALOGY: After years of painstaking research when you finally solve the mystery of the skeleton in the closet, your tight-lipped spinster aunt will sniff, "Well, I could have told you all that!"

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/>

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.