

Society Notes

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Mission achieved: the restoration of the exterior of the Undertaker's building is complete



Photo: Jill Wheeler

With the erection of a new sign (behind the fence to the left of the building in the photo) announcing the location of the Linton and District Historical Society, the restoration of the building as the home and Resource Centre for the Society is now completed (see story inside).

Dear Members,

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support. As you know, we operate with a small, dedicated team of volunteers. Your membership directly contributes to the maintenance and preservation of our historical records and artefacts and our operational costs such as electricity and building maintenance. It is with your help that we can keep our local history alive.

On the enclosed membership renewal form, please **check and complete all the sections** to ensure details are up to date. Rest assured that your information is confidential and is not disclosed to any person or organisation.

The Story of ‘The Gables’: one of Linton’s notable houses

Visitors to Linton often ask about the Gables - a very attractive house on the corner of the Glenelg Highway and the Geelong Road, which has been described as having a “doll’s house” appearance.

The house has only been there since the 1950s, but the site was first occupied by a hotel in the early days of Linton’s history. The earliest building on the site was The Victoria Hotel, built in 1860 (see page 3).



‘The Gables’ as it is today

Photo: Jill Wheeler

Former Linton resident, Anne Nelson, wrote to the Society a couple of years ago with these memories of the time when she lived at the Gables:

I lived there for two years from 1998 to 2001. I was the first Nelson in a long time to return to live in Linton. As my name is Anne I was known as Anne from “The Gables”. (“Anne of Green Gables”).

The house was built by a builder named Basil MacDonald (deceased) who retired to Ballarat. He built the house for his wife and daughter. I fell in love with it the moment I drove over and down the hill.

The materials that were used were all second hand sourced from various building wreckers and buildings being demolished in and around Ballarat. The front door had been a church window. The double hung swing door between the lounge and dining room was from a hotel. Beautiful piece of leadlight.

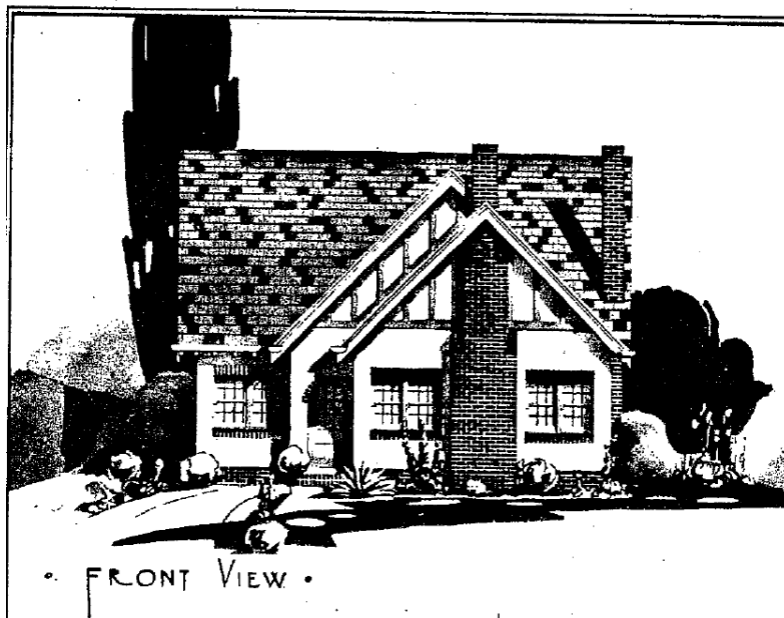
The blue cobblestones in the backyard (if they are still there) were from the original stables that went with the pub. The little room out the back was built for Basil’s wife who was an artist.

I have not seen the property for a long time, but when I last visited, the then owners had chopped down the magnificent Liquid Amber in the front garden which was a show piece in Autumn. It was sight to be seen as you came over and down the hill. Everyone used to admire it. Some even stopped to take photos, especially in the Autumn. Also there was an ornamental grapevine on the garage which was also a picture. The whole garden was striking in the Autumn.

The Camellia bushes were also a treat. I just wonder if the Magnolia tree is still in the front garden. It was there when the pub was there. It was well over 50 years old.

The design of ‘The Gables’

Although the house was built in the 1950s, the style is more suggestive of the 1930s. The Golden Plains Shire Heritage Consultant, David Rowe, has provided the following sketch of a house design that was popular with the State Savings Bank in the 1940s. There are similarities with design of ‘The Gables’.



The Victoria Hotel

Built in 1860, this hotel was initially operated by Mr Blunt until it was bought by Mrs Murrell in 1881. In 1864, before the Shire Offices and Hall were built, the Council paid 15 shillings a week to hire a room for Council meetings. It was a popular stopping off place for travellers and many local groups held dinners and entertainments in the large dining room. In 1909, a room was used by a Ballarat dentist who visited monthly. The hotel was demolished in 1938.



The Victoria Hotel, Skipton Rd, looking south-west, c.1900, on the site where The Gables was later built. The people standing outside are identified as Bill, Caroline, Mary, Sarah and Charlotte Murrell. Photo: LDHS collection

The Kvapil/Hayward family and the Displaced Persons' camp at Snake Valley

Thirty-five people attended our History Night on a chilly winter's night on 19 June in the Shire Offices to hear Christine Uren speak about her memories of growing up in Linton in the 1950s and 1960s.

Christine's mother, Phyllis Hayward, came from a Snake Valley family and Phyllis was working as a teenager in the family butchery business when she met Christine's father, John (his adopted Australian name) Kvapil, who was resident in the Displaced Persons' Camp at Snake Valley after World War 2. Christine spoke about her father's previous life in Czechoslovakia, his daring escape across several borders at the end of the war and his eventual arrival in Australia as a displaced person in 1949. Under the Australian post-war Displaced Persons' Scheme, people were indentured to work for two years for the Government, and were usually sent to live in camps in regional areas (see the box below). Thus, John Kvapil ended up in the camp in Snake Valley, along with many other European men.



Christine Uren (right) and her sister Sandra at the June History Night Photo: Drew Hopkins

Christine remembered fondly her early childhood and teenage years growing up in a close family in Linton. She described it as a wonderfully free and happy time enjoying simple pleasures together with family and friends. Her reminiscences sparked many in the audience to share their memories too, and the lively discussion continued over a delicious supper. Presented here are summaries of her family's story.

World War 2 Displaced Persons in Australia

The Snake Valley camp was one of many places to which approximately 170,000 Displaced Persons from Europe were sent after their arrival in Australia between 1947 and 1952.

By the end of the Second World War in 1945, there were literally millions of displaced persons in Europe. Some were displaced as a result of their homes being destroyed by the war, others were displaced when they fled from the advancing, destructive armies. Many more came from Nazi concentration camps, others were people who had been slave labourers of the German government, or conscripted into the German army. With the redrawing of national boundaries after the war, still more people were displaced. For example, the redrawing of the German/Polish boundary led to the eviction of millions of Germans from what had been East Prussia, but was now part of Poland.

The Australian Displaced Persons scheme was introduced by Arthur Calwell, the Minister for Immigration in the post-war Chifley government. Those selected for the scheme became indentured workers in Australia for two years. They were sent to a variety of places to work – for example, in agriculture, on the railways, to Yallourn to work in the open cut coal mine and to the Snowy River Hydro-Electric Scheme). Generally they were sent to jobs that could not be filled by Australians. For many who had not been used to physical labour, the work was a great burden. Consequently, some were happy to return home, while many married local girls and remained in Australia.

The main nationalities were: Polish 63,000; Baltic states (Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia) 34,000; Yugoslav 23,500; Ukrainian 14,400; Hungarian 11,919; Czech 9,000.

For further information on Australia's Displaced Persons program, see *Beautiful Balts* by Jayne Persian; 2017, NewSouth Publishing, University of NSW Press Ltd, Sydney (the above figures were obtained from this source).



The Snake Valley Displaced Persons Camp in 1949

Photo courtesy Karen Ronan

The Kvapil family

John Adolf Kvapil was born in 1920, in a small town in Czechoslovakia, called Slavonice. At the end of the war, Czechoslovakia was occupied by the army of the Soviet Union, and, as the Soviet government's intention was to ensure that a repressive communist pro-Soviet government would be in power, many people sought to escape to non-communist countries. John was one who successfully escaped from Slavonice, across the border into Austria, then made his way to Naples, Italy. Here he boarded a ship named the "Goya". On board were 440 males, 269 females, 179 children and 7 infants, all displaced persons. The Goya left Naples on 26th November 1949 and arrived in Melbourne on 25th December 1949. The passengers disembarked the next day, where two special trains took them to the migrant camp in Bonegilla, where many post World War 2 immigrants began their lives in Australia.

After arriving in Bonegilla, John was sent to the Displaced Persons camp located between Snake Valley and Linton. He was contracted to work for the Government for three years with the Forestry Commission. They would cut wood to fuel the steam trains. The men were divided into three groups - one group to cut down the wood, one to load all the trucks with wood and the last group for driving the loaded trucks and delivering the wood. John was one of the drivers. Their wage was \$30 per week while at the Camp. John was also the "run around boy" doing odd jobs, as he was able to ride his Jawa motorcycle to do this. One of these jobs was to go to the Snake Valley shop for the mail, papers etc. It was on these trips that he met Phyllis Hayward, as she lived next door to the shop. Phyllis would also accompany her father Rex Hayward on the meat delivery cart going between Snake Valley and Skipton, delivering meat.

John and Phyllis were married in 1951 and they lived in Rex and Joy's old home in Snake Valley, where they had their first child. Not long after they built a house on the Carngham road in Linton, this was next door to Phyllis's uncle and aunt, Jim and Lizzie Garvey. And later, after Jim Garvey died, her Grandfather James Grenville (Jim) Smith moved in with his sister Lizzie, from Springdallah, Happy Valley.

John and Phyllis had four children, Christine and Sandra born in the 1950s, Steven and Karen born in the 1960s.

The Hayward Family

The first Hayward to arrive in Australia was Samuel Lees Hayward, a convict, who landed in Van Dieman's Land on 4th February 1844 to commence his term of seven years sentence. His crime in England was stealing silk handkerchiefs and fine clothes. in England. After serving his time, Samuel made his way with a friend to Geelong, where he met and married Mary Ann Purcell, on 9th September 1852. Their first son Samuel was born in Geelong in 1854, but then the family moved to the goldfields area, and the next children were born in Ballarat, Lake Learmonth and Carngham.

Their descendants remained in the area, and when Smith's Butchery business in Snake Valley was for sale, Rex Hayward bought it. Rex and his wife Joy (they married in Ballarat in 1934) ran the shop and also delivered meat around Snake Valley and Skipton. Their children were, Phyllis, Merle, Elaine Joy, Austin James and Pamela Evelyn. Rex joined the Australian Military Force and was on active Service in the Northern Territory during the bombing of Darwin. After returning home from war, Rex and Joy bought Bennett's Butchery business in Linton. They re-opened the shop in Snake Valley and remained in business for seventeen and a half years altogether. They sold the business to Mr Walters when Rex obtained the local mail run contract. Rex retired from the mail run due to ill health after twenty years of delivering. Rex also built and renovated houses, which he bought from Nunn's, who shifted them onto his blocks (at least 14 in Snake Valley) and in Linton he built or renovated at least ten houses, including his daughter and son-in-law's house, John and Phyllis Kvapil. He rented these houses or sold them on time payment to some of the Dutch families who immigrated here after the War.



A classic Australian family photo from the 1950s: John and Phyllis Kvapil with children Christine and Sandra, and their Holden

Photo courtesy Karen Ronan

Rex was also a good Bushman like his grandfather, Samuel Hayward, cutting wood and all his own fence posts etc. Rex passed away in 1978, one month before his 70th Birthday.

[Thank you to Christine Uren's sister Karen Ronan for this detailed account]

A DVD of Christine's talk is available from the Society: \$10 + \$5 postage and handling. Contact Joan Giles: joangiles@hemsleypark.com.au Tel: 5309 1770.

Resources on Linton's history available from your Historical Society

DVDs of the following History Night talks are available: Jim Stapleton; the O'Beirne family; Bruce Adams; Aaron Kerr; Rod Lewers; Chris and Bill Grigg; Joan Hunt (two talks); Hans and Gerry Ver Doorn; Graeme Ellis; The Kvapil/Hayward family and the Snake Valley Displaced Persons camp. \$10 each + \$5 postage and handling. Contact Joan Giles: joangiles@hemsleypark.com.au Tel: 5309 1770.

Linton Makes History: an Australian Goldfields Town and its Past On sale at the Shire Office, and at *Wares Plants, 'n Things* in Sussex St. Or buy direct from the author Jill Wheeler – jillianleawheeler@gmail.com - email Jill for electronic banking transfer details or send a cheque for \$30.00, plus \$8.00 postage & handling, to Linton & District Historical Society, PO Box 41, Linton 3360.

A Walk-Drive Tour of Linton: \$5 plus \$2 postage and handling. Bank details as above, or cheque payable to the Linton and District Historical Society, PO Box 41, Linton 3360.

Upcoming publication: A Photographic History of Linton. Details in next *Society Notes*.

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The Annual General Meeting

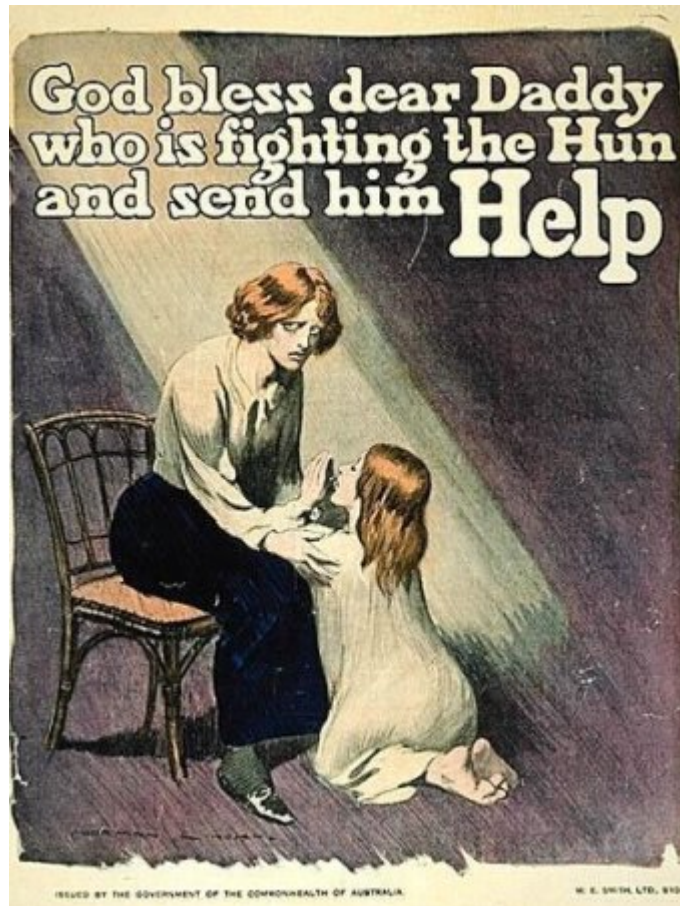
of the Linton and District Historical Society will be held on

Monday 18 September 2017, 7:30 pm

at the Shire Offices, Sussex Street, Linton

Guest Speaker:

Dr Anne Beggs-Sunter, Lecturer, Federation University



Topic: The Conscription Debates of World War One and rural communities

Other Business to be conducted:

- Presentation of Annual Report by the President
- Presentation of Financial Report by the Treasurer
- Election of Committee of Management for 2017-18
- Setting of Annual subscription (proposed amount is \$25)

All welcome. A supper will be served after the meeting (please bring a plate).

Membership renewal forms, and committee nomination forms are enclosed with this copy of Society Notes

Valuable new acquisition for the Society



The Nicholls family cornet donated to the Linton and District Historical Society

Photo: Jill Wheeler

We have recently been delighted to accept the donation to the Society of this cornet, complete with mouthpieces and music stand and in its original case, which was played in the Linton Brass Band around the turn of the last century.

The donor is Robyn Nicholls whose late husband, Graeme Nicholls, inherited it from his great-grandfather, William Henry Nicholls. We have had some difficulty in sorting out the generations in this family and speculating as to which William Henry Nicholls was the original owner of the cornet.

In fact, there were two William Henry Nicholls in Linton, the older having emigrated as a child from England in 1852 with his parents, Henry and Marian, and three siblings. The family finally settled in Linton in the 1860s, acquired farmland near Linton which they called "Sutton Grange", and operated a store in Sussex St, Linton, selling produce from the farm.

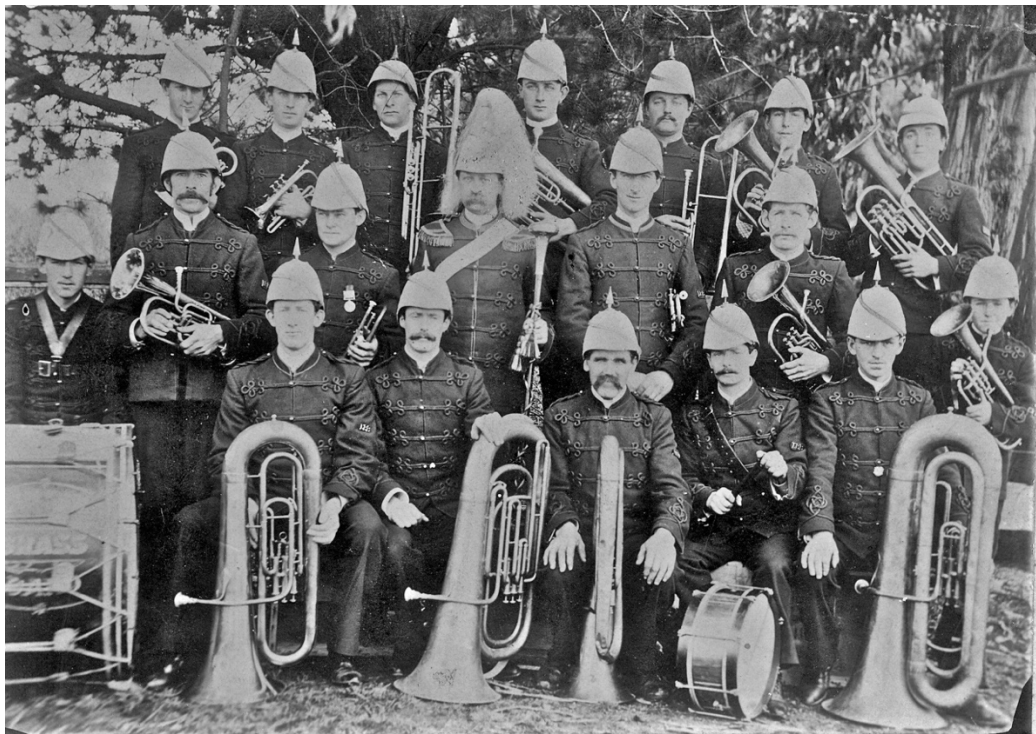
Their son, William Henry senior, married Annie Meredith Smith (b. 1847 in Tasmania) at Linton in 1874, and died in Linton in 1902. He worked as a miner in the Linton district he and Annie had seven children, of whom William Henry junior was the fourth child, born in 1880 in Linton.

William Henry junior worked as a blacksmith and was involved in many organisations in Linton such as the Horticultural Society and the Linton Sports Club (forerunner to the St Patrick's Day Sports Club). He was President of the Linton branch of the ANA in 1903, and was a Trustee of this branch until he moved into Ballarat in 1909.

Stanley Linton Nicholls, born 1911, was the fourth child of William Henry junior and his wife Elizabeth Tame (b. 1881 at Pittong). It is his son Graeme, born in 1948, who has died and whose wife has donated the cornet to the Society.

Graeme was told that his great-grandfather, William Henry Nicholls, played this cornet in the Linton Brass Band, which means that that would have been William Henry Senior who died in 1902. The Society does not have any records of the brass band at this time. If William Henry junior carried on his father's tradition it would have been in a later version of the band, which apparently re-formed in 1903, with Cr Joseph Shepherd as President, W M Todd as bandmaster and G H C Trengrove as Secretary and drum major.

It is a photo of this band that we include here (photo opposite page). if anyone knows the names of any of the other men in this photo, could they please let us know.



Linton Brass Band, circa 1903

Photo: LDHS collection

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To pass this on, and to come to...

Linton Primary School's 150th Celebrations

There'll be lots of catching up with old friends, reminiscing, food and fun.

Join us for dinner on Saturday night followed by a family-friendly fun day on Sunday in the school grounds and around the town.

For details and booking information, join us on Facebook (search Linton 150th Celebration), email lintonps150th@gmail.com, or send a stamped self-addressed envelope to

Linton Primary School, 28 Adair St

Linton VIC 3360

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October 14th/15th 2017

The Historical Society will present a display of school photographs and memorabilia in the library during the afternoons of Sat and Sun 14 & 15 October.

They will also conduct a cemetery walk on Saturday afternoon starting at 3:00 pm and a town walk on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Bookings for the dinner also phone: 5344 7341 during school hours.

New sign made by the Men's Shed



Sign writer, Ian Drever, completing the new sign

Photo: Jill Wheeler

We have had a new sign erected at the front of our premises at the former Nelson's Undertakers building in Sussex St. We are grateful to the Men's Shed for their skilled work on this job, and in particular, Max Mitchell, who did the carpentry.

On 8 May, sign writer Ian Drever painted our name, street address and website address on it so in future no one will have trouble locating us. This sign writing complements the writing on the old undertakers' doors and completes the restoration of the exterior of the Nelson's Undertakers building, a five-year project that commenced in 2013, with the help of annual Community Grants from the Golden Plains Shire.

Large increase in family history research requests this year

Between January and June 2017, the Society had 28 research requests, an unprecedented number, compared with 13 for the same period last year, and nine for the second half of 2016. This has kept the research team of Del Atkinson, Joan Hunt and Jill Wheeler particularly busy. Below is a summary of them:

THOMAS, William and Ann JONES – Ross Barnes enquiring about this Happy Valley family. Referred this to Joan Hunt who provided family history reports on the Thomas & Jones families & also the Loudon family with whom they intermarried.

GLOVER, Thomas and Mary – Descendant Geoff Scott coming to Linton in January & wanting to meet someone from LDHS to search for information on this family who lived in Linton late 19th-early 20th century. We had a small amount of information, e.g., cemetery cards, a mining map, which we passed on.

LEWERS, Thomas Ross – Robyn Florance, a local historian, writing a history of the David Berry Hospital at Berry NSW wanting any information on the early life of Dr Thomas Lewers, eldest son of Samuel Lewers of Linton. Thomas was born in Linton and became Government Medical Officer for the Berry district in 1883. We had a small amount of information but the enquirer did not get back to us.

DRAMA GROUPS IN LINTON – PhD student Carol Threadgold asking for information on dramatic and musical societies in Linton. Her PhD topic was the history of Victorian non-professional theatre. We provided information on the Linton Choral Society (formed 1906-7) and the Amateur Dramatic Club (formed 1917) amongst other local groups.

ROBERTS/GELLATLY FAMILIES – Descendant Deborah Woodward wanting information and photos on this family. Also, a copy of 'Linton Makes History' and a DVD of Joan Hunt's talk on Happy Valley. We have a lot of information on these families which we sent to Deborah plus the book and DVD. This enquiry went over 4 months.

WISHART William and Neil – a request from our members Beverley Johnson and Marilyn Gough for any photos of their fathers. We sent them scans of a number of school photos, with accompanying information, in which they identified other Wishart family members.

COBURN, Daniel and Emily (nee Smith) – Margaret Beattie wanting any information about this family who lived in Linton in the late 1800s. We found a small amount of information but the enquirer did not get back to us.

PALMER, James Walter – Roger Keith enquiring about his great-grandfather who was buried in Linton cemetery in 1910. He initially had little information, and an incorrect name for this ancestor. We had very little information but suggested leads that Roger could follow up.

RANKIN John and Catherine – Susan Underwood from the UK initially wanting to locate graves of these ancestors. When we told Susan we had a lot of information and photos relating to the Rankins, who emigrated from Scotland in 1852, she requested scans of photos and documents that took over 2 months to assemble, scan and send to her. Joan Hunt also assisted with this enquiry.

HISHION family – Bill Edgar wanting to be put in touch with Hishion relatives. Referred this to our member Barry Hishion who is also a descendant whom we have contact with.

FRASER, John – LDHS contacted descendant Wilma Chamberlain for any information she might have regarding two photos we found of an object that was presented to J C Fraser in 1887 by the Shire of Grenville. J C Fraser was Shire President 1886-7. She suggested it was a gold chain and locket presented to him in Queen Victoria's jubilee year. It is still in the Fraser family.

MANNING, William – John Manning had corresponded with LDHS previously about this ancestor and sent us a letter written by William in 1856. He was requesting a copy of our book 'Linton Makes History'. He also supplied us with further information about William's death at Creswick in 1860.

HOLDING, George – Stephen Holding asking us to help identify men from Mannibadar in the 1924/5 Linton football team. After some searching we supplied Stephen with the names. Stephen also asked for information about other Holding photos, which we were largely able to supply.

WILLIAMS family – Ed Munro requesting any information on the Williams family who lived at Pitfield Plains around 1900. We had no information on this family but suggested links to further information on the Pitfield Plains district.

AH LYEE family – Anne Butler, who is a descendant of the Ah Lye/Jackson family & who has corresponded with us previously in 2013, emailed asking if we had any further photographs of descendants of the Ah Lyees. We sent her a scan of a photo that she did not have and she supplied further information to us on this Chinese-Australian family.

LISMORE CRICKET CLUB – asking if we had score books of matches of Linton vs Lismore for a history of the Lismore club. Referred them to Linton Cricket Club.

DAVIES, James and Agnes – Christine Davies enquiring re her ancestors who lived at Happy Valley in the late 19th century. Referred this to Joan Hunt who had done research on this family.

WISHART blacksmiths building – Faye Harris, whose grandfather was Allan Wishart, asking for any information on the old blacksmith's building. We gave her current information and referred her to current owners.

THOMAS LEWIS THOMAS and ALICE WARD – Sally Thomas, whose husband is a descendant of this Happy Valley family, requesting any further information. Referred to Joan Hunt, who has researched a number of Thomas families from Happy Valley & sent family tree information for this enquirer.

CRAWFORD John and Margaret – Raelene Copeland asking if there are any surviving Presbyterian christening records at Pitfield as her great-great-grandfather John and his sister Margaret were born there in the 1850s. Involved Joan Hunt in this enquiry – advised enquirer that there are no surviving records and the Presbyterian church fell down in 1868.

BROES/JACKSON/AH LYEE/WRATHALL families – Kellie Broes wanting any information and photos of these families that are interconnected over three generations. It took several weeks to assemble all the information we have on them and to send the scans of all documents and photos to Kellie.

MARSHALL Alfred John – Kay Pedder from the UK asking if we knew this person who married her grandmother in 1919 in the UK, but gave an address of West Linton, Australia. Advised that we had no knowledge of this person or the address and that there might be a mistake on the marriage certificate.

ANSALDI family – family history documents and photos forwarded by Delwyn Poyser who is descended from this family to be passed on to Joan Thompson, another descendant who enquired about them previously. LDHS made scans of these documents for our archives and posted them on to Joan.

CLARK, John – Greg Wane, from Queenscliffe Maritime Museum, asking for photos of Linton's main street for a book they are publishing of the journal of John Clark, who travelled around Geelong, Ballarat, Queenscliff, Linton and Melbourne between 1854 and 1881. We provided photos but had no information on John Clark, so Greg has provided us with a copy of an extract of his journal.

EDINBURGH GOLD MINE – photo and brief historical information on this mine provided to the Linton Progress Association who are hoping to revitalise the Edinburgh Reserve.

NICHOLLS William Henry – following the donation of a cornet to LDHS from descendants of W H Nicholls, we researched the connection between two generations of Nicholls families and the Linton brass band.

PENROSE, Elizabeth and TAYLOR Robert – Ross Thomas from Tasmania enquiring about his ancestors who lived in the Moonlight and Berringa district. Although this was out of our district, Joan Hunt had a family tree report on them which we scanned and sent to Ross.

NICOL James – Ross Nicol asking if we had a copy of a book of historical photos and information on the Nicol family, bakers, of Linton. We don't have this book but did tell the enquirer that we have some Nicol family photos. We are still waiting to hear back from him.

(Many thanks to Joan Hunt for her assistance with research into the individuals and families above who came from the Happy Valley area).

If any readers think they might have further information on any of these families or topics, please let us know. The Society charges a \$30 fee for detailed research, plus small fees for copies of photographs and other documents

the Bulletin board

• **Next Open Days at the Resource Centre** – the second Sunday of the month: 2017, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November. Opening times: **2:00 – 5:00 pm**. ***The Society has had its mid-winter break in July and August.***

- **The Annual General Meeting Monday 18 September, 7:30pm. Shire Offices, Sussex Street.**
- **Our next History Night: Meeting – Monday 20 November 2017. Speaker: Dr. Joan Hunt**
- Donations to the Society are **tax deductible**. See enclosed membership form for details.
- Lots of information is on our website www.lintonhistory.org.au and like us on www.facebook.com/lintonhistory



New Members: Welcome Sara Clark and Ruth Hoskin.

Publications:

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DEREEL HISTORY DISPLAY

Saturday 27th August 2017 at the Dereel Soldiers Memorial Hall

Presented by Julie Donaghy

View photos, maps, artifacts and information on the history of Dereel which Jullie has collected over the last 20 years, from the people of Dereel, the internet, and many other sources.

There will be static displays, maps (everyone loves maps), and information booklets to view on lots of topics, like the churches, school, gold discovery, the football team of 1923 and the Dereel Swamp. Also share with us your memories of good old Dereel.

\$5 entry includes Devonshire tea with real coffee

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