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History Repeats Itself

Earthquakes

It was reported in *The Leader, Christmas Supplement*, on the 15 December 1906 that;

“In the year 1837, when by direction of Sir Richard Bourke, the then Governor of New South Wales, the future city of Melbourne was laid out by Mr. Robert Hoddle, who had been appointed surveyor of the district.

There could have been no possible idea in the mind of either of the ultimate magnitude of the place; but there was ample space for the expansion of the straggling township, the centre of which was about the intersection of the present Collins and Queen streets, and the surveyor, with a pencil and ruler, proceeded to trace the outlines of his plan by the simple expedient of a number of parallel lines from east to west, crossed at intervals by others from north to south.



Robert Russell, 1808-1900, artist
Melbourne from the Falls, from sketch June 30 1837 (1882)
Watercolour
Pictures Collection, State Library Victoria H24486

On the very eve of plotting out the town an event occurred which threatened to lead to the abandonment of its site; for a tolerably smart shock of earthquake shook the encampment of the vice-regal party, which was pitched at the west end of what is now Bourke street. Had there been a recurrence of it, there can be little doubt that the project would have been abandoned, in the apprehension that the northern shores of Port Phillip were as unstable as the northern island of New Zealand.

But the dreaded repetition did not take place, and the survey was proceeded with.”

Three more earthquakes occurred in 1841 and on Friday 30 April, 1847 *The Geelong Advertiser and Squatters' Advocate* reported ,

“MELBOURNE: This day, between four and five o'clock, the town was visited by the shock of an earthquake ... making the windows shake violently, particularly in the apothecary's shops and public houses, from the latter of which numbers ran out into the streets affrighted, it would be well if it had the effect of preventing them ever entering again; by the river it was felt much, throwing things off the chimney-pieces in some cabins, but by persons out of doors it was scarcely perceived.”

The reference to the above article was provided by Valerie Farley, PPPG member No 551 prior to the earthquake that shook Victoria on the 22 September 2021 at 9.15am, and which registered 5.8 on the Richter scale.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello members and friends,

I hope you are all safe and well and continue to be so, as we navigate this time in history. Our ancestors were subject to many twists and turns in life that made their life interesting. I wonder how our descendants will interpret this time in ours.

The November meeting will go ahead with a ZOOM meeting allowing for the option of a hall gathering if allowed. So, WATCH THE RULES, as dictated by the Government, or ring me on 0477 582 193 or (03)5981 2978 or email me of course.

A few changes are ahead for the Committee with Marg Fleming leaving us at the next meeting to pursue something closer to home where they are desperately in need of people to help. She is joining the Brunswick Historical Society. Best wishes to you Marg. Bev is also changing her role, stepping down from Secretary but maintaining her role as editor for Pioneer Profiles vol 8. Please see the advertisement for the secretary role below.

We have some new ideas for the Group in the future. A writers' group has been suggested along with junior members and associate members, all of which we will discuss with you of course. Do you have anything that you would like to see happen? Any ideas are welcome so please share them with us.

Hoping to see you soon at a meeting,

Barb Hawkins, President PPPG.



Welcome to the following Members



PPPG No	Member Name	Descended From	Details	Date	Ship or other means
1497	Darralyn CUSACK	a) Theophilus BOLGER b) Amelia BOLGER nee POWELL c) Mary Ann BOLGER d) William BAULCH e) Caroline BAULCH nee GREENWAY f) Emily BAULCH g) Thomas BRUCE h) Thomas MAWBY i) Mary MAWBY nee HAILES j) Mary Ann MAWBY	Arr. P.P.D. “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	1841 “ “ 7 Nov. 1849 “ “ June 1849 22 Sept. 1844 “ “	<i>Kerrs Almanac</i> “ “ <i>James T. Foord</i> “ “ <i>Saxon</i> <i>Abberton</i> “ “
1535	Lindsay FROST	a) Bridget McCANN b) Charles EDWARDS c) Mary Anne EDWARDS	Arr. P.P.D. Married P.P.D. Born P.P.D.	1 Aug. 1841 29 Mar. 1842 22 Oct. 1846	<i>Middlesex</i>
1536	Nicholas WAKELING	a) Thomas STEPHENS b) Catherine STEPHENS nee BELL c) Alicia STEPHENS	Arr. P.P.D. “ Born P.P.D.	27 June 1840 “ 13 Sept. 1844	<i>Andromache</i> “
1537	Murray WALDING	a) Thomas WALDING b) Ellen BIRCH	Arr. P.P.D. Arr. P.P.D.	1 June 1844 9 Jan. 1850	<i>Abberton</i> <i>Maitland</i>
1538	Irene MORGAN	a) John O'KEEFFE b) Julia WALSH c) John Thomas O'KEEFFE	Arr. P.P.D. “ Born P.P.D.	21 Jan. 1840 “ Sept. 1846	<i>John Bull</i> “

Are you the person we are searching for?

The PPPG will be in need of a new Secretary to commence May 2022 to replace Bev Jacobson who will be retiring from the position. Bev will be staying on as a committee member and Editor of the Pioneer Profiles Vol. 8. so will be available to assist the new secretary with understanding how the role works etc. She believes it is a great way to not only get to know Members of the Group, but also to be involved in the decision making process. If you are interested please contact Bev at info@portphillippioneersgroup.org.au

Beverley Jacobson – Secrets and Lies. The search for proof.

Beverley Jacobson, who at present is the Honorary Secretary of the Port Phillip Pioneers Group, claimed membership of the group by supplying relevant proof of descendancy from her great, great grandfather, Nicholas Emellen, his wife, and parents-in-law. Nicholas Emellen arrived in the Port Phillip District in June 1851 and in the book "Australians and Greeks Volume1: The Early Years", Hugh Gilchrist suggests that Nicholas Emellen was the first officially recorded Greek in Victoria.

Bev was not told about the convicts in her ancestry as that was hushed up, but she grew up with the understanding that she had a great grandfather who was Italian, a great grandmother who was Greek, and she was related to the 'hanging judge' in Melbourne. She was also told that she was related to Albert Schweitzer.

Having proved that her Greek forbears were Port Phillip Pioneers, Bev turned her attention to the 'hanging judge' story. Her 4 x great grandparents, James Hood and Margaret Hood (nee O'Neil) arrived in the Port Phillip District in 1841 with six of their children. Their other two children, Bev's three x great grandmother, Mary, and her brother, John, a chemist, arrived the year before.

John's son, Joseph Henry Hood (1846-1922), later Sir Joseph Henry Hood, became a judge, but was he the 'hanging judge' Bev had been told about? A search in the Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 9, 1983, revealed that he was 'an able and sound lawyer, he was a very rapid worker' with a reputation which earned him the nickname 'Lightning Judge'. So, he was not the 'Hanging Judge'.

Undaunted by that family story being not quite right, for Bev to have her Hood relatives recognised as Port Phillip Pioneers, she required documentation, including shipping records, and birth, death, and marriage registrations to demonstrate the link between herself and her ancestors.

For a start, finding their names in the shipping indexes was complicated as the name Hood was, in both the ship's manifest, and the transcriptions, written as Wood or Woods. That was just the start of her problems.

Mary Hood, who as I have mentioned, arrived in 1840, married William Sievers in 1843 and their son Albert Ernest Sievers is Bev's great, great grandfather. Albert had a daughter, Margaret Sievers, who was Bev's great grandmother, but proving that wasn't easy.

The birth registration for Margaret Sievers, did not give her father's name. That of course is not uncommon, but her mother, Lizzie, had the surname O'Hagan, not Sievers.

As we all know, if you can't find details about the person you are interested in, you should turn your attention to other people in the same family. By searching for the siblings of Margaret Sievers, Bev eventually found the father's name was Albert Sievers, as it had been recorded

on his third child's birth registration. Lizzie and Albert stated that they had married in 1876 but finding the marriage record proved to be tricky as the name Sievers had been transcribed as 'Scivers' and they had in fact married in 1888, well after their three children had been born.

Lizzie was not listed on the marriage registration as Lizzie O'Hagan, but as Elizabeth Parker, and she was said to have been a widow since 1873. That is well before the children were born, and a marriage record indicates Lizzie married Arthur Hollingsworth Parker in 1876.

Parker didn't die until much later. He left Lizzie very soon after their marriage and went to Adelaide where he married again. A charlatan and a con artist, he was to become insolvent and charged with fraud, and in fact Lizzie divorced him. When she had married Albert Sievers she was a divorcee not a widow.

Like the Hood family, Lizzie O'Hagan was from Belfast in Ireland. From divorce papers re the marriage to Arthur Hollingsworth Parker, Lizzie stated that before her marriage to Parker, she had worked with John Hood the chemist. When her marriage proved to be a fiasco, it is possible that John's son, the 'lightning judge' helped her get the divorce. A family source also suggested that Lizzie was a governess to the judge's children. And of course, Albert Sievers was his cousin.

Albert was a labourer and a seaman, who fished for gummy shark off St Leonards. He had also been insolvent and spent a short time in gaol. Mostly he was a model citizen. He supported his daughter, Margaret Sievers, when she married William Gay in 1897. Well, she was 6 months pregnant and under the age of 17, so on her marriage certificate it was stated "with the written consent of Albert Sievers *father of the bride*". Whilst his name may not be on her birth registration, he claimed her as his daughter when she married and that was sufficient for Bev to be able to claim him as a Port Phillip Pioneer.

Was he really Margaret's father however? Bev and her mother decided to have DNA tests and that has shown a strong connection to a cousin who Bev knows is a descendent of Albert Sievers and Lizzie O'Hagan.

Further DNA connections and Thrulines suggested by Ancestry confirm that Bev is connected to Sir Joseph Henry Hood, the 'lightning judge' and so she can claim the Hood family as Port Phillip Pioneers.

A very complicated story. Surely trying to prove Albert Schweitzer is a relation won't be so difficult!

As Bev commented 'there are others in the family with the name Albert'.

Contributed by Jan Hanslow, PPPG member No 1057

The COLE Family

I am descended from a family of 'green thumbs,' but sadly, I didn't inherit any of their natural talent.

My 4xgreat grandfather Guy Cole was obviously an adventurous type because when he immigrated to Australia in 1849, he was 79 years old! He was baptised in 1773 at Oakham, Rutland, England and was the son of John COLE and Sarah NUTT who were married in 1769 at Uppingham, Rutland, England's smallest historic county (147.4 sq/miles).

Not a lot is known of the early life of Guy Cole except that he married Elizabeth Nutt on 30 July 1803 at Montrose, Scotland and they had two sons and a daughter; 1. Guy Cole, born 1805, Scotland and died 1832 Madras, India; 2. Frances Ann, born at Ferryden near Montrose 1807, married William Bailey and died 1866 at Harrow, England and 3. Thomas Cornelius born at Sudbury near Harrow in 1810. Elizabeth Cole died 27 January 1813 and was buried 31 January at Harrow St Mary, Sudbury. In 1806 Guy Cole appears to be paying Land Tax on a property he is occupying at the Cross Over in Farrington Without, City of London. On the baptism of his son in 1810 he is listed as "gardener." From 1816 until 1847 he was paying Land Tax on freehold property that he was occupying in Harrow-on-the-Hill, Sudbury.

After Elizabeth's death, Guy Cole, widower, married Martha GEARING, spinster on 29 Aug 1814 at St Mary, Ealing, England. Guy and Martha had six children who were all born at Sudbury; 1. Robert (1816-1880), 2. Charlotte Mary (1819-1898), 3. Martha Elizabeth (1820-1905), 4. George (1822-1868), 5. Richard Charles (1825-1826) and 6. William Henry (1827-1910).

Guy and Martha COLE immigrated to Adelaide arriving on the 17th January 1849 on the barque **John Woodhall**. Some three weeks later, on 10th February 1849 they arrived in Melbourne on board the **Halcyon**.

Guy Cole 79, and wife Martha Cole nee Gearing, were travelling with their youngest son William Henry COLE, their eldest son Robert COLE and his wife Elizabeth nee WEBSTER and their four daughters Ellen Elizabeth 6, Martha Ann 4, Mary Charlotte 2, and infant Emma. When they arrived in Melbourne they met up with their other children George, Charlotte, Martha, and Thomas Cornelius and his wife and three children, who had all arrived in Melbourne on the **Himalaya** on 26 February 1842. George and Thomas, along with their cousin John COLE (who arrived Dec 1839 on **Westminster**), had established nurseries, orchards and market gardens at Merri Creek.

The patriarch of the family, Guy Cole, gardener, died 6 January 1853 at his son's house at Merri Creek and was buried the 7 January at St James Parish in the County of Bourke. He was 82 years old. Probate of Guy Cole was granted to his son Robert Cole of St Heliers on the River Yarra, gardener. Guy's wife Martha, died 8 March 1869 at her daughter's home, 'Harrow-Hill', Cheltenham, aged 83 and was buried at the Old Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery.

Children:

◇ *The Australian Dictionary of Biography* states that, Thomas Cornelius COLE (1810-1889), horticulturist and nursery proprietor, was son of Guy Cole, market gardener. In 1847 Thomas purchased land with a Yarra River frontage at Burnley where he established an orchard and nursery. He issued his first catalogue from the Richmond Nursery in 1850, making it one of the earliest produced in Victoria and was a prime mover behind the establishment of the Horticultural Society of Victoria's experimental garden at Burnley. In 1853 Thomas purchased 38 acres of land in Upper Hawthorn and by 1860 he had established another orchard and nursery and erected a large, brick house on this estate, named Twyford. He also wrote a book *Cole's Gardening in Victoria* (1860) containing "full directions for the formation and general management of a good garden; together with a comprehensive calendar for the operations of each month in the year."

In 1862 Thomas Cornelius Cole leased the Richmond Nursery to his son John Charles (1838-1891), who supplemented this in the mid-1880s with a generous land selection at Fern Tree Gully (Belgrave), which he named Glen Harrow. Another of Thomas's sons, Rev. Thomas Cornelius junior (1836-1879), was also active in Melbourne horticultural circles. In 1864, Thomas snr, purchased a further 37 acres (15 ha), adjoining the Twyford estate, and leased it to his son Henry Ungerford (1843-1904), who established the Shorland orchard and nursery.

Thomas died on 31 July 1889 at Twyford aged 79 and was buried in Melbourne General Cemetery. His estate was valued at £85,200. Henry Cole's Shorland Nursery carried on into the early decades of the twentieth century; by the 1930s Twyford had been demolished and subdivided for residential purposes. It was reported in the Argus, 30 September 1938 that "T.C. Cole came out to Australia as gardener to Governor La Trobe." but we are unable to confirm this.

An article in *The Herald*, 22 November, 1935 described a house that sold for £9000 which was to be demolished and the land subdivided. It stood for eighty years and was built by the Cole family. It had two storeys, twenty rooms as well as a basement which contained store rooms for fruit that was grown on the estate.

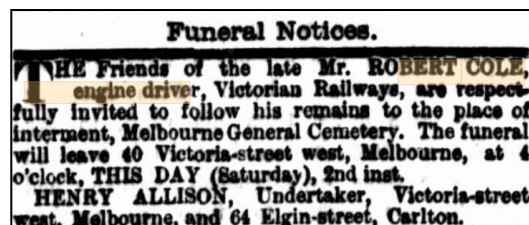
◇ My ancestor, Robert COLE, son of Guy Cole and half-brother of Thomas Cornelius Cole, was baptised 6 October 1816, St Mary, Harrow-on-the-Hill, England and married Elizabeth WEBSTER on 5 October 1840 at Linslade, Buckinghamshire, England. They immigrated to Melbourne in 1849 with their four daughters, and seven more children were born in Melbourne between 1849 and 1863.

In 1852, Robert, along with his brother George and cousin John, were exhibiting fruits and nuts at the Victoria Horticultural Society Exhibition in the Botanical Gardens, Melbourne. The judging results were published in *The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848 - 1957) Fri 24 Dec 1852, page 6* where Robert received First Class prizes for his cherries, plums, pears, apples, walnuts and almonds.

In the *Argus Tue 5 Jul 1853, page 7*, Robert Cole was advertising *fruit trees for sale from Mrs Curr's garden, St Heliers, near Hodson Punt, Yarra*. Mrs Curr was the widow of Edward Curr who was an early settler, grazier and M.P. who owned St Helier and was known as the "Father of Separation" of Port Phillip from N.S.W.

At some time during the 1860's, Robert Cole was employed as an engineer/engine driver and this was confirmed on three of his daughter's marriage certificates. Robert's wife Elizabeth and five of his daughters pre-deceased him. Elizabeth died at Stawell street, Hotham on 1 June 1876 of atrophy of the liver, aged 58 and was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. In 1879, Robert Cole, engine-driver was awarded some kind of compensation, but further research will need to be done once the Covid-19 restrictions allow us to visit the PROV.

Robert was admitted to the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum in January 1880 in a delusional state caused by drink and sunstroke, and was assessed as suicidal. He was residing at La Trobe St, West Melbourne at the time. Robert died nine months later on 30 September 1880 at the asylum and was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery, 2 October 1880. No cemetery marker exists in 2021. The funeral notice at right appeared in *The Age*, 2 October, 1880.



Robert Cole was a Port Phillip colonist of 31 years.

◇ Charlotte Mary COLE (1819-1898) married Francis HARRIS in Melbourne, NSW in 1842. On the 11 October 1861 an application was made to and granted by Mr Sturt, Police Magistrate for Charlotte Harris, a married woman, for protection, under the new Divorce Act. Charlotte was the head teacher of St Patrick's Catholic School, Eastern Hill for 20 years. She died without issue in 1898 and was buried at the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery, Vic.

◇ Martha Elizabeth COLE (1820-1905) married Henry Wells, gent. and resided at their farm called 'Harrow-Hill', Cheltenham, Victoria. When Henry Wells died in 1896, his estate was valued at £4930. Martha and Henry are buried at Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery. They had 10 children.

◇ George COLE, gardener (1822-1868) married Emma Lewis and they had 12 children. George died by suicide during an 'aberration of the mind' in 1868 aged 45.

◇ William Henry COLE (1827-1910) married Sarah Edwards in 1853 and had five children.

The Cole family took a great risk to establish themselves in a new country, but they all seemed to prosper and provide good opportunities for their families in the Port Phillip District through hard work and determination.

Their descendants must be vast in numbers and I guess maybe one of them inherited that elusive 'green thumb' gene.

Contributed by Dianne Wheeler, PPPG member No 1505

FLEMING HOUSE ... Park Street, West Brunswick



Fleming House in 1870

Owned and lived in by John Wood and Mary Weir Fleming for over 50 years, Fleming House stood on the hill at the western end of Brunswick Road and Park Street, facing Royal Park, for almost 100 years from 1868 to the late 1960s.

On 19 October 1866, John paid £208 for six acres of undeveloped land in 12 lots between Brunswick Road and Park Street West running from what became MacVean Street to what became Fleming Street. It was only half a mile from 'Mia Mia' in Union Street. The plan was to build a substantial house on the hill opposite the Royal Park Model Farm and facing the city. A tower would afford views over Royal Park to

the Yarra River and the shipping in Hobson's Bay. Imagine the excitement of planning and designing the house, looking forward to the future and progress along with the burgeoning suburb of Brunswick! On 11 June 1867 John bought the other three lots 13, 14, 15, next to MacVean Street, of 2 ¼ acres for a total of £74.10.0. He later acquired land west of Fleming Street to the Moonee Ponds Creek.

The house took several years to build, and they moved in in the middle of 1870.

It was a two storeyed brick house of 12 rooms with a slate roof, balcony and tower. The house encompassed a drawing room, a dining room, a morning room, a library, front and back halls, verandah and balcony, stairs and landing, five bedrooms, two maids' rooms, two bathrooms, a sleepout, a kitchen with pantry, press and storeroom, a back verandah, laundry and a lavatory.

Outside in the yards were various sheds for poultry and pigeons, a wood/fuel shed, a garage and stables with three stalls, a loose box, a loft and harness room, a large open fronted work shed and a kitchen garden. Later the grounds also boasted a conservatory, a glass house, neat gardens, lawns and ornamental trees.

John rented out some of his land near the creek to Chinese market gardeners- Ah Tay and Ah Ho and others over the years, no doubt buying their vegetables. The land around was home to horses, cattle, poultry and greyhounds

Eleven children were brought up in the house. Many social events, birthdays, weddings, afternoon teas and gatherings were celebrated over the years. Illnesses were nursed and funerals left from the house for the Melbourne General Cemetery.

In 1885 Fleming Street was first recorded in the Sands and McDougall Directories. It divided John's property across from Park Street to Brunswick Road. John and Mary's address was Fleming House, Park Street West. When street numbers were introduced in 1893, the house was numbered as 270 Park Street, West Brunswick. In the 1940s it was re numbered #196 and by the 2000s the numbers changed again.

Fleming House was put up for sale on 12 April 1924, the property having been subdivided into 83 lots for business and home sites. The new owners lived in Fleming House for the next 40 years until the 1960s when it was demolished, as the cost of repair was too prohibitive to maintain the old structure. Today in 2021, on the site of Fleming House are flats, built in the late 1960s, facing both roads, being No. 881-883 Park Street, called 'Park View' and backing on to No. 380-382 Brunswick Road called 'Brunswick Heights'.

The name of Fleming is remembered today by the naming of Fleming Street in West Brunswick and of Fleming Park in East Brunswick. As well, Fleming Place, off Little Collins Street in the city, reminds us of pioneer Robert Fleming's first land purchase in 1837, the last of it held until 1938.



Mary Weir Fleming in her garden with her two eldest grandsons, Ernie and Jack c. 1903

Contributed by Margaret Fleming, PPPG member No 679.

Margaret's book 'A Grand Old Man of Brunswick: John Wood Fleming 1837-1919' will be available for purchase in October 2021. PH: 03 9481 0221

JUNIOR PIONEERS' CONCEPT

Having finally held our 50th anniversary celebrations my thoughts turned to “*what next?*”

We are all ageing and I felt we needed something to generate some interest in the Pioneers for the younger generation. The committee has discussed this as a concept and felt we should pass it on to members for consideration. Nothing has been decided, so feel free to let us know your thoughts, but also give some thought to the realisation of the ideas, i.e. who will do what?

Here's a list of some ideas;

- * Have a Junior and Youth Pioneer group - Age 6 to 12 and 13 to 18
- * Hold different age group activities all related to learning and understanding more about their family history and the role their ancestors played in settling Port Phillip
- * One fairly common thread was that the children should write an age appropriate piece about their ancestors. I'm not much for prizes but would prefer it to be inclusive and not competitive, so all efforts welcome and appreciated.
- * Some folk arrived in Port Philip with staff and riches, but ended up with little, others came with nothing but hope and it carried them through to a full life. Many had terrible sadness but overcame this. Some had wonderful adventures. All of these things our children need to know.
- * We could hold trips to particular sites and meet some people who could involve and interest the young members. We have several ideas but need more. A parent or grandparent would have to attend and be responsible for their young member. Not so much for the older group. Transport and other costs would need to be considered.
- * Number of meeting/activities per year. 2, 4?
- * Should they have a badge, will there be a fee?
- * Current members would need to sponsor a young family member.

Please feel free to email us at
info@portphillippioneersgroup.org.au
 so we can progress this concept.

The thought of making them aware of this special connection to history excites me.

To ensure the success of this concept, we not only need ideas but also people who are willing to assist in bringing them to fruition. This could be a great opportunity for parents or grandparents to involve their children or grandchildren in learning about the history of Port Phillip District and its Pioneers.

Please send us your ideas and let us know if you would like to help.

Carol Stals,
 Committee Member, PPPG Member no: 41

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Committee will be proposing to members at a future general meeting a new category of Member, Associate Member, who would be anyone who is interested in the Pioneers of the Port Phillip District but cannot, or cannot yet, prove their direct descent from one or more of them. This would be a way of giving those interested in our activities the chance to join and perhaps decide whether they would like to become full members later. Associate Members would pay the same annual fee, but only pay the upfront joining fee if they later apply to have a claim of descent checked and to become full members. They would have the same rights as full members except that they could not become an office bearer.

DNA Education

The Geelong Family History Group has a DNA group which meets via Zoom twice monthly. Suzie Zada is in charge of it and Louise Coakley leads the main meeting once a month. It is open for anyone to join. It is free for GFHG members and \$15 per meeting for non-GFHG members. If you wish to join, please email Irene Morgan (irenemor@fastmail.com.au) with a request to join.

<https://geelongfhg.com/dna-interest-group-meetings/>

Online education:

Free, no-obligation services such as short, beginner-level presentations and videos. The DNA Basics Learning Centre is sponsored by RootsTech.

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/expohall/dna-basics-learning-center>

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS GROUP INC – MEETINGS

Venue:	Online via ZOOM digital platform Please register your email with the Secretary at info@portphillippioneersgroup.org.au by 6pm Thursday 11 November, 2021 if you wish to participate. and <u>Victorian Government Covid-19 Regulations permitting</u> at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, cnr Burke and Malvern Rds, Gardiner. Public Transport: Right on the route of the No 72 tram and only a short walk from the Gardiner Railway Station. Melways Reference: Map 59 H7.
Meeting Starts:	2.00 pm.
Guest Speaker:	2.30 pm.
Next Meeting:	Saturday: 13 November, 2021
Speaker:	Speaker: David Sornig Topic: <i>Losing the Blue Lake: the 19th century reclamation of the wetlands of West Melbourne</i>

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