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## ALIENS

According to the Colonial Secretary's Office an alien was a non-British or foreign resident of the Colony of New South Wales, including the Port Phillip District, who did not have the rights and privileges of British subjects, which included the purchase of land.

PPPG Member Ken Smith recently came upon a certificate of naturalization dated 1 April, 1852, issued in favour of one William WENZEL of the County of Grant, farmer, who came to Port Phillip in 1850 on the ship *Emmy*.

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| Name—<br><i>William Wenzel</i> | Occupation                      | <i>Farmer</i>                          |
|                                | Address                         | <i>Grise of Duned, County of Grant</i> |
|                                | Age (on date of naturalization) | <i>20</i>                              |
|                                | Native Place                    | <i>Sprutan, Prussia</i>                |
|                                | Date of Certificate             | <i>31.1.52 &amp; 1.4.52</i>            |
|                                | No. of Certificate              | <i>17 &amp; 61</i>                     |
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His memorial application declared that he was a 20 year-old native of Sprutan in the Kingdom of Prussia, and was desirous of purchasing and holding real estate in the colony.

Once the Lieutenant-Governor had assessed and granted his Certificate of Naturalization, in accordance with Act XI Vic., No. 39, he was required within 60 days to take the following oath of allegiance, presupposing he had acquired some proficiency of the English language.

*'I William WENZEL do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and will defend her to the utmost of my power against all conspiracies and attempts whatever which may be made against her person Crown or dignity and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to her Majesty her heirs and successors all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which may be formed against her and them; and I do faithfully promise to maintain support and defend to the utmost of my power the succession of the Crown which succession by an Act intituled "An act for the further limitation of the Crown and better securing the rights and liberties of the subject" is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress of Hanover and the heirs of her body being Protestants hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of this Realm. So help me God.'*

William went on to marry Anne Farmer in 1866 and they had issue. William died in 1897 at Kambalda, Western Australia, aged 64. Photos: Ancestry.com.au /Find a Grave



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello members and friends,

Welcome to 2023! I trust you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are safe and well.

The February meeting is coming up and I do hope some of you have prepared a short presentation about a female ancestor as advertised. It was very successful last year and it gives everyone an opportunity to hear about your family story. If you have anything to share or show, I encourage you to do so.

Don't forget articles can be submitted for both our newsletter *The Echo* (pppgdiw@gmail.com) and the *Pioneer Profiles Vol 8* (info@portphillippioneersgroup.org.au) as well.

The May meeting is always our AGM and we are in need of several people as not all committee positions have been filled from last year. I will be stepping down from the committee [so a new President will also need to be elected. Joining the committee is a great opportunity to get to know so much about the group and yourself. I have learnt so much whilst serving the group.](#) If you feel you would like to give it a go, please contact us on any of the numbers or emails on the back page.

There are some interesting speakers coming up this year and I hope you enjoy their talks.

Keep an eye on the website to see what is new there as well.

Check out the back cover of the next Ancestor Magazine (GSV) as the Port Phillip Pioneers Group will be featured.

Please don't forget to bring two dollars if you are attending a meeting as this helps to pay for the hall.

Hoping to see you soon.

**Barb Hawkins, President PPPG.**

### WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

| PPPG No | Member Name       | Descended From                                                                    | Details                                        | Date                                              | Ship or other means                                 |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1549    | Bronwyn SKAFTE    | a) William GARDINER<br>b) Mary GARDINER<br>c) Ann GARDINER<br>d) Charles HICKFORD | Arr. P.P.D.<br>“<br>Born P.P.D.<br>Arr. P.P.D. | May 1836<br>May 1836<br>19 Feb 1837<br>5 Jul 1848 | <i>Chili</i><br><i>Chili</i><br><i>Mahomed Shah</i> |
| 1550    | Alan SKAFTE       | As Above                                                                          | As Above                                       | As Above                                          | <i>As Above</i>                                     |
| 1551    | Karen SKAFTE      | As Above                                                                          | As Above                                       | As Above                                          | <i>As Above</i>                                     |
| 1552    | William GALBRAITH | a)Jonah WISE<br>b)Eliza WISE<br>c)Stephen WISE                                    | Arr. P.P.D.<br>“<br>“                          | 30 May, 1850<br>“<br>“                            | <i>Robert Sale</i><br>“<br>“                        |



Address at the General Meeting on 12 Nov 2022

## Dr Barry Cotter, The First Doctor in Melbourne

By Moira McAlister

Moira McAlister is a descendant of Dr Barry Cotter and has done considerable research on his life and that of his wife Inez. She has written an historical novel called *Izzy* based on the research contained in the biographical website [drbarrycotter.com](http://drbarrycotter.com) which was cached by the National Library of Australia in 2015.

Barry Cotter, baptised in Cork, Ireland, in 1809 was the second son of Barry Cotter, Magistrate, and Eliza Hayes. When he was 15 his father died, leaving his mother with four young children. She remarried however - this time to a local doctor and apothecary, Dr Denis O'Connell, 15 years her junior. Barry did an apprenticeship with O'Connell and then completed a medical degree in Glasgow. He was 20 on graduation in 1829.

He embarked for Australia, arriving in Van Diemen's Land in 1830. In Campbell Town he was fortunate to receive a land grant of 640 acres, whilst as a doctor he was responsible for the care of convicts building the Ross Bridge. Forty two letters exist which were written over a period of two years between Dr Cotter, Mr Atkinson, the supervisor of convicts, and John Scott who was the Colonial surgeon. Atkinson accused Cotter of not looking after the convicts well. Cotter had also been involved in litigation regarding a private business and was sometimes found brawling. After five years in Campbell Town, he was dismissed from government service.

He obviously knew John Batman and Joseph Gellibrand of the Port Phillip Association and on November the 6<sup>th</sup> 1835, he arrived in the Port Phillip District of New South Wales with John Batman. Cotter arrived as a doctor, but also acted as Gellibrand's agent, and was responsible for the care of Gellibrand's sheep. This supplemented his income as a doctor in a small community.

He later applied unsuccessfully for the position of Colonial Surgeon but in December 1836 was taken on in a temporary capacity.

John Pascoe Fawkner wrote in his diary that

Cotter was often drunk, but was young and enthusiastic, and fitted into the society of mostly young people.

John Batman's wife, Eliza, and their seven children arrived in Port Phillip accompanied by Inez Seville Fitzgerald who was companion to Mrs Arundel Wrighte in Launceston. Inez was said to be the illegitimate child of Edward Fox Fitzgerald and Inez Isobel Seville.

At the first land sales in 1837 Cotter bought property on the corner of Swanston St and Bourke St. and following his marriage to Inez Fitzgerald in 1838 they lived in a house built on that land. Cotter joined the Temperance Society and the Melbourne Club.

In 1839 their first child Frances Laura Snodgrass Cotter was born. A second child, Helena Hayes Cotter was born in 1840.

Following the birth of Helena, Barry and Inez intended to travel to Britain. Barry sold his medical practice, but the arrival of the ship *Glen Huntley* in 1840, carrying passengers with typhus, interrupted their plans. A quarantine station at Point Ormond was organised and Cotter spent four months working there.

During his time in Port Phillip, Cotter had bought considerable property and the auction of some of their possessions in February 1841 indicated that they lived very comfortably. Amongst their belongings were horses and carriages, and books by distinguished authors.

They returned to England on the *Rookery* in March 1841 with Inez expecting another child. Moira's great grandfather Charles Henry Barry Cotter was born in England in November 1841.

The financial crash in the early 1840s caused Cotter to leave his wife, then expecting her fourth child, and return to Melbourne where he found his possessions worthless.

He began working again in Melbourne and in 1844 having made a bit of money he boarded the

*Isabella* bound for London. This ship was wrecked in a storm off Flinders Island in Bass Strait. Cotter was reported as having acquitted himself very bravely, but all his belongings, including his medical graduation certificate were lost. He remained in Port Phillip for another two years before he was back on his feet again.

In 1843 in England, Inez had given birth to a son, Francis Henry Durell Cotter and ten months later, in Medway, Kent, she gave birth to another baby who was named Inez Seville Vignoles. Who was her father? The name given in the baptism record was Francis Durell Vignoles and he was an officer in the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

It is highly likely that Inez had met Francis Vignoles in Melbourne. In 1835, the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot had arrived in Australia to guard convicts, and Francis Durell Vignoles was in that Regiment. Shipping records indicate that he left Melbourne in December 1841 bound for Sydney and then England.

In early 1845, just weeks after baby Inez Seville Vignoles was born, Francis Vignoles was sent to India and Inez never saw him again. Baby Inez Vignoles died of remittent fever in July 1846.

In August 1846, Barry Cotter had arrived back in England to find his wife in mourning. He had been away from his wife and children for some years, and their marriage seemed irretrievable. In 1847 he embarked as ship's surgeon on the *Royal George* bound for Adelaide.

The 1851 British census indicates that Inez and her children were living in Chatham, Kent, close to where the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment had been stationed. Inez gave 'Vignoles' as surname for herself and all her children, instead of the surname Cotter.

How she managed financially is unknown but seven years having passed since her husband had returned to Australia, she married shipwright, James Thomas Hobbs in 1854, in Kent, England.

Barry Cotter also remarried in 1854. He married Selina Elkington, a 29 year old widow, in Gawler, South Australia. In 1861 Cotter was appointed medical officer in Menindee, and he treated members of the Burke and Wills Expedition when required. He appears to have liked working in the outback. Sadly, Selena received

fatal injuries after her dress caught in the turning shaft on the deck of a paddle steamer on the Darling River. They had been married for seven years.

In 1860, Inez, calling herself Mrs Cotter, arrived in Sydney with her grown up children and her husband James Thomas Hobbs. Letters she wrote indicate she had come to claim her Right of Dower but plainly this would be unsuccessful as Barry Cotter was still very much alive.

Inez died in Melbourne in 1864. She was buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery, MGC-COE-Comp-L-No-458.

Francis Durrell Vignoles, after finishing his tour of duty in India, resigned from his Regiment and went to Queensland. There he became a grazier, and in 1864 he married Elizabeth Dunne. He died in Queensland aged 76 in 1893.

Barry Cotter died in 1877 in Swan Hill. In the Central Australia and Bourke Telegraph he was described as being 5ft 8in, slender, gentlemanly, and well respected as a doctor.

Contributed by Jan Hanslow, PPPG member No 1057.

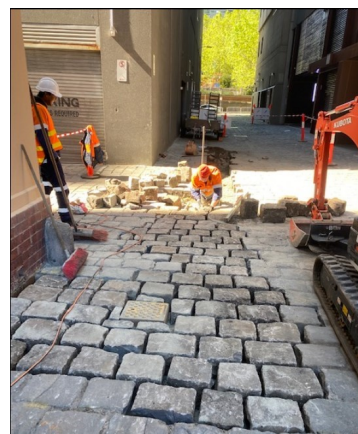
### From the Editor:

One of our PPPG Members, Dr. Maxwell Lay, is the author of *Melbourne Miles*, a history of greater Melbourne's streets and roads which was originally published in 2003 and due to popularity and demand has been through several reprints. Maxwell believes PPPG Members might be interested to access the second edition so has graciously made a web-based version freely available at the following website:

<http://vicroadsassociation.org/melbourne-miles/>

or the full complete text can be downloaded for a small fee from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Right: Re-laying blue-stones in a Melbourne laneway, October 2022. (RHSV Facebook)



## Henry Lawler's first voyage to Australia

My Gg grandfather Henry Augustus Lawler was born in Portsea/Portsmouth UK in 1798. He disappeared for me from his birth until 1819, where I found him on a voyage as a 23 year-old sailor (Able Seaman) on the *HMS Dromedary*, taking convicts to Australia.

The *Dromedary* was a large Storeship in His Majesty's fleet and carried 40 guns. Previously in 1809 she made a trip to Australia, carrying Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie, their young son and a servant, Black Tom.

Now she was fitted out as a convict transport vessel. The voyage began on 11<sup>th</sup> September, with Captain Richard Skinner in control, and took 130 days.

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 1819 they took on 200 convicts from the Sheerness hulks and a further 169 were taken on board at Spithead. Those 369 male convicts, plus passengers, crew and a Guard consisting of 1 Ensign and 57 soldiers of the 69<sup>th</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> (foot) Regiments, commanded by Capt. Richard Alexander Cruise. Fortunately, he kept a great diary of the trip. The Regiment boarded on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1819, and they eventually departed England.

On 9<sup>th</sup> January 1820 they made the South Cape of Van Diemen's land and proceeded to Port Dalrymple, then Hobart.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1820, 347 prisoners were landed. The convicts were mostly assigned to settlers and when inspected, were found to be healthy, clean and orderly. It sailed from Hobart on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1820 for Sydney.

The *Dromedary* arrived in Port Jackson on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1820 during a period of hot, dry weather. The remaining 22 prisoners were landed. There were 11 deaths on the voyage, plus the husband of one of the passengers had died in Hobart after falling from a horse, and another husband died several days after reaching Port Jackson.

The crew were able to be refreshed while the ship was refitted as a timber transporter, the major task of the trip. They were bound for New Zealand to obtain spars of Kauri trees, as suggested by Captain Cook as the best in the world, for use as masts and return with them to England. The biggest and best for the Royal Naval Fleet, specified to be 21 – 23" diameter and 64 – 84' long.

They sailed on 15<sup>th</sup> February, escorted by the Colonial Schooner, *Prince Regent*, as directed by Governor Macquarie. On board was the Reverend Samuel Marsden and 9 Maori chiefs and highborn men, who had been living in Paramatta with him. They were in full native regalia and slept on deck, not trusting this big 'wocka.'

On board were 12 bullocks, 2 timber carriages, used to cradle out the logs from the forest plus Marsden boarded 16 head of cattle, 3 horses and stores.

They anchored at the Bay of Islands where they were to procure the spars. Not an easy task. First, a road needed to be built into the steep and swampy gullies. This was done by the soldiers and crew and is recorded as the first road in New Zealand. It was known for many decades as The Soldier's Road. It was a backbreaking job but 98 Kauri spars were hauled out, using the carriage on the road.

In this area they came in contact with whalers, sealers, American Merchant seamen and missionaries. All of these would have an impact on Henry's future.

The *Dromedary* returned to Sydney on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1820, slung about with the spars and departed for England on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1821. On arrival they were in want of water, after a passage of 140 days. Several new people had joined the ship, including two stowaways. *Dromedary* unloaded her timber at Chatham, on the Medway in Kent, in June 1821.

In the 1830s Henry returned to the South Sea Island as a Merchant Captain and adventurer, often working for the English Missionaries stationed there. On at least one of these trips he went to Sydney.

Gg grandfather Henry migrated to Sydney in 1838 with his pregnant wife and a son. His second son was born not long after arrival. He worked as a Pilot in Sydney Harbour, and captained many ships on the coastal trade to Tasmania and then Port Phillip.

He oversaw the building of the Steamer *Aphrasia* which was tested against Sydney steamers on the harbour, successfully beating them every time. The family travelled to Port Phillip Bay in the *Aphrasia* in 1840, where they lived in Aphrasia Cottage in Newtown. The vessel was then put into ferry service between Geelong and Melbourne. They remained in Victoria, apart from a trip when he captained a ship and took his wife and son to England, yes the cargo was timber.

He worked mainly on the water and around boats, doing very adventurous things. He was an early Pilot at Queenscliff, a publican of an hotel, then they moved to Williamstown. He was obviously too old for the harsh life of the sea. One of his last occupations was as a Powder Master, the explosives being stored on a hulk in Hobson's Bay.

Their house in Williamstown is still standing. He is buried in Williamstown Cemetery.

**Contributed by Carol Stals PPPG Member No. 41**

## A PIONEER'S STORY

The Argus, 25 March, 1907



'A pioneer who witnessed almost the beginning of Victorian settlement is Mrs. Louisa Humphries [nee Arpin], of Bolinda, near Romsey who is probably the oldest woman in Victoria. She was born in London in 1813 and is still active ... has a wonderful memory, and a fund of anecdote about early Melbourne, which was a little bush village just two years old when she first knew it.

I came out to Van Dieman's Land," ... in 1832, in the Princess Royal, the first emigrant ship which arrived there. There had been frequent requests for free domestic servants, and our ship brought out nearly a couple of hundred girls. We had been promised positions at 8s. to 10s. per week, which was regarded as good wages in those days. We soon found that there were too many of us, and it was extremely difficult to get good places.

A year after I arrived I married, and we went to live at Launceston where my husband worked occasionally for John Pascoe Fawcner, who was a neighbour. When Fawcner came over to Port Phillip, in 1835, he wanted my husband to engage with him, but I objected to his going to such a wild country. After Batman and Fawcner settled at Port Phillip, all the talk in Launceston was of the new country, and, work being slack, my husband, who was an expert brickmaker, engaged with Fawcner, and left about the middle of 1837, promising to send for me in a month. But the schooner was five or six weeks beating about the Straits before they were able to enter the heads. I was sent for at last, and arrived in the Yarra in the Enterprise (Fawcner's schooner) on September 14, 1837. Mr. Wedge, I remember, brought over four horses in the schooner, and there were two other passengers, brothers, named Birch. It was on a Saturday evening when the Enterprise was tied up to a tree on the river bank, and Mr. Humphries took me and our two children through the bush to a little wattle and daub hut, which stood in what is now Little Collins-street, between Elizabeth and Swanston streets. My husband and a mate were brickmaking close by.

"On Sunday morning Mr. Humphries had to go up to Batman's Hill to Fawcner's for rations, and I was scared by the arrival of a number of blacks, who begged 'white lubra giv' it bread.' We lived in that hut from September, 1837, to July, 1839, when we moved out to what was then called Batman's

Swamp, where the Spencer-street railway yards now are.

"Melbourne during that period was a scattered village in the bush, without streets, and with few houses, mostly huts. Henry Batman (John Batman's brother) was chief constable, and Buckley, was also a policeman, and a dull, stupid fellow he was. Where Elizabeth-street is now was a gully, through which a creek, often dry, but sometimes quite a torrent, ran. The first schoolhouse was erected where St. James's Church now stands. Miss Osborne was the first teacher, and after her Mrs. Dutton. It was built of sawn timber, cut in a saw-pit in what is now Elizabeth-street. I well remember John Batman's funeral in 1839. He was buried in what is now the old cemetery, adjoining the Victoria Market. Then it was neither cleared nor fenced—but a few graves in the bush. Poor John Batman was an invalid for some time before his death, and used to be wheeled about in a chair. He left a family of eight daughters and a young son, who was afterwards drowned in the Yarra. His brother Henry died in October of the same year (1839).

The first watch-house, the gaol, such as it was, and the stocks were somewhere near where the Western Market now is. The gaol was a tea-tree shanty, which was burned down by some blacks who were imprisoned for stealing potatoes from a settler named Langhorne. The natives, who escaped, told how they fired it by rubbing two sticks together. The policemen used to call the hours during the night-watch, and it was a standing joke afterwards, to call out to them, '2-o'clock, and all's well, and the gaol's burnt.'

After moving out to Batman's Swamp, like many of the other neighbours, we kept a couple of cows, and I was summoned to court one day for allowing them to wander through the streets of the village. The courthouse—the only one I was ever in as an offender—was a little wooden shanty, with a few rough boards laid on the ground for a floor. Mr. James Simpson was the magistrate. He asked me if I stood in my husband's shoes. I told him I stood in my own, and with a laugh he fined me £1. He was known to everybody as 'Jimmy' Simpson, and was very popular. Another well-known citizen was John McNall, who built the first butcher's shop in the settlement, in Collins-street, near the corner of Swanston-street.

George Scarborough, quite a character, was the first

pound-keeper, and the first pound was near the river bank, between Swanston and Russell streets. We went to the first races held at Flemington in 1840, in Scarborough's bullock-dray. Coming home Scarborough was three sheets in the wind, and we came down Batman's Hill, through Collins-street, at racing pace. Mrs. Scarborough and I, who were sitting on the bottom of the dray, being nearly tipped out when the bullocks rounded into Elizabeth-street.'

Referring to the early race meetings, Edmund Finn, in *Chronicles of Early Melbourne*, says the first race meeting was held on March 6 and 7, 1838, on a racecourse on Batman's Hill: the starting-post was where the North Melbourne railway station now is, and the grand-stand—a couple of bullock drays lashed together—was on the site now occupied by the Spencer-street station. The jumps for the Hunters' Plate were made of logs and gum branches, and the jockeys (gentlemen riders) rode in red or blue flannel shirts, cabbage-tree hats, and leather leggings. In 1839 the second race meeting was held on this course, but the following year it was moved to Flemington. John McNall, to whom Mrs. Humphries refers, was clerk of course in 1839.

'In November or December, 1849 a great flood occurred, and all Batman's Swamp was under water. Our house was flooded, and the children and I were taken off in a boat. My husband's brickyards were destroyed, and we did not go back to live at the swamp, but moved out to Flemington, where we had a couple of acres of land.'

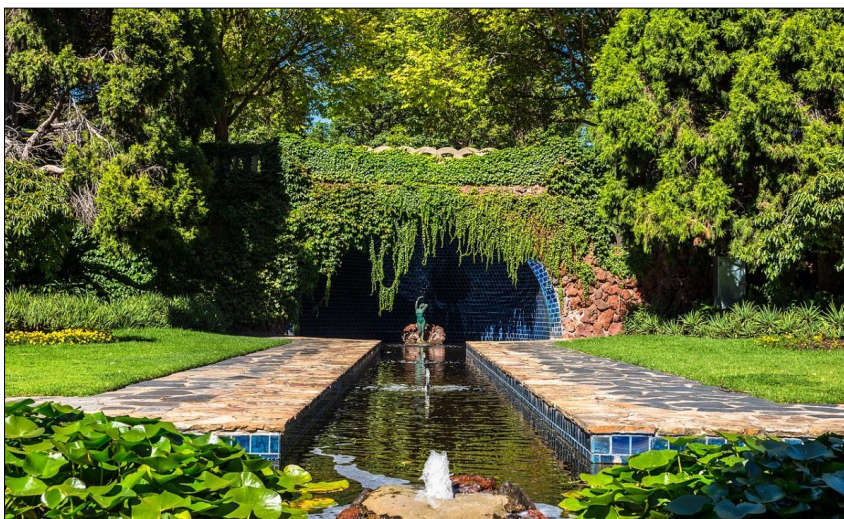
Provisions were often scarce and dear in the early days of Melbourne. The settlement had to depend on Launceston and Sydney for its flour, and often bad weather would delay the trading schooners, and leave the place very short of food. Sometimes bread ran up to 1s. to 3s. a loaf.

When the diggings broke out, Mr. Humphries, like most of the men folk, went off to make his fortune, but he was not very successful, and in 1858 he came up here (Bolinda), and obtained this farm (200 acres), and here I have resided for over 46 years. Twenty-two years ago, I lost my husband, and last year my oldest son, who was over 70, died. I have seven children still living, 45 grandchildren, two of whom are living with me, and nearly as many great-grandchildren. My memory has always been good. I can remember going, as a little girl, with my mother to St. John's Church, Bedford-road, London, to hear the funeral service for George the Third in 1820. I was with her in the streets to witness the celebrations at the crowning of George the Fourth, and can distinctly recollect the public sympathy for Queen Caroline, whom he would not allow to be crowned. In 1830 I saw the celebrations when William the Fourth came to the throne. Just 67½ years ago I landed in Melbourne. It is nine years since I saw it last, but I hope to see it once again.'

Louisa died at her daughter's residence near Riddell on 11 June 1912, aged 98.

Photo: Wikitree

Contributed by Valerie Farley PPPG member # 551



Above: The Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden, is located in Kings Domain, Melbourne and honours the contribution of women settlers to the development of Victoria 1834-1934



With our February meeting focussing on womens' stories you should check out the transcription and annotation of the memoirs of Jocelyn O'Neill's great grandmother Elizabeth Sarah Pennefather (nee CURR) and her younger sister Florence Mary CURR (also known as Sister Elizabeth of the Sisters of Mercy) at the SLV site. Written about 1910 they describe their childhood at St Heliers and Colbinabbin. Elizabeth and Florence were 2 of eleven children born to Edward (The Father of Separation) and Elizabeth CURR and sisters of Edward Micklethwaite CURR. [SLV- 'Edward M. Curr and the Tide of History - Samuel Furphy]



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Next Meeting:</b>      | <b>Saturday 11 February 2023</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Speaker:</b>           | <b>Speaker:</b> Various PPPG Members<br><b>Topic:</b> Women of our time                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Hall Entry:</b>        | \$2.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Doors Open:</b>        | 1.30 pm. Sign in. Time to browse notice board, borrow library books, and chat.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Meeting Starts:</b>    | <b>2.00 pm.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Guest Speaker:</b>     | 2.30 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Afternoon Tea:</b>     | 3.30 pm. Refreshments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Venue:</b>             | Wesley Hall, St. Andrew's Uniting Church,<br>cnr Burke and Malvern Rds, Gardiner.<br>Public Transport: Right on the route of the No 72 tram and only a short walk from the<br>Gardiner Railway Station. Melways Reference: Map 59 H7.<br>or<br><b>Online via Zoom digital platform</b> |
| <b>Upcoming Meetings:</b> | <b>13 May 2023</b> —Judith Buckrich—The Yarra River<br><b>8 July 2023</b> —TBA<br><b>9 September 2023</b> - Liz Rushen—Garryowen<br><b>11 Nov 2023</b> —TBA                                                                                                                            |

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