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"WHAT IS ALL KNOWLEDGE TOO BUT RECORDED EXPERIENCE, AND A PRODUCT OF HISTORY"

Thomas Carlyle. 1795-1881

This is the first Newsletter published by the Society since 1988. Our former Secretary, Dick Ballantyne, became very ill late in that year and consequently, no newsletters were published in 1989. Dick set a very high standard for us to follow, and hopefully, we shall succeed in maintaining it's excellence. Dick has since been made a Life Member of the of the Society and presented with a Certificate in appreciation of his services.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE 'GLEN HUNTLY.'

April 17 - 27 1990 marks the 150th. anniversary of the arrival and dis-embarkment of the emigrant ship 'Glen Huntly' which was the first vessel to enter Port Phillip with fever patients on board.

The 'Glen Huntly' was a 3 masted barque of 420/550 tonnage built in 1839 by James Bremner, Pultney Town and registered at Greenock, Scotland, one of the 'GLEN' fleet.

The 'Glen Huntly' sailed from Greenock, Scotland under the command of Captian Buchanan on the 14th. December 1839 and after what might be called a horror voyage, arrived in Hobsons Bay, Williamstown on 17th. April 1840. There were more than 150 emigrants on board. When it became known that twelve people had died from fever of a typhoid character during the four month voyage Capain Buchanan was ordered to cross the bay to Point Ormond. - (The Bluff)

Two quarantine camps, one for the sick and one for the healthy, were established, forming Victoria's first quarantine station.

Three more passengers - James Mathers, John Craig and George Armstrong died during the next few weeks and were buried at the Bluff. Their graves, enclosed by a picket fence, remained until 1898 when they the remains were re-buried, with some ceremony, in the St. Kilda Cemetery. Mrs. Bowman, of Caulfield, a daughter of James Craig, was present on the occasion.

Subsequently, a public appeal raised sufficient money to establish a suitable memorial at the grave in the St. Kilda Cemetery.

In 1985, through the efforts of the St. Kilda Historical Society and the Elwood Lions Club, a cairn was erected at Point Ormond.

These two memorials, together with Glen Huntly Road, a main throughfare and the Caulfield suburb of GLEN HUNTLY serve as reminders of the arrival and tragedy of the fever ship so soon after the founding of the Colony.

A Committee of the descendants of the various passengers on the ship 'Glen Huntly', the St. Kilda Historical Society, and other interested bodies are arranging a Dinner on Saturday April 21st. and a Family Picnic Lunch at Point Ormond on Sunday 22nd. In addition there will be an Historical Display at the St. Kilda Town Hall at 3.30p.m. on this Sunday. (22nd.) Phone 870 9950 for further information if you are interested.

REFERENCES - Caulfield Historical Society Newsletters No's 15 and 22.
'Scotch Link Feb. 1990. Migrant Ships for S.A. 1836-1850 (Ronald Parsons).

WANTED - A HOME

Caulfield Historical Society is still looking for a home since our former home at Caulfield Central R.S.L. became unavailable when they sold their property.

Our records and possessions are presently packed away and stored in a Church Hall. They are thus inaccessible. This is quite a handicap. We are hopeful that Caulfield City Council will eventually be able to provide us with a suitable spot, but with their extensive building programme in progress, this may be many months away.

Any member with a practical idea that could help us in the short term should contact any Committee member. Any lead will be vigorously investigated.

ANOTHER FIRE STATION DISAPPEARS.

This year's Caulfield Council Resource Book - an excellent local reference book - has, on page 14, a reproduction of a photograph of the corner of Grange and Glenhuntly Roads taken about 1920.

Note that at the time, the tram terminated at this point, and the Fire Station, (not shown is the Tower at the rear) has been demolished only in the past few weeks. The tower went some time ago.

CAULFIELD STREET NAMES

FIELD, FLOWERS AND GOE are three streets off Bambra Road, just south of Glenhuntly Road. Few people would now that these three streets dating from the pre 1920 period are named after one person. Field Flowers Goe, (his father had the same names), was born in England in 1832 and after study at Oxford, was ordained a deacon and priest in the Church of England in 1858. He married and after a number of Church appointments in England, was chosen, in 1886, to succeed Bishop Moorhouse in Australia. Consecrated Bishop of Melbourne, he was installed here in April 1887.

During his period of office, he completed the building of St. Pauls Cathedral, (except the spires and tower), experienced the Land Boom Collapse of the nineties, and was still in office when three new dioceses (Bendigo, Gippsland and Wangaratta) were created in 1901.

Following his wife's death, and poor health, he resigned in October 1901 and returned to England in April 1902. He died in 1910. Many people have given their names (usually their surnames) to local streets but few indeed would have given all their names, both christain and surname, in this way.

Why these particular streets above were named after the Bishop is, at the moment, unclear, but this point will be cleaned up in the future.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS!!!

Remember when -

Retail traders delivered your purchases. or called at your residence, as part of the service -

- Daily. Baker, Milkman.
- Regularly. The Rabbit-O, Dairy Produce man, Iceman, Chinese Fruit & Vegetables, Bottle-O, Local Shop Keepers (Grocer, Fruiter, Butcher, Large Retail Stores.)

THE GOOD NEWS DAYS.

Some modern improvements in the past decade -

- Street Name Signs (Show Post Number and Municipality) and visible by car headlights.)
- House Numbers on S.E.C. Poles.
- House Numbers painted on kerbstones.
- New Brighter Street Lights.
- Rumblers, (Garbage Bins - Caulfield was the first Municipality in Melbourne to have them.)
- New Tall Post Boxes, (Have bottom storage to replenish the posties delivery bag.)
- Brick Footpaths.
- Neighbourhood Watch.

COMING EVENTS

MAY MONTHLY MEETING.

Guest Speaker for the evening of May 16th will be Miss Bridget Everett from Richmond-Burnley Historical Society. Her subject will be - Historical Research re Emily Sophia Patton.

MAY OUTING.

We have booked the Community Bus for Sunday May 27th. when we will visit Ballam Park at Frankston. Full and final details at our May meeting.