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# BULLETIN

## FEBRUARY 2005 443

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month,  
February to December

**Albury Regional Museum:** (02) 6051 3450  
Turks Head, Wodonga Place, Albury  
Open every day, 10.30a.m. to 4.30p.m.  
Website: [www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/museum](http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/museum)

### Patrons:

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### Subscriptions:

Individual Member \$20  
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## ★ NEXT MEETING ★

**8pm Wed. March 9 FEB.**

Commercial Club,  
Dean St, Albury

### GUEST SPEAKER:

**Mr Gerry Curtis** will present a  
Talk & Slide Show on "Events  
in Albury in the 1920's &  
1930's".

## QUESTION of the MONTH

What was the most important  
event in Albury in the 1930's?

## FUTURE EVENTS

① 11/02/05 to 03/04/05;

Albury Regional Museum  
Exhibition: "Gambling in  
Australia; Thrills, Spills & Social  
Ills". A new touring exhibition cur-  
ated by the Powerhouse Museum.

The exhibition will reveal  
the personalities and contro-  
versies that have made  
gambling a central part of  
Australian life and portray  
the important contemporary  
social issues created by this  
country's gambling culture.  
It will explore problem  
gambling, its significant per-  
sonal and social con-  
sequences, and the harm  
minimisation strategies introduced  
by Government.

- Helen Pithie 02 6051 3451



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## REPORT ON THE DECEMBER MEETING:

The follow-  
ing A&DHS  
members re-  
sponded to  
"bring & tell" at  
the Xmas dinner  
function with the  
items described:

① **Helen Livsey:** compiled &  
spoke about a book of Christmas  
greetings, sent to Helen (see *BUL-  
LETIN* 437, p4) & Watty Fielder:

starting with a card they sent in  
1956 to **Mary Gilmore**.

Dame Mary replied, on the same  
card: "Dear Mr & Mrs Fielder, I am  
doing with you what I did with J.K.  
Moir & his Christmas card in writ-  
ing on it my own greetings, so that it



**"THE BREAD &  
CHEESE CLUB"**

is New Year Greet-  
ings for 1962 ad-  
dressed to Mr &  
Mrs Fielder, Col-  
lectors of Australi-  
ana, Albury.

The next card  
from Olivia Macin-  
ante in Dec. 1962  
mentioned the  
passing of Dame  
Mary was another  
sadness for us.

Olivia was the daughter of **John  
Farrell**, the poet who worked here  
at the brewery and lived at the Turks  
Head Hotel. Helen now corresponds  
with this family. Olivia's daughter,  
Ann Cuddy, was Mary Gilmore's  
secretary, and Ann visited Albury in  
1984 with her cousin. **Father Paul  
Stenhouse**, when they researched  
John Farrell's life. Father Paul Sten-  
house is the editor of "Annals Aus-  
tralasia", and Mary Gilmore was a  
contributor to Annals Australia from

1926 (Annals Australia  
9/10-1989 p37).

Father Paul Sten-  
house was a member  
of the **Bread &  
Cheese Club** and  
Mary Gilmore's letter  
mentioned J.K. Moir,  
also a member of the  
club, founded (in  
Australia) in 1938 &  
still going 1984. The

Club's motto is "**Mateship • Art  
• Letters**". Some members of the  
club were Dame Mary Gilmore,  
Billy Wye, John Farrell, Wat-  
tie Fielder, Fr



will have both our names, and can (I  
hope) go into your collection of  
Australiana and then I shall live  
forever!"

Another letter from Dame Mary

Paul Stenhouse, Lou Burns, Jerry Waight, Campbell Crowley, George Hales, John Lynch, Albert Phillips & John White.

"James Fenimore Cooper;

Though most renowned as a prolific novelist, ....Between 1822 and 1826 he lived in New York City and participated in its intellectual life, founding the Bread and Cheese Club, which included such members as the poets Fitz-Greene Halleck and William Cullen Bryant, the painter and inventor Samuel F.B. Morse, and the great Federalist judge James Kent..." (Encyclopaedia Britannica Standard 2004 CD). ROM).

**J.K. Moir** didn't send Christmas cards - he published booklets with Greetings on the cover, three of which were displayed. A letter from **Keast Burke**, author of *Gold & Silver*, refers to J.K. Moir: most of whose latter day letters ended with a reference to the lateness of the hour,

or rather to the earliness of the morning.

The Honorary Secretary of the Mildura Historical Society in 1965, **Alice Farmer**, wrote "Mildura Calling", which was published by the Bread & Cheese Club. She

wrote of J. K. Moir: He was a stranger to me when I first took my book for his perusal. I wondered what I had struck, but I learned to respect and admire the kindly man behind the somewhat (to me) astounding exterior.

His first words on glancing at my precious MSS were:- "If there are any damn poems about violets in it, I'll throw it at you". I was quite offended and said, "Thank you, I'll take it away now, although there are no poems about violets in it, merely paddle steamers, and the Mallee". He then called me a country mouse, and told me to call back in a few days. Imagine my delight

when he said that the Bread & Cheese Club would publish it... Alice Farmer refers to J.K. Moir's most unusual "Christmas cards" the last being one of himself and Bill Harney yarning near Ayer's Rock. Helen Fielder has dated theirs as 1957.

Other cards in the book were from the 20th Australian Motor Regiment, A I F. 1942, O C T U (Officer Cadet Training Unit) Bonegilla, and the Quintrell family, some of whom were musi-

cians and played at the Federal Theatre in Stanley St. There is a photo of the theatre in the book "Albury Yesterday" (by Howard Jones).

② **Betty Osmond**: exhibited a case (600x400x150mm). Presented to Charlotte Jane McAlister, by the RSL, after WWII service. The case is deep blue/ green leather with blue felt lining. It is fitted out inside with glass bottles. Betty was in nursing with Matron McAlister (see letter).

③ **Ruth Barry (nee Margraith)**; Exhibited her Sewing Book. There were samples of many types of sewing/ stitches, as taught by Mrs Basham in the 1930's. Miss Bremner was the teacher for first, second & third class. Mr Basham was the Headmaster, & Miss Clout was a Teacher.

Ruth's father lived/ worked in Griffith on the preparation of irrigation canals. The school had two teachers. Griffith had many returned army soldiers with small fruit/ rice farms. Many farmers were unhappy in the MIA, and sold their farms to the Italians.

PLANNING TO SPEAK AT A MEETING? Please remember to write it down & give it to a Committee Member for the Bulletin Editor. Photographs (originals or large copies) are welcome. Avoid Plagiarism - quote your sources!

Photo: Fr Paul Stenhouse; Annals Australia 6/1988 p44



# STORY OF MATRON CHARLOTTE JANE McALISTER. SUIT CASE.

BY JOYCE MOREY & BETTY OSMOND.

MATRON McALISTER RETURNED TO THE ALBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN JANUARY 1946, AFTER BEING ON WAR SERVICE. THE R.S.I. MEMBERS PRESENTED HER WITH THE LEATHER TRAVEL SUITCASE ON HER RETURN TO ALBURY. WHEN MATRON RETIRED, PRESENTED THIS LOVELY SUITCASE TO SR JOYCE STAR (NEE HILL). IT WAS STORED IN SR STARS SHED FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. WHEN SR STAR CLEARED OUT HER SHED DISCOVERED THE SUITCASE. DECIDED TO GIVE IT TO A STALL AT THE ST MATTHEWS CHURCH FETE. MR. RON BRADY OFFERED TO POLISH THE CASE. ON THE DAY OF THE FETE SISTER JOYCE MOREY BOUGHT THIS BEAUTIFUL CASE. JOYCE CALLED FOR THE CASE FOR THE NEXT THIRTEEN YEARS. MRS BETTY OSMOND (NEE SR DUNCAN) WAS SHOWN THIS CASE RECENTLY. THOUGHT IT'S FINAL PLACE OF CASE SHOULD BE THE MUSEUM. IT WAS PLACED IN HER CARE ON THE 19TH JULY 2004. ALL THREE SISTERS WERE TRAINERS OF THE ALBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL. THE TWO JOYCE'S TRAINED UNDER RONALD McALISTER. BETTY WAS A COMPLETE McALISTER TRAINER.

BETTY OSMOND



④ **Anne Davies:** exhibited a silver pill box (25mm diameter, 15mm high), hallmarked "London 1827", and still in use. It has outlasted six sovereigns: ♥ *George the fourth* ♥ *William the fourth* ♥ *Queen Victoria* ♥ *Edward the seventh* ♥ *George the fifth* ♥ *George the sixth* ♥ *It is still here in the reign of Queen Elizabeth the second.*

⑤ **Anne Brennan:** (a visitor/guest); exhibited a glass sugar basin (100mm diameter, 130mm high), which was her grandmother's 1910 wedding present, and therefore has witnessed a lot of family events!

⑥ **Jill Wooding:** exhibited a coloured Christmas card believed to be from 1890-1920 (see p4 B&W reproductions).

⑦ **Jean Whittle** (Wodonga Historical Society) talked about Bill Harney, author & the first officially appointed caretaker of Ayer's Rock (Uluru). Harney was a gatherer of information & a teller of stories. Bob Gregory was the second caretaker.

⑧ **Doug Hunter** talked about being in Papua New Guinea with Jan Hunter for an Xmas church service, and dinner; from their letter sent home to Albury dated Tuesday 26th December 1967.

⑨ **John Craig** read a poem by Blue the Shearer, "The First Clip", from the book "The Walls of Jericho".

⑩ **Bruce Pennay:** presented some Christmas recipes;

#### ■ **Australian Christmas Pudding** (contributed by Mrs Percy Stacy of Singleton)

Put 1 1/2 pints of milk, 1 1/2 squares of chocolate or 3 tablespoons of cocoa in saucepan and bring to boil, add 4 dessertspoons of gelatine (Davis) and stir until dissolved; add small cup of sugar and stir. Remove from fire and when thickened add essence vanilla, 1/2 cup prepared dates, 1/2 cup raisins, few figs (if liked) and shredded almonds, 1/4 cup muscatels. Turn

into mould, which has been rinsed in cold water. When set, turn out and decorate with holly and serve with whipped cream.

For those who wanted a hot pudding, the reader was referred to 29 November and a selection of Christmas Plum Pudding recipes.

■ "The famous Australian writer, **Henry Lawson** (1867-1922) was one of the staunchest advocates of cold fare for Christmas, and even predicted a time when hot roasts and puddings would disappear from our festive board . . .

*Everything cold except the vegetables, the hose playing on the verandah and vines outside, the men dressed in sensible pyjama-like suits, and the women and girls fresh and cool and jolly, instead of being hot and cross and looking like boiled carrots, and feeling like boiled rags..."*

#### ■ **Governor Phillip's Rum Pie**

*Pastry: 6 oz (1 1/2 cups) flour, 3 oz (3 tablespoons) butter, 2 tablespoons hot water, 1 teaspoon sugar.*

Sift flour and rub in butter. Dissolve sugar in hot water before adding to flour mixture. Mix to a soft dough and chill for 15-20 minutes. Roll out and line 8 inch pie dish. Cook in hot oven for 15 minutes. Allow to cool before filling.

*Rum Cream Filling: 3 egg yolks, 1 tablespoon soft butter, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 dessertspoon gelatine, 1/4 cup cold water, 1/2 pint cream, 1/4 cup dark rum.*

Beat egg yolks, butter, gradually add sugar and beat until frothy. In saucepan soften gelatine in water and bring to boil over low heat; slowly pour into egg mixture beating well all the time. Whip cream until stiff and fold into egg mixture, then



Illustration inside 1890-1920's Xmas card: the Town Crier, mediaeval antecedent to newspaper publishing.

- Jill Wooding

gently fold in rum. [Refrigerate!] until stiff enough to form peaks when dropped from spoon, then heap into crust and chill 3-4 hours. Decorate with chocolate. \*

## GENERAL NOTICES

### 1 GIFTS OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL:

Two interesting gifts of material have been received by the A&DHS. The first is from former member of the A&DHS, **Sue Gray** who left Albury 15 years ago and now lives in Dalby, Qld. Sue has

given us a paper she prepared as part of a major assignment for her BA at RCAE in 1982 entitled: "History of the Frauenfelder Family - Pioneers of the Albury Wine Industry". Sue's paper is particularly relevant at this time when the Fallon Cellars have revived interest in Albury's place in Australia's wine history.

The second is a collection of film, photos, news clippings and family history compiled by the late **Mr Fred Griffith** formerly of Toonalook, Bowna. This diverse collection of Albury and district history has been given to the Society by Mr Griffith's daughter **Louise** of Melbourne. The collection is yet to be catalogued but includes such varied items as a history of building the Albury Ski Lodge at Falls Creek; film footage of Presentation Day at Woodstock 1950; and news clippings of the first Sheep Show, 1946, attended by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

We thank both donors for their contribution to the history of Albury and district. After sorting the material we will discuss with the Museum and Library how it might best be made available to the public.

- D & J Hunter

2 On 28/01/05 Gerry Curtis, accompanied by the A&DHS President Doug Hunter, presented a talk to teachers on the "History of the Albury High School" (at the school on 2005 opening day). The AHS wants to start a school archive with connections to the A&DHS.

3 "Dressed in Their Best: 100 Years of Family Photos", book by Pam Liell. 1860-1960 clothes & fashions. \$25each + \$5 PP each: Pam Liell, PO Box 455, Concorde West, NSW 2138.

4 Royal Australian Historical Society funded project to research & publish the pre 1900 Pioneer Register for the Coonabarabran area.

Further information; ph 02 6842 5000 Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.30am to 1.30pm; or from Pioneer Register, Coonabarabran DPS Local & Family History Group Inc, PO Box 378 Coonabarabran (send completed registration forms here also, before 30 June 2005); or Email [dpscoona@hotmail.com](mailto:dpscoona@hotmail.com).

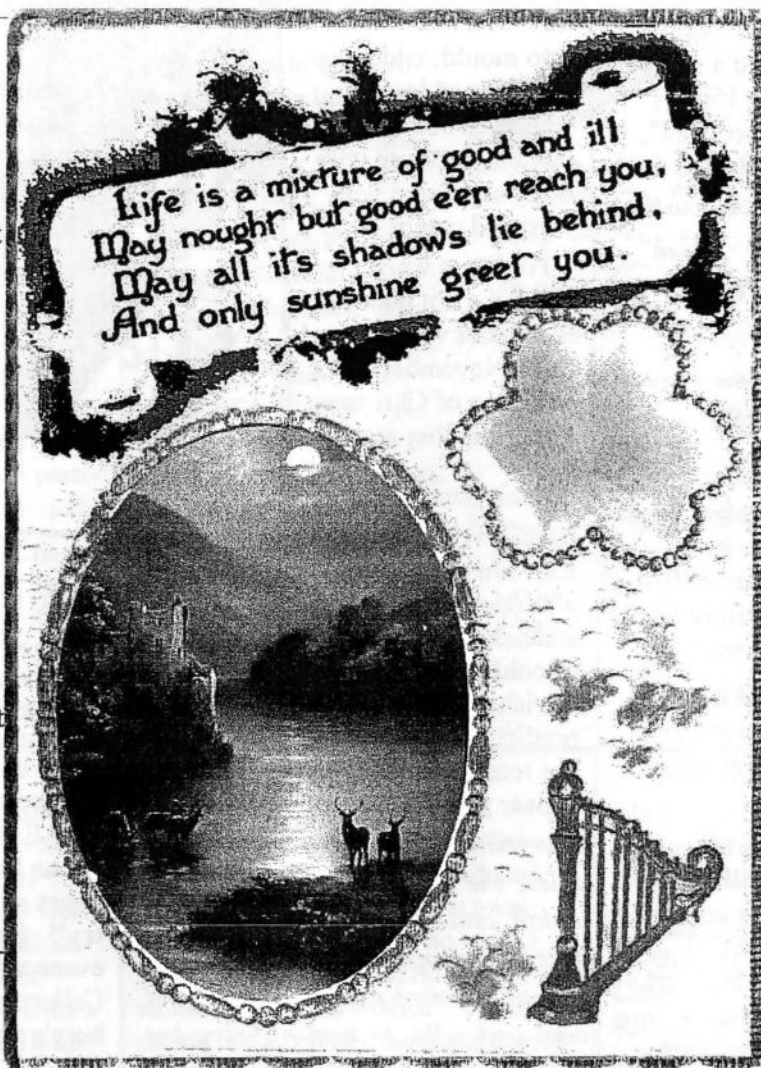
5 Hillston Pioneer Register: Pre-1900 register to cover Northwest to Ivanhoe, East to Lake Cargelligo, & South to Goolgowi. Registration submissions by 30/11/05 to Hillston & District Genealogy Society, 11 Grattan St Hillston NSW 2675 (fax 02 69672758) or to Parker Library below;

Further information: Raylene Slade, 11 Grattan Street, Hillston, NSW 2675 - [emailslade@bigpond.com](mailto:emailslade@bigpond.com), 02 6967 2397; or WG Parker Memorial Library, PO Box 142, Hillston 2675 NSW; Ph 02 6967 2503. \*

### JOURNEYING THROUGH THE JOURNALS - by John Craig

A compilation to help members find items of interest. These journals can be viewed at the Albury City Library - History Resources Room:

ANCES-TREE: Journal Burwood-Drummoyne F.H.G., November 2004.



Xmas Card art, with (English/Scottish?) castle & deer, believed to date from c1890-1920's. - Jill Wooding

1. German Migrant Ships to Eastern Australia, Part 6, Ship "Peter Godeffroy" 1852.

ARGYLE BULLETIN: Goulburn H S & F H S Journal, August 2004;

1. Reminiscences of Coach Driver, Mr James Conroy.

November 2004;

1. "Marian Vale", "The Woolpack Inn" & Joseph Peters.

BORDERLINE NEWS: Wodonga F H S Newsletter, November 2004

1. Upcoming Events & Overview of Previous Meetings.

2. President's Message.

DESCENT: Journal of Society of Australian Genealogists, September 2004

1. In Pursuit of the Dragon -Chinese Australian Family History Research.

2. Prerogative Court of Canterbury -Wills 1384 to 1858.

HERITAGE NEWS: HILLS DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter, November 2004

1. Pending Relocation of Museum & Offices.

HISTORY: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Magazine.

December

2004

1. Trocadero Hall, Newtown (Sydney).

2. "Standalone": Was Life Really Idyllic as Banjo Patterson Suggests?

3. Calendar of Events -November 2004 -April 2005.

LINKS 'N' CHAINS:

Liverpool GS Journal, November 2004

1. Copy of Photo with Names (56) of 4th Light Trench Mortar Battery 13th Battalion World War I.

MEMENTO: News from National Archives. September 2004

1. In Memory of Dhakiyarr Wirrpanda.  
2. Grandma's Chinese Whispers.

MURRUMBIDGEE ANCESTOR - Journal Wagga Wagga F H S, October 2004

1. Report of AGM of September 2004.

PARRAMATTA PACKET: F H Group & Historical Society Newsletter, November 2004/ February 2005.

1. Macquarie's "Female Factory", Home of the Australian Amazons.

RICHMOND RIVER Historical Society Bulletin. (Lismore), December 2004

1. Eleanor Mackinnon (1871-1936), Joint Founder of World Junior Red Cross.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Journal, December 2004

1. Farmers Parliaments; Attempts by NSW Labor (1920-1930) to communicate with the Countryside.

2. Family Matters; Bastards, Orphans & Baptisms -NSW 1810-1825.

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COMMITTEE Meeting: 5.15pm Tuesday February 22, 2005, at Albury City Library