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From the Committee

Hello Members,

Our Annual General Meeting and Sausage Sizzle at the end of July was well attended and enjoyed by all. As you can see from the committee members outlined above, we have a new Treasurer in Suzy Smith. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking our outgoing Treasurer Shirley Bulley for all her efforts and contribution to the Group.

Our monthly speaker days are always enjoyable, and we look forward to seeing more of our members coming along. We have a few speakers lined up for the rest of this year, but if you have any hints or contacts for future speakers, then please let us know. We are always looking for new speakers and topics. As you can see from the last page of this newsletter, we are visiting the State Records Office at Gepps Cross. If you have any South Australian records you wish to look for, come along and take advantage of this opportunity.

August is National Family History Month which means that most Family History Groups will be holding special events. Our Group will have 2 Open Days in the month, namely 13th and 27th August which will enable the public to come in and see what we do.

As most of us know, there are quite a few Universities especially in England that hold historical records and documents. The University of Leicester have digitised a number of Trade Directories which are a great source of information about our ancestors. Put the following into your browser **specialcollections.le.ac.uk** or you can Google Historical Directories of England and Wales. Give it a go! We also have quite a few interesting websites on our Facebook page which may be of interest also.

“Brick walls” are very frustrating to overcome, especially when records are interstate. Our Secretary Margaret had cause to email Mark Greal of Archival Access Victoria last month for a look up at the Public Records Office Victoria (PROV). Mark visits the PROV a couple of times a month and is a prompt and efficient researcher. His fee is very reasonable also. If you have difficulty in searching the Victorian records, then it is well worth contacting him.

Thank You.

August is National Family History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 st Aug.					1 st Aug.
	3 rd Aug. 			6 th Aug. Mid-Week Research Day 10 am – 4 pm		8 th Aug. Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Committee Meeting 2 pm
				13 th Aug. Family History Month Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		15 th Aug. 
				20 th Aug. Mid-Week Research Day 10 am – 4 pm		22 th Aug. Tour of State Archives – Gepps Cross 1.30 pm
23 rd Aug. Visit to Dublin History Group, Dublin. Online Research. 1.30 pm				27 th Aug. Family History Month Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		

A WOMAN ON THE GIBBET.

On the trial of Sophy Perovsky, the Russian woman of noble family recently hanged in St, Petersburg as a regicide, when leave was finally given her to speak on her own behalf, she said:



" In 1869, being then sixteen years old and having gone through the usual school studies, I fitted myself for a teacher. I soon found out that the Government, by its system of despotic interference with the affairs of the peasantry, was putting insurmountable obstacles in the way of their normal, intellectual, moral, and economical development. In 1872 I was forced to leave the school, and I joined the revolutionary party. Since then I served the cause. Several times I was arrested and tried for taking part in the revolutionary propaganda. In 1878, without any trial, but by administrative order, I was transported to the province of Olonotzk. I escaped, dropped my name, and procured false passes. My part in the Moscow explosion of 1870 is known to the Court. .Since June, 1880, I have been living in St. Petersburg with a woman whose name I don't want to give here, Gelisboff came to live in my rooms, and by order of the Executive Committee we began preparations for the event of the 13th March. Being an agent of the committee, I knew everything about the means to be resorted to. I was charged with the duty of finding out where and when the Czar could be met with. In the morning of the 13th March I brought two bombs into the rooms of Hessa Helfman, But whence the bombs were brought and how many persons were charged with the duty of throwing them. I don't choose to say, I drew the map in order to show the station appointed for each of my comrades, and it was I to whom the bomb throwers had to look for directions on the place of action, I made signs with my handkerchief, and they moved and acted according to our agreement. I had no bomb myself, for we had not enough of them for all of us. I stood on the other side of the Catharine Canal and observed the effect of both explosions. That is all I want to say of the practical part which I took in the revolutionary movement.

"As to the motives that induced me to join the revolutionary party, I can say this: The principal task of our party is to awaken in the people a consciousness that they have the right and power to govern themselves. To solve this problem our party hoped to gradually raise the intellectual and moral level of the people, to improve their economical condition, and so to develop the consciousness of their civil rights ; and therefore the members of the party settled among the peasantry in different capacities and carried on a peaceful social propoganda. But the Government, by a series of severe repressive measures, made our peaceful work impossible. Then our party, after a long hesitation, was forced to undertake a political straggle against the Government, as the chief obstacle in our way. Once in the political arena, we could not help adopting the terrorist policy. Our relentless persecution of the late Czar was, on one side, an answer to his relentless persecution of our party, and on the other it was the result of our conviction that he would never change his ruinous internal policy. I admit that I am a member of the party of Narodnaia Volia (the Will of the People), and am an agent of the Executive Committee. The Narodnaia Volia is far from having a desire to impose on the public and on the people at large any institutions whatever, or any form of government; it has only a deep conviction that by and bye the people and society will adopt its social ideas and will realise them, I consider it my duty to say a few words for some of my comrades. Hessa Helfman, being in charge of the conspirators' room, was connected with the party of Narodnaia Voila, but she had no knowledge of or part in the terrorist acts. Mikhailoff, too, had no part in these acts, took no share in the preparations for the event of the 13th March, and was not among those who were charged with the duty of throwing the bombs-in short, he had no part whatever in the event of the 13th March.

" Many, very many accusations have been heaped upon us by the Prosecutor. As regards the practical part of those accusations, I will not say a word ; I have admitted all of them. But I do most solemnly protest against this accusing me and my comrades of immorality, cruelly, and contempt of public opinion. I am sure that those who know our life and the conditions under which we have had to act will not throw a stone at us -- will not accuse us of immorality or of cruelty. And now for my single and last request: I do not ask mercy, but I demand that in dealing with me no favour shall be shown because of my sex."

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954), Wednesday 10 August 1881.

What is a Gedcom?

GEDCOM is an acronym for **GE**nealogical **Data** **COM**munications. It is a file format developed by the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). It provides a flexible and uniform format for exchanging computerized genealogical data, and allows you to share files with other researchers who may not use the same genealogy program (Family Tree Maker, PAF, etc.) that you do.

You will need to convert the file in your genealogy program into GEDCOM format before it can be added or transferred to an alternate program. The conversion to a GEDCOM format results in a second file, with the file in your genealogy program remaining intact.

A GEDCOM file will usually end with the extension of .ged (for example, YourFilename.ged). You may want to check your program's user manual if .ged is not showing as the extension.

For a more comprehensive explanation read GEDCOM Explained, which has been uploaded to the Legacy and Family Tree Maker Folders in the members area of the ANDFHG Website.

What shall I do with it?

I started on my family history research about eighteen years ago. I equipped myself with a programme for my computer, which I intended to keep up to date by entering everything I found when I found it. I had four ring binders, one each for the four branches of our family. I also bought four matching cardboard folders, also neatly labelled. It all looked so lovely you would have wept to see it! I was all set.

Now eighteen years on I have twelve ring binders, with the insets rubbed out and scribbled over, nine cardboard folders, all bulging and mended with sticky tape (I must get some more). As for the computer programme, I reckon I am about four years behind with my entries. I have not finished yet. Well, who ever does finish? I am well over my three score years and ten, so what am I going to do with it, all this stuff? (I mean, of course, my valuable research.)

I thought I would write it up, family by family. I began with my mother's line, the Higgins, but it instantly split into two, "Higgins" and "Darby". They both split into two well, you see what I mean. I have never wanted simply to chase the male line backwards as some people do. So I am enmeshed in brothers and sisters, cousins and second cousins, to say nothing of all the possible family members, who might turn out to be family members with a bit more research. Are you still with me? I am also interested in their jobs, the times they lived in and why they moved when they did. I am writing a three-volume novel here!

So come on, help me. What shall I do with it all? How am I going to get it into neat and readable order for my descendants? You will face the same problem one day, no matter how young you are now. How are you dealing with yours?

Article from the "Footprints" November 2014, Journal of the Northamptonshire Family History Society – by Pat Jenkins, member:

A POEM THAT SOME CAN RELATE TO

*I remember the cheese of my childhood,
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the
housework,
And the men went to work not the wife.*

*The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot
The children were seldom unhappy
And the wife was content with her lot.*

*I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from the fridge in the shop.*

*The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their mates in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.*

*I remember the shop on the corner,
Where a pen'orth of sweets was sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it...I'm just getting old?*

*I remember the 'loo' was the lav
And the bogey man came in the night,*

*It wasn't the least bit funny
Going "out back" with no light.*

*The interesting items we perused
From the newspapers cut into squares,
And hung on a peg in the loo,
It took little to keep us amused.*

*The clothes were boiled in the copper
With plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.*

*I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.*

*Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.*

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*the age of remembrance must be 60
plus!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Adelaide City Baths 1950's



1.30 pm Saturday 22nd August.

National Family History Month
Special.

Guided Tour of State Records

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Archive Services

State Records is the official custodian for archival records created by State and Local Government agencies within South Australia.

State Records has two websites, this site 'Archive Services' is designated for services to the public, whilst the other is for '[Services for Government](#)'

This site provides services and advice covering public access to the archive including Aboriginal access enquiries, and assistance with privacy and freedom of information.

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State Records of SA 29 Jun

Meeting at Gepps Cross Repository, 115 Cavan
Road, Gepps Cross @ 1.15pm



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