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Clockwise: Ambleside Park Homestead, Ambleside interior, Glen Turnbull at Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Knox visit, 27 May 2006

The Knox Historical Society in Melbourne were generous hosts to the Wendish Heritage Society and to the Friends of Lutheran Archives in Victoria for our one-day visit to the Knox area on 27 May.

Glen Turnbull, President of the *Knox Historical Society*, talked of the early settlement of the area and the interesting historical exhibits on display both inside and outdoors at the Ambleside Park Homestead.

We investigated the extensive Germanic and Wendish background of the Bayswater/Scoresby/Knox area, first settled in the 1860s and were given a copy of the 1870s map of the Parish of Scoresby in the Shire of Berwick.

The pioneering German farmers listed came to Australia in the 1850s and 1860s and most lived within the area bounded by Boronia Road, Mountain Hwy and Dorset Road. Early settlers from Germany included J. Bischoff; Johann Christian Froebel; William Gerlach; Martin Kleinert; W.L. Lechte; H.W. Leising; Ambros Lischke; August Pach; J. Peters; Diedrich Sasse; William Schultz; J.F. Tillack; Wilhelm Tillack, Gerrit Eizes Tosch and Andreas Wilberg. The name J. Newman appears to be the anglicised form of Johann Christian Neumann; August Pach later anglicised his name to Peck and J. Zerenboom also looks non-english.

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Past events

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The first Bayswater Lutheran Church was built in 1873 and was also used as a Temporary State School No 1445 from 1874 – 1879. It had a close connection with the Doncaster Lutheran Church. A new church was built in 1881 and an old photo shows "Deutsche Evangelische Lutherische Kirche Gottesdienst Morgens 11 Uhr" which translates "German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Divine Worship in the morning 11 am". This church closed in 1908 and members joined St Stephen's Anglican Church in Bayswater, where the old Lutheran church was moved and used as a parish hall.

Cemetery Tour

After lunch Glen led us on a tour of the Ferntree Gully Cemetery. We noted the grave of Wendish descendant Frederick Paul Kollosche and his wife Ellinor, which also listed his children Charlie, Chris, Bill, Jack, Freda and George. Frederick Kollosche ran the Belgrave bus-line. We saw the grave of the Heidelberg School painter Arthur Ernst Streeton, described as "Knight Australian Landscape Painter 1867–1948", who lived at Olinda for some years and now in death faces his beloved Dandenongs.

The Templers

A section of German graves includes The Templers. *The Temple Society* was founded by Christoph Hoffmann in Germany in 1861. He believed that the German State Church was too formal and church people needed to show more concern and love for each other. He believed that the end of the world was near and established settlements in Jerusalem to be at the centre of the action. His followers also settled in Haifa and Jaffa.

When the State of Israel was founded in 1948, they were required to leave Israel, so his Templers headed for Germany or Australia. Many settled at Bayswater in Melbourne. The dates and places of the Templer births and deaths are in the Wendish Research Library.

For more information on the local Templers visit http://www.templers.org.

For information on the Templers worldwide visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Templers_%28religious_believers%29

Exiles and Emigrants: Epic Journeys to Australia in the Victorian Era

The 19th Century migrant experience was on display from 9 Dec– 26 March at the Ian Potter Centre, Federation Square. Visitors saw paintings and read stories of the emigrants' conditions at home as they packed up and left for Australia. Many issues

had made life difficult, including lack of work, the potato famine, war and other hardships.

The journey to Australia involved months at sea, fierce storms and the possibility of shipwreck on icebergs or rocks. About two thousand emigrants are assumed to have drowned in such shipwrecks.

Our Society has purchased the excellent book *Exiles* and *Emigrants*, which accompanied this exhibition.



Gladys Koch and Clay Kruger

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, 2 April 2006

AGM

Members and friends met on 2 April at the Ivanhoe Lutheran Church for a Community Lunch and Annual General Meeting.

Reports were given and office-

bearers elected, as listed in our Directory on page 8, with Kevin Zwar as the new President. A vote of thanks was extended to Gladys Koch for her very successful term as our President and in particular for her efficiency in organizing the committee to achieve set tasks.

Treasurer, Clay Kruger, presented a financial statement for 2005. The credit balance as at 31 December 2005 was \$9,308.64.

German Migration to Tasmania

Our guest speaker, Marita Hargraves of Hobart, then informed us about German and Scandinavian migration to Tasmania in the 1800s.

Over 30 ships carried about 1600 German and Scandinavian migrants to Tasmania from 1855–1887. Agents Wilhelm Kirchner, Friedrich Buck and others recruited people to become agricultural labourers, mechanics, servants and farmers in Tasmania. Many families stayed in Tasmania after serving their passage. Some later moved to Victoria and other colonies.

Marita's book, *Inducements and agents: German,* Northern European and Scandinavian recruitment to Tasmania 1855-1887 is available for \$39 plus postage from The Resources Manager, T.F.H.S. Inc.-Hobart Branch, P.O. Box 32, Rosny Park, Tas. 7018.

VAFHO Expo, 19 August 2006

The Victorian Association of Family History Organisation held a big Expo at the Dallas Brooks Centre. Our Society displayed family history information and answered research queries from those with Germanic and Wendish ancestors.

JOHN NOACK - SECRETARY



Calendar of upcoming events



INVITATION

You are invited to the 20th Annual Dinner of the Wendish Heritage Society

When: Saturday 7 October 2006

Pre-dinner drinks 6pm, Dinner 7pm.

Where: Community Centre

Calvary Lutheran Church 1 Oldstead Rd, Greensborough (Recent Melway Map 11 C9)

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes pre-dinner

sherries and a delicious German meal.

Please BYO wine.

Guest Speaker - Chris Deutscher

Deutscher–Menzies are the leading Australianowned Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers. Four major Art Auctions are held each year, offering the best Australian and International Art to the market. From the first Auction in April 1998, the annual turnover has increased from \$8.5 million in 1998 to \$30.2 million in six years. It has achieved numerous record prices for Australian Artists in the Saleroom.

Several members of the Deutscher family will speak to us and Chris Deutscher will share how he has reached the top in the field of Australia's Fine Art Auctioneers.

150th Anniversary Celebrations

At the Dinner we will mark the 150th anniversary of all Wends who arrived in Australia in 1856. Please let us know beforehand if your ancestors arrived in 1856, so that we can celebrate with you.

Please use the enclosed reply form to book by 23rd September.

Email: claykruc@optusnet.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there!

Germantown (Grovedale) Pioneers: Sunday 10 September 2006

The Rotary Club of Grovedale has arranged a cairn to commemorate the early pioneers of Germantown (now Grovedale), who settled there and were buried in the Grovedale Cemetery. A commemorative afternoon will be held at 2pm, Sunday 10 September at the Cemetery.

Contact: Mrs June Winter, Telephone (03) 5266 1383

Peters Hill 150th Anniversary of the Lutheran Congregation: 15 Oct 2006

Join us for a 10.30am Church Service, plus displays, period costumes, tours and fellowship.

Contact: Mr Norm Schmidtke, 11 Charles St Saddleworth South Australia, 5413. Telephone (08) 8847 4183.

Thomastown Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary: Sunday 12 Nov, 2006

The Thomastown Lutheran Church and the Friends of Westgarthtown warmly invite you to the 150th Anniversary of the church building and congregation on Sunday 12 November 2006 between 12 noon and 4pm at German Lane in Lalor (Melway Map 8 H5).

A special church service will be held at 2pm, Ziebell's Farmhouse will be open for inspection, and conducted tours of the Thomastown Pioneer Precinct will be available.

The church building is believed to be the second oldest surviving Lutheran Church building in Australia.

During its 150 year history, this church, which is now in Lalor, has also been known as New Mecklenburg, Westgarthtown and Thomastown. The headstones in its nearby cemetery help to recall some of the past members and the book *Westgarthtown* by Robert Wuchatsch answers most questions about this Germanic and Wendish settlement which began when Victoria was in its infancy.

The 150th anniversary dinner will be held on Friday 10 November from 7pm at the Lutheran Community Centre, 1 Oldstead Road, Greensborough.

Goulburn and Murray Family History Groups Expo: 18 November 2006

This year's Expo will be held on Saturday 18 November at the Mulwala District Services Club, Melbourne St, Mulwala from 10am–4pm. Bob and Betty Proposch will represent our Society.

Wendish Fest Tour: September 2007

Geoff Saegenschnitter is offering a tour to the USA in September 2007 to coincide with the annual Wendish Fest in Serbin, Texas.

Contact Geoff by email: saege@ozemail.com.au or by mail: C/- P.O. Greenock, SA, 5360.



What's new at the Library?

Browse the Library on our website

Thanks to the computer wizardry of Joel Blackburn and the professional skills of his wife Janice, all the Library books are now listed on our website. Go to www.wendishheritage.org.au and click 'Browse the Library' to access over 1800 items, listed in two sections, numbered 1–1000 and 1000+. The latter section includes about 680 family surname files, recently entered by Kevin Zwar and added to the website by Joel Blackburn. (Janice and Joel are taking a three month holiday overseas, including a visit to Werben in Lower Lusatia, and we wish them well.)

You are welcome to visit the Library (27 Livingstone St Ivanhoe) for research on the first Sunday afternoon of the month. You can use a search engine that will not only show the name of a book, but also direct you to the cupboard and shelf where it is housed!

We hope this gives you a better insight into the wealth of material in our Wend Library.



Natalie Liao and her mother Pamela Dowdy were overwhelmed by the amount of material available on their ancestors at our Research Library.

George Nielson goes digital!

We are in the process of scanning 245 pages of George Nielsen's brief notes of 245 Wend families in Australia. If you request information by email, we will email you a low resolution scan that is easy to read on your monitor.

Recent Library Acquisitions

1. Summary of Land Records of German Farmers who Emigrated from Nekielka (formerly Nekla Hauland) in Poland to Australia in the mid-1800s.

We thank Colin Huf for making this material available to our Library. The records give the details of over 40 family names, including Benz, Hausler, Herrmann, Huf, Jeske, Krieg, Leske, Lindner, Menzel, Mibus, Muhlnickel, Neumann, Nuske, Pfeiffer, Richter, Seifert, Semmler and Zadow. Some of these Germans married Wends when they came to Australia.

- Cemetery records of Jindera, Glen Wills, Burrumbuttock and Gerogery Published by the Wodonga Family History Society Inc.
- 3. Exiles and Emigrants: Epic Journeys to Australia in the Victorian era
- 4. Huppatz Family History
- 5. Knox Heritage Trail by Glen Turnbull
- 6. Parish Map: Landholders in the Parish of Scoresby, Shire of Berwick Thanks to Glen Turnbull for making this map available.
- 7. Yarra Valley Historical: A brief look at early life in the valley during the mid-1800s to the 1900s [newspaper].
- 8. The Templer Society: A Brief Historical Introduction
- 9. A River Woman by Matt Wallace and David Bennett This book is the life story of Pearl Wallace (1911–2005), a Marschall descendant, who was a paddle-steamer captain on the Murray and Darling Rivers. She was the real-life inspiration for the heroine of the novel All The Rivers Run.
- 10. Royal Garden Title Honor To Baron

A newspaper clipping circa 1958, about Baron von Mueller, the famous director of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens. We thank Clarrie Handreck for this clipping.

11. The Protestant Sorbs (Wends) by Trudla Malinkowa

[article translated by Martin Strauch].

GLENYS WOLLERMANN



General News

Zielona Gora museum

The museum of Zielona Gora in Poland [formerly Grünberg in Silesia] is holding an exhibition in May 2007, focusing upon both the wine industry and the people who once dwelt in the region and, for one reason or another, decided to leave. The museum is interested in making contact with descendants of families who migrated to Australia in the 19th century and would appreciate receiving copies (no originals please) of any historical photographs, diaries, shipping manifests or anything which shows a connection with northern Silesia.

Contact the museum curator, Anitta Maksymowicz, Tel (48) 608 245 616. Email: museum@man.zgora.pl

Obituary: Pastor Herman Pech 1921-2006

Herman Pech was born on 25 May 1921 at Laura Hospital, SA and baptized in the Appila Lutheran Church. He grew up on the family farm, attended Immanuel College, and was ordained a Lutheran Pastor in 1943. In 1947 he married Elizabeth Rohde at Freeling, and began work at the Finke River Mission. He moved to Doncaster in 1955, held a number of

teaching positions and returned to various pastoral duties at Doncaster, Greensborough, Nunawading and Box Hill. He died at Caritas Christi Hospice in Kew on 26 March 2006. His full obituary is presented on our website: www.wendishheritage.org.au

News from Germany

Berlin's Wall Trail

The 160 km long Berlin Wall, which surrounded former West Berlin for 28 years, is now a Wall Trail or *Mauerweg* for bikes and pedestrians. It features signposts and gardens and remnants of the Berlin Wall are now viewed as "a memorial against violence, tyranny and the abuse of power". This project began in 2001 and so far has cost \$A9.5 million (*The Age*, 22 Oct 2005).

Hoyerswerda's Decline in Population

Hoyerswerda was the heart of coal production in former East Germany and had a population of 70,000 in the 1980s. Today, it is 43,000. Although new industries including Porsche, Motorola and IBM, are being introduced, these new high-tech plants employ fewer people. Plans are underway to turn the vast coal-pits into lakes, to provide recreation and water sports for tourists. (*The Age*, 15 Sep 2005).

News from your 'Monitor'!

Today many people get the latest news from a computer monitor via the internet. Students also use the internet to research topics and download information rather than using books.

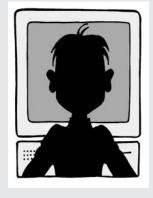
No Computer and Not On-line?

What about those who don't own a computer and couldn't drive one if they did? Do the same as those who don't have a car or don't drive – get a ride with someone who does! Ask your children or grandchildren to send in their email address for you!

Show them our address wendishheritage.org.au and they can show you our website! Or go to the local public library and the staff will guide you on the public computers.

Do we have your Email Address?

We'd like to know your email addresses so we can communicate quickly and easily with you and send out news more often. Please send your email address to kevin_zwar@optusnet.com.au. As well as being more environmentally friendly, emailing will save the Society on printing and postage fees.



In the future we would like to provide the option of emailing you this newsletter in colour, as well as producing a printed version twice a year for those without email access.

Can you help us maintain our website? We'd love to have a volunteer skilled in maintaining

websites (using a simple Content Management System) to help us update new material on a regular basis. No knowledge of html is necessary.

Email the president: kevin_zwar@optusnet.com.au if you can help!

John Noack is producing historic articles and we'd like to share these with a worldwide audience. The easiest way is to place them on our website where there is unlimited space.



Other societies

The following are summaries of items of interest from other societies' journals:

German place-name changes in SA

In 1917 the Nomenclature Act changed German place-names. The January 2006 edition of *Die Zeitung: the newsletter of the German Research Group;* GSQ lists a selection of name changes, courtesy of the South Australian Genealogical and Heraldry Society.

Gesch family of Miva, QLD by Faye Otto

The May 2006 edition of Missing Link: journal of the Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical and Historical Research Group Inc. gives the family history of Carl Frederick Gesch, his wife and five children who arrived in Brisbane from Germany in 1863.

Christian and Johanna Kurtzmann by Robert Wuchatsch

The Friends of Westgarthtown News, April 2006 gives the family history of Christian and Johanna Kurtzmann, one of the pioneering families of Westgarthtown. The Kurtzmann family lived in Westgarthtown from 1850 to about 1859, when they moved to the goldfields of north-eastern Victoria.

Old photos are interesting news!

The Family Researcher likes to find old photos of towns and villages where ancestors lived a hundred or more years ago. I'd like to point researchers in two directions:

1. Researching Victorian towns

The Victorian State Library has thousands of photos. Go to:

www.slv.vic.gov.au/collections/pictures/index.html

I entered 'Tarrington' in the search engine and found a photo taken in 1935 – The junior class school outside the original Church, built in 1863. Under 'Hamilton' I found several photos taken in the 1930's.

It is free to join the Victorian State Library. Join on-line, and have access to a wealth of treasures. Go to www.slv.vic.gov.au/index.html

2. Researching German towns

www.ak-ansichtskarten.de/frameallkategsehemost.php4 I entered 'Hochkirch' and found dozens of old postcard photos.

Reunions and Requests for Information

Hartwich Family Reunion

A Hartwich family reunion is planned for 30 Sept and 1 Oct 2006 at Tarrington/Hochkirch near Hamilton, to celebrate the 160th anniversary of their arrival in Australia.

Contact: Mrs June Winter, 595 Reservoir Road, Mt Moriac, Vic. 3240. Telephone (03) 5266 1383

Zacher Family Reunion

Descendants of Johann Carl and Anna Rosina Ernstine (nee Zobel) are attending a family reunion on Sunday 17 September 2006 to celebrate 150 years since Johann's arrival at Pt. Adelaide.

Contact: Mary Schmerl Tel (08) 8522 1271 or Beverley Wilson, mob 0401122739

Requests for Information

Recent email requests for information on ancestors have included the surnames: Knoetzsch; Duschka; Scheetz; Wende; Nowotna; Vorwerg; Tilka; Kschammer; Schimmens; Pumpa; Groch.

If you have information about any of these names, please email us and we can pass the news on to the enquiring parties.

Haffner/Hafner Research Update

As published in the *Wendish News*, March 2006, Dr Schneider Berrenberg is seeking descendants of Johannes and Barbara Haffner/Hafner who arrived in 1857.

Dr Schneider Berrenberg has now found that Johannes had a half-brother, Christian Haffner, who also migrated to Australia. He is searching for descendants of both of them. Christian married in 1867 and lived at Pleasant Creek, Stawell.

Contact: Dr Ruediger Schneider Berrenberg, Eremitage Agios Antonios, GR-40003 Agiokambos Agias/Larissis, Thessalia, Greece.



Research

Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA)

FoLA in Adelaide provide a wealth of material for family history researchers. Would you like to join FoLA and help support the collection and preservation of important Australian and New Zealand Lutheran archival material?

For further information, contact Lutheran Archives, 27 Fourth Street, Bowden, SA, 5007. Telephone (08) 8340 4009. Email: lutheran.archives@lca.org.au

History of Settlement in South Australian Marriage Records

Marriage records are usually consulted for the personal details relating to a particular relatives or ancestors. However, they can also be inspected chronologically.

What emerges from the entries relating to the location of the wedding and the building used is an interesting account of the early history and growth of Germanic and Wendish settlement in an area.

The South Australian marriage records present us with over 15,000 such examples and the following pattern emerges: a school room was usually built and used both as a school and for worship until a separate church building was erected.

Klemzig was the location of the first marriage recorded. It took place in 1842 and the happy partners were Hermann Aldenhoven and Bertha Fiedler. Between 1842 and 1846, five marriages took place in the schoolroom but from 18 October 1846, when Henry Schmidt married Hanna Lange, the location was the German Chapel at Klemzig.

Bethanien/Angus Park also appears in 1842, where the Lutheran schoolroom was the venue for the wedding of Karl Rohr and Louise Hampel. In 1844, Christian Heppner and Maria Hellwig were married in the residence of Mr Grosser at Bethany but by 1847, marriages took place in the Church at Bethanien.

The early Lobethal weddings from 1843 took place in the residences of Mr Preuss and Mr Steicke but by 1847, Friedrich Lange and Johanne Hausler were able to marry in the church at Lobethal.

The Hahndorf weddings from 1844, including Johann Kluge and Johanne Boehm were held in the schoolroom but by 1848 Johann Fischer married Dorothea Rillricht in the church at Hahndorf.

In Adelaide, most weddings during the 1840s took place in Holy Trinity, St Johns Church or Chapel in Hindley Street.

In 1847, the church at Langmeil enters the list

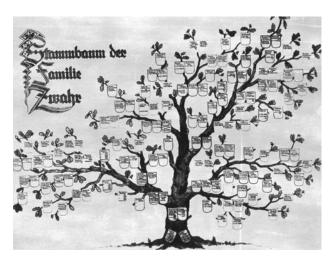
when Johann Otto and Johanna Lindner were married there on 30 April.

By 1849, the church at Hoffnungsthal was the venue for the wedding of Johann Rau and Anna Both on 22 February, 1849.

The second decade of settlement in South Australia during the 1850s includes marriage locations at Gawler, Kooringa, Tanunda, Lyndoch Valley, Dry Creek, Rowland Flat, Rosenthal, Light Pass and Willunga. Unfortunately the names of the parents are not included until July 1856.

This list of marriages ends in 1937. As you can see, the above information shows how early lists of personal events such as weddings can provide wider historical information and background and not just personal data.

JOHN NOACK.



Never Give Up Resarching your Family Connections!

The photo, above, of a Zwahr Family tree turned up on an Ebay auction in July along with a collection of old Zwahr photos in Texas. Successfully purchased by Kevin Zwar it is a Tree of Zwahr families in Germany not known to the Australian Zwar families.

Generous donation!

We thank Peter Stewart for his generous donation of a Multifunction Printer, which combines the operations of printer, copier and scanner. This greatly assists the functioning of our Research Centre. Peter has made this donation on behalf of his mother, the late Irene G. Handreck.



Valuable websites

The Australian Dictionary of Biography

This publication is now online at www.adb.online.anu.edu.au

It has thousands of biographies of notable Australians available online, for free.

Sailing to South Australia

For further information on German emigration, click on the German link.

www.southaustralianhistory.com.au/sailingships.htm

Hamburg Emigration Index

This site now includes the years 1890-1910.

Go to: www.linktoyourroots.hamburg.de

(from International Settlers Group Newsletter, January 2006).

Cemetery lists in South Australia

Go to: www.homepages.picknowl.com.au/pwilson/cemetery_list.htm

State Library of Victoria

Go to: www.slv.vic.gov.au/index.html

There is a vast amount of information available to historians, and our task as a Society is not only to store it, but also to direct people to other places where they can find genealogical material in Australia and overseas.

Our President, Kevin Zwar, has become a full member of the State Library of Victoria. Recently he located on its website a photo of some Burger family members working an ancient wooden washing machine, and also a photo of an Aboriginal cricket team, taken in about 1880 by Fred Kruger.

Directory

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Hours: Open on the first Sunday of each month from February to November, 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm for research, working bees and socialising.

Our Society Logo: The logo, an Australian gum leaf and a Lusatian linden leaf, represent the connection between the Wendish descendants in Australia and the Sorbs in Lusatia.

Membership & Newsletter Subscription: \$20 for one calendar year due at the start of each year. The form is included in our August Newsletter for the following year. Additional donations can be made for the expanding work of the Society and we thank most sincerely those of you who have made such generous donations.

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