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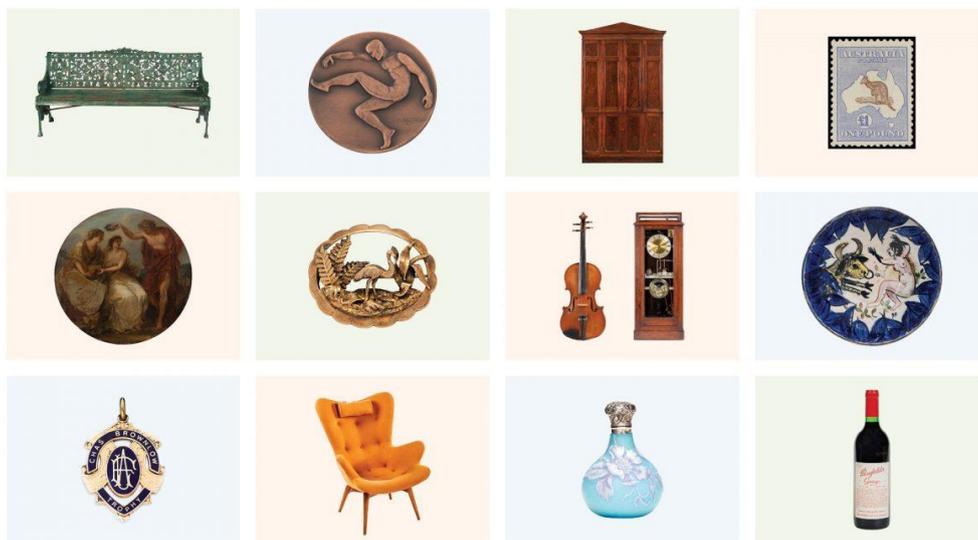
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## NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST 2019

**VALUATION DAY – SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019, 1.00 – 4.000 pm**  
HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRECINCT (NEXT TO THE HAWTHORN LIBRARY). 584 GLENFERRIE RD, HAWTHORN,  
A COMBINED EVENT OF ALL BOROONDARA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES.



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Please check your cupboards and bring along a piece or two to be valued.

- **Richard Gordon** – Silver, ceramics, European decorative arts and jewellery.
- **Harry Glenn** – Australian pottery & ceramics, Australian jewellery, furniture and decorative arts.
- **Charles Leski** – stamps, coins, banknotes, postcards, sporting memorabilia, Australian historical documents, books, photographs and cameras.
- **Albert Isaacs** – railway ephemera, 78 rpm recordings, newspapers with historical headlines and first editions, autographs, books.

**Cost:** \$5.00 for 2 items

*Afternoon tea provided.*

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We continue to be available in the Local History Room at the Hawthorn Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, to assist people with their research and to work on projects. Please note our new times: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

You may also use the Society's office for research on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10 am to 12 pm, and other times by appointment. It is at 25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell, just behind the Council offices. Easy access by Tram 75.

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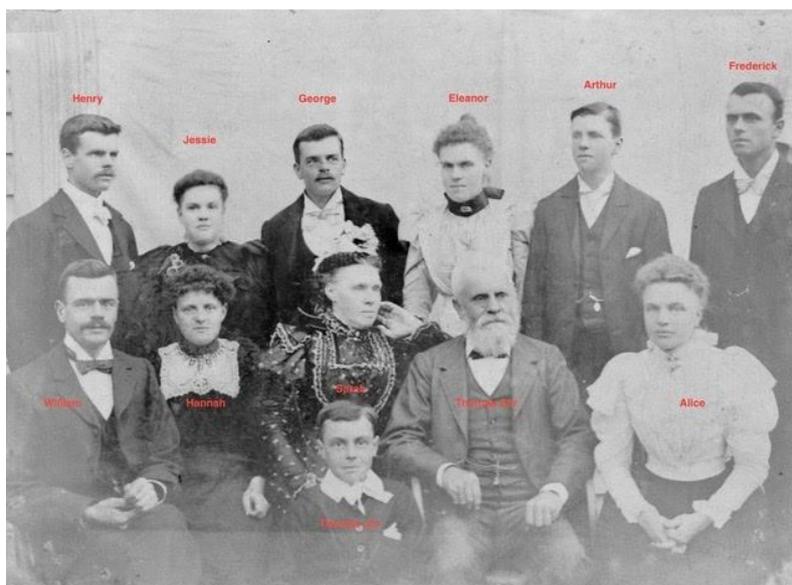
**OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019, 2.00 pm**

**HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRECINCT (NEXT TO THE HAWTHORN LIBRARY). 584 GLENFERRIE RD, HAWTHORN:**

**SPEAKER: MEL CONSTABLE:**

**THE CONSTABLE FAMILY – THREE GENERATIONS OF BUILDERS IN HAWTHORN AND SURROUNDS**



Benjamin and Hannah Constable and their five children arrived in Melbourne from England on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1850, to start a new life in Australia. After working his way down the south-eastern suburbs to Mornington, Benjamin built many houses. His son Thomas was also a builder and after moving to New Zealand for a while where he worked and married, and had 10 children, his family returned to Melbourne where they settled in a house he had built at 7 Park Road, Hawthorn. He constructed houses throughout the area. Thomas’s eldest son William, also a builder, worked with his father until Thomas’s death, and then continued building houses in the Canterbury, Surrey Hills, Mont Albert areas. William’s sons and then William’s grandchildren continued to live and work in the area until after 86 years, in 1974, they moved to Croydon. However, they still hold a great interest in the Hawthorn area.

**DATES TO DIARISE.**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: BARNEY MEYER – PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPHY / AGM**

For more details, see page 4.

**November (date to be confirmed): TWILIGHT WALK WITH ELIZABETH LOVE**

This is to be another in an ongoing series of walks around some of the historically interesting parts of Hawthorn. Past walks have proved to be of great interest.

**HAWTHORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 2.00 pm, in upstairs meeting rooms 3 & 4  
of the Hawthorn Community Precinct, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, 3122.

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Election of Committee
6. Forthcoming Events
7. Guest Speaker: Mr Barney Meyer – Panoramic Photography
8. Refreshments.

**2019/2020 H.H.S. COMMITTEE, NOMINATION FORM.**

Nominations are called for the 2019/2020 Committee of Hawthorn Historical Society.

*(For enquiries please 'phone Elizabeth Yewers, 9819 1218.)*

Completed nomination forms should be returned by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 to:

The Secretary, Hawthorn Historical Society, Box 8, Hawthorn Community precinct, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122, or emailed to [hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

I .....as a financial member of HHS wish to nominate

.....for the position of:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Public Officer
- Committee Member

Signed:  
(Proposer) .....

(Secunder) .....

**Please consider nominating for the Committee. We are sure you will find that participating with the many facets of Hawthorn’s history to be very engaging! You will be joining a most welcoming group of enthusiasts.**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.**

Our membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October when your membership will fall due. Current membership fees are:

**Family Membership: \$35.00 Family (concession) \$25.00 Single: \$25.00 Single (concession) \$20.00**

**Direct Payment to our Bank account:**

By EFTPOS: BSB 033 050 Account: 146 383

The Hawthorn Historical Society (Please include your surname so we can track your payment)

**Our mailing address**

Cheques can be mailed to: The Treasurer, Hawthorn Historical Society Inc.  
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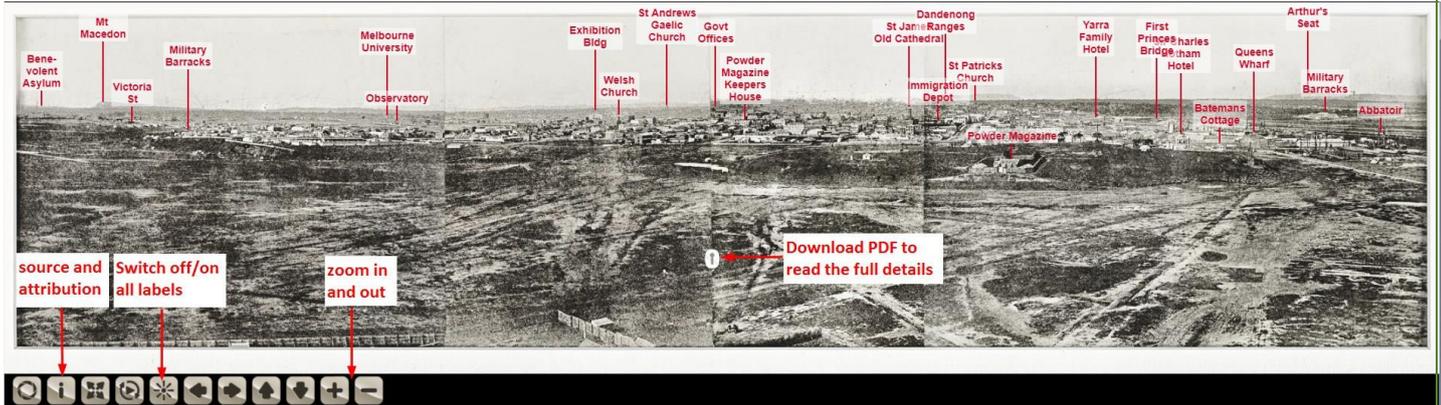
OUR OCTOBER MEETING.

SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019, 2.00 pm

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**SPEAKER: BARNEY MEYER: PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPHY**

Barney Meyer, photographer and *Hidden Melbourne* website author, presents an illustrated talk about Melbourne’s early photographers, including Melbourne’s first street photographer Walter Woodbury, the Paterson Brothers and Charles Nettleton. The time-line of image-making and photographic technique can best be illustrated by the one location in Melbourne where we have four panoramic views of Melbourne from the same location over 176 years, starting in 1841.



↑ An 1855 Walter Woodbury image of Melbourne taken from the then-new Gasworks Tower. (The Tower still exists today, inside the Melbourne Central complex.)

MEMORY MAPPING PROJECT.



Some of the participants in the Memory Mapping Project, a recent collaboration between the H.H.S and Swinburne Senior Secondary College Years 11 & 12 students, in which the students interviewed long-time Hawthorn residents and recorded their memories.

From left Jenny Love, Judy Grimmer, Margaret Batten, Fiona Burnes, John Torpey, Sandra Torpey and John Sawyer.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Ramona de Niese

I do hope that you are enjoying reading this *Newsletter* that has been put together by Albert Isaacs. Thanks go to Albert for all his collating and editing.

We have had a busy time in the office setting up our new computer and scanner/printer, thanks to our volunteer Mike. A huge thank you must also go to Libby Love for organising our filing system and collecting so much information on Hawthorn people and places. I should also mention and thank our new volunteer Frank, who has been busy organising the office and helping with the filing. Thanks also to Liz Yewers H.H.S. Secretary extraordinaire.

Another big thank you goes to Pam Carter, our Treasurer, who was able to source a donation of four filing cabinets, a bookcase, office chairs and other office equipment. I believe the donor wishes to be anonymous. Nevertheless, we appreciate the donation and thank the donor very much for their generosity.

We are also grateful to Jillian Dwyer for giving us copies of the histories of the Currajong and Lamborn families. A collection of Hawthorn historical material including copies of: *Shady Places*, H.H.S. walks, a history of the Hawthorn Tennis Club, *Hawthorn Streets Index*, *Hawthorn and Kew Sketchbook*, *Faint Traces: Chinese in Hawthorn Before the Second World War*, *Images of Hawthorn*, *Boroondara Musings* and material on George Coppin, have all been donated by Shirley Ramsay.

Our June talk was presented by Michelle Adler and entitled: *James Scott Hawthorn Pioneer & Nurseryman*. It was very interesting to hear about the Scott family and their nursery in Burwood Road and learn of James Scott's involvement in the Burnley Gardens. There was a lot of audience participation with further information being offered about the Scott's and their nursery.

Every second Wednesday of the month from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm is research time in the Local History Room at the Hawthorn library. Please come along and join us in research.

As advertised on page one of this *Newsletter*, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1.00 to 4.00 pm, we will be running a Valuation Day. We will have four expert valuers who will view and value items presented. It should be a lot of fun, as well as being informative. I have been searching through my cupboards trying to decide what to bring. I have an old painting that I do not know much about, and I also have a book about Ireland that dates from the 1800s, as well some other material. What to bring – decisions, decisions! I look forward to meeting lots of collectors with their items in hand.

## THE HAWTHORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ONLINE.

Many *Newsletter* readers would also be familiar with the Society's website and/or our Facebook page, both of which are good tools for local historical research, as well as for making contact with other historians.

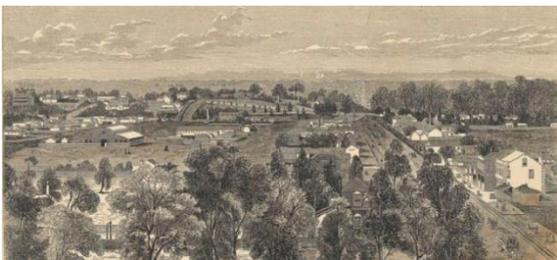
For those not familiar with the sites, we invite you to have a look at them both:

<https://www.hawthornhistoricalsociety.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Hawthorn-Historical-Society-83154006918973/>

You don't even have to be a Facebook member to use our Facebook page.

For your information, here are few photos from the H.H.S. collection that are amongst those to be found online: Hawthorn in 1863; the Hawthorn Fire Brigade; *Invergowrie* (one of the district's oldest homes).



## AUBURN IN THE 1880s.

Elizabeth Yewers

*James Drummond was born in Perthshire, Scotland in 1835 and spent 20 years as a storekeeper on the west coast of the South Island of New Zealand. He arrived just as gold was discovered in the area, and was the first storekeeper in Kumara. He was clearly held in high regard by the local community which farewelled him, his wife and three children, with a testimonial evening and the gift of a nugget of gold as a memento. In Victoria, he had set up a store in Auburn Road close to the railway line by late 1885, and remained in the same shopping centre until his death in 1909.*

*When he left Kumara, he retained warm relations with his friends in New Zealand, and the following excerpts from the Kumara Times newspaper give voice to his observations about his adopted home in Auburn. His reflections about the land boom are indeed prescient.*

**KUMARA TIMES: Issue 2891, 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1886**

The friends of Mr James Drummond, late of Kumara, will be pleased to learn that that gentleman has established himself in business in Auburn, in the Hawthorn district, six to seven miles from the city of Melbourne, where there is a large and constantly increasing population. Auburn is the residence of many Melbourne city business people who, on account of splendid railway arrangements and cheap fares, are able to go to and fro night and morning. There is also a large working population at Auburn, who all seem well employed and prosperous. We wish our late fellow-townsmen success in his new sphere of business.

**KUMARA TIMES: Issue 3665, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1888**

To the Centennial International Exhibition may probably be attributed the cause of the present land boom in Melbourne and suburbs. Mr James Drummond, of Auburn road, Hawthorn (late of Kumara), writes us, under date July 23: - "The land boom continues, though those most interested admit that it is about its legitimate value. It is a fact that people buy and build houses and shops by the score in this and other suburbs; and the wonderful thing is that they are occupied as soon as finished. Fancy paying £10 to £12 per foot for ground to build a house, &c., on which will bring in a rent of 15s to 17s 6d a week! I cannot understand how it will pay. Fortunes have been and are being made by speculators as well as landowners. Even the land agents, some of which I suppose could scarcely raise a quire of paper two years ago, now drive their buggies or phaetons; and, to give you an idea of their number, there are ten of them within a radius of 500 yards of the Auburn station, in Hawthorn; altogether I was told last week there were 27; and in Camberwell, the next village (which is only a continuation of Hawthorn), 17. I missed a grand chance here to buy the premises we occupy; they are now worth at least six times the amount we could have bought them two years ago. However, regrets are vain ... We are doing a very good business, and I think I have established a good connexion, without giving credit to any extent."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The 1888 extract, above, from the *Kumara Times* starts by making mention of the Centennial International Exhibition, held at the Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne (→). There is a direct connection between Auburn and that Exhibition. One of the displays was of the first steel-framed piano to be made in Australia. (Until then, all pianos had wooden frames, and the use of steel led to great improvements in tone, and less likelihood of the piano going flat.) That piano was actually produced in Auburn, at premises in Burwood Road, near the north-western corner of Auburn Road. The maker of that piano was Phillip Isaacs, who traded in musical instruments, sheet music, etc. He had taken over the business from a Mr Renard, and, thus, he decided to be known professionally as *Phillip Renard*. (Phillip Renard [Isaacs] was your editor's grandfather.)



(Photo courtesy of State Library Victoria)

SHIRLEY RAMSAY: 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS.

Elizabeth Love.



Shirley Ramsay, Life Member of the Hawthorn Historical Society, recently commemorated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It would have been appropriate for us to have celebrated this occasion with her at our recent meeting in June, however as Shirley is modest and didn't want to make any fuss, this special birthday was not made known to us at the time. This was characteristic of her quiet, and unassuming but steadfast support of the Society over many years. However, she has now given her permission for this tribute to appear in the *Newsletter*.

Born in Ballarat, Shirley came to Melbourne to study; first as a boarder at Fintona Girls School, and this was followed by training at the Kindergarten Teacher Training College before she chose her final career path – a successful and productive vocation in Social Work.

Shirley has lived in Hawthorn since 1959 and has been an active member of the Hawthorn Historical Society for over 28 years, during which time she assumed many varied rôles, not the least as a long-term committee member. She has served as Secretary and fulfilled two extended terms as President of the Society. Her careful stewardship throughout some rather lean years for our Society will be well remembered by many in the community.

Always articulate and considered in her responses, it was a pleasure to interview Shirley at her home in Power Street recently, for our oral history records. When asked to name her favourite Hawthorn locations Shirley was quick to mention both Melville and Power Streets for their architectural integrity.

I am sure that all our members would wish to join me in belatedly congratulating Shirley on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and also extending our best wishes for prosperity and good health during her 91<sup>st</sup> year, and beyond!

↑ Shirley receiving her Honorary Life Membership of the Hawthorn Historical Society in 2015.  
(Photo: Elizabeth Love)

## FRANK SEDGMAN IN HAWTHORN.

Albert Isaacs.

*This article was written for the H.H.S. Newsletter on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019, just after the Wimbledon Championships had concluded. Although the author is not really into tennis, whilst listening to the results on a radio news bulletin, his mind turned to tennis players of the past, and particularly to the connection between Frank Sedgman and Hawthorn.*

Who remembers the service station on the corner of Riversdale and Glenferrie Roads, where the Sacred Heart Mission Opportunity Shop now stands? Did you know that, at one stage, this was owned by Frank Sedgman, who appears to have lived in the district and who was, early in his life, a member of the Grace Park Tennis Club, as were other champions including Mervyn Rose and Margaret Smith (Court)?

To find out more about Sedgman's service station we have to go to a curious source, namely Broken Hill's *Barrier Miner* newspaper of 5<sup>th</sup> July 1952, a copy of which is in National Library of Australia's archives and is reproduced on their online *Trove* website. The *Barrier Miner* tells us that:

*Frank Sedgman is now the full owner of (a) service station and workshop on the corner of Glenferrie Road and Riversdale Road, Hawthorn (Melbourne). It is not far from the Kooyong Courts.*

The obvious question arising from that article is: was Sedgman a co-owner of the business prior to 1952? It appears that Sedgman had a great number of businesses, presumably purchased using the monies he earned from tennis.

Regarding Sedgman's tennis career, Wikipedia tells us that: "Francis 'Frank' Arthur Sedgman (born 29 October 1927) is a retired World No. 1 amateur tennis champion. In his 1979 autobiography Jack Kramer, the long-time tennis promoter and player, included Sedgman in his list of the 21 greatest players of all time. Sedgman is one of only five tennis players all-time to win a multiple slam set in two disciplines, matching Margaret Court, Roy Emerson, Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams. In 1951 he and Ken McGregor won the men's doubles Grand Slam. Sedgman turned professional in 1953".

## JOHN MACARTNEY: SOLDIER AND GROCER.

Elizabeth Yewers.

At his death in Hawthorn in 1901, grocer John Macartney was described as *late Quartermaster-Sergeant of Her Majesty's 1<sup>st</sup> 15th Foot*. Born in February 1836 in Tullamore, County Offaly, Ireland, to George Macartney and Sarah Roberts, he was working as a servant until he enlisted in the Queen's 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, in 1853 with regimental number 3524. This East Yorkshire Regiment was an infantry regiment of the British Army which saw service from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century. Macartney was to remain with the regiment until 1875, rising through the ranks to Corporal in 1855, Sergeant in 1858, Colour Sergeant in 1862 and Quarter-Master Sergeant in 1869.

During the American Civil War, a diplomatic incident involving the doctrine of Freedom of the Seas, brought the United States and the Britain to the brink of war. Known as The Trent Affair, two Confederate commissioners on board the neutral British vessel, *The Trent*, were captured by opposing Union forces raising the ire of the British government, leading to demands throughout Britain for war to be declared. As a consequence, early in 1862 Macartney's regiment was shipped to St John, New Brunswick, Canada, close to the U.S. border, where they remained until the beginning of 1868.

It was in St John that Macartney met and married Caroline Wood Watt who was born in New Brunswick to ship builder James Watt and his wife. Two Macartney children were born in Canada, a son George and their daughter Carrie (1866). George did not travel to Australia with the family in 1875 and so it is likely he had died before this date.

In March 1868, the battalion prepared to leave for Bermuda and on 21 April 1868, it embarked at St. John on HMS *Himalaya* with 86 women and 143 children aboard, accompanying the regiment. Bermuda was an important port for the British Royal Navy. On landing, companies of the battalion were employed in the defence works of the Bermuda Islands, but by July on that year, some companies had to be removed from Port Royal owing to fever and several deaths. In his memoirs, General Johnson Wilkinson from the 1/15<sup>th</sup> Regiment wrote:

*To give an instance of the sudden change to which we were once exposed, I may mention that we moved from North America, in the depth of the winter, when the river was frozen, to Bermuda, where, after a four days journey, we found the flowers all in blossom. Sickness of a typhoid type soon broke out amongst the soldiers, and we were put in quarantine on an adjacent island.*

The battalion remained in Bermuda until December 1870, when they returned to Ireland. Two further sons, Jack and Fred, were born before their journey to Australia, either in Bermuda or Ireland.

Macartney was finally discharged from the army on 2 February 1875. His service amounted to 20 years and 347 days, during which he served abroad for 9 years and 10 months: 11 months at Gibraltar; 6 years and 3 months in North America; and 2 years and 8 months in Bermuda. Macartney sought discharge on termination of his second period of limited engagement. The board's report regarding John's character and conduct states:

*His conduct has been very good. He would have been promoted being in possession of 4 good conduct badges. He would be entitled to a 5<sup>th</sup> good conduct badge on the 3 February next. He is in possession of a medal with £5 gratuity for long service and good conduct. His name has never been entered in the Regimental Defenders book. Never tried by Court Martial. Never wounded.*

On discharge, John was 39 years and 5 months old, 5 ft. 6 in. (1.68 m) tall, with a dark complexion, grey eyes and dark brown hair. The board noted his intended place of residence was to be Ballarat, Australia; which is where he next appears in the record.

In March 1875 John Macartney, his wife Caroline and three children, Caroline (9), John (5), and Fred (3) sailed from Gravesend for Melbourne aboard the *Northumberland* on a 90-day journey. Another son, William, was born in that year in Ballarat. Two further children followed, and by 1878 they were all living in St Kilda.

**JOHN MACARTNEY: SOLDIER AND GROCER. Continued.**

By the time John Macartney and his family reached Victoria, his mother and three sisters were already well established there, having arrived in 1857, when one of the girls was married. They were also living in St Kilda. All three of Macartney's sisters were married to cab proprietors, although two of the sisters were to marry the same man at different times. John Macartney too was listed as a cab proprietor in 1881, but thereafter as a *verger* and on one occasion as a *messenger*. In 1888 Macartney advertised that he had opened *a large and commodious Produce Store, combined with Wood and Coal Yard* opposite the St Kilda Town Hall site and at Windsor Railway Station.

Meantime, in 1890, Carrie had married Donald Mackintosh and they had taken over Erich Kugelmann's licensed grocery at 91 Auburn Road in what is now described as the *Auburn Village*. They were running the grocery store and living at the shop when they had their first child in 1891. However, all was not well and it seems that Carrie Macartney may have called on her parents to help run her husband's shop when he ran into difficulty. Her statement concerning Donald Mackintosh, when she sued for divorce, was that heavy drinking had caused him to lose his business; a challenging problem for a licensed grocer. By 1893 John Macartney was listed as the rate-payer, and he had acquired both the grocery and a wine and spirit merchant's licence for the shop. For two years John Macartney was also listed as the proprietor of a shop further down Auburn Road, on the corner of Caroline Street.

Donald and Carrie had a further son in 1898, and had moved to Auburn Grove. Their marriage must have been proving problematic because Carrie sued for divorce in 1900. Their divorce was finally granted in May 1903. Carrie remarried in 1905 to Charles Goodman Holland Lyons and had two further children. She died in 1947.

John Macartney's death in November 1901 meant that Caroline needed to expedite the proving of the probate of his will in order for her to pay for the wine and spirits licence, worth £150, and due in December of that year. She took on the business, managing it with her son William until 1905, after which John Begg took over. Her daughter Helen was married at St Columbs Church, Hawthorn, in May that year. Caroline Macartney then moved to Prahran with her son William who continued in trade as a commercial traveller. Caroline eventually moved to Stawell, Victoria, living there with her daughter Helen. She died in Stawell in 1914.

John Macartney had worked regularly all his life but did not leave a large fortune to his widow. The picture of him which emerges is of a steady, conscientious man who took on life's challenges, who embraced demanding situations, adapted to new places, and was well regarded in the community.

*With thanks to Aline Staes of the York Army Museum for information about the history of 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot and John Macartney's deployment.*

**NEW H.H.S. MEMBERS.**

We are delighted to welcome the following new members who have joined the Society since the last list was published: Christopher Feil, Robin Kelly and Mitzi Mann. We hope you find your membership to be rewarding!

**A HAWTHORN QUIZ.****Albert Isaacs.**

All of the following have Hawthorn significance but which is the odd one out, geographically?

- 293
- 888
- 1508
- 2948
- 4183

Clue: *crossing Burke Road.*

*For the answer, please turn to page 12.*

## HAWTHORN'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CELEBRATES 150 YEARS: 1869-2019

Kevin Slattery.

In the 1850s, a little church school, St Joseph's, was built in Power Street to cater for the few Catholics living in the area. Mass was celebrated by priests from inner Melbourne, primarily Fr Madden, and then, by the Jesuits, following their arrival to look after the Richmond Mission.

With an increasing population, pressure was applied to the Jesuits to build something more substantial in Hawthorn. Irishman Michael Lynch, who had acquired the vast expanse of land covering Burwood Road to Power Street, up to Kinkora Road, and to Glenferrie Road, in October, 1867, offered the prime spot of 800 square metres on the corner of Burwood and Glenferrie Roads for a new church. Jesuit Fr Edward Nolan enthusiastically took up the challenge of raising funds to commence building the church. The design of Melbourne Architects, Crouch and Wilson, was accepted at an estimated cost of £6,000. (→)

The building committee supporting Fr Nolan, comprised high profile Hawthorn and Victorian residents, John O'Shanassy and Charles Gavan Duffy, both to later become Premiers of the fledgling Colony of Victoria, and Michael O'Grady, parliamentarian and first Chairman (now Mayor) of the City of Hawthorn. Michael Lynch himself was also on the committee.



The first stage of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, comprising nave and side aisles and a tower to 66 ft. (20.12 metres), was ready for opening 22 months later, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1869. The blessing and consecration by Melbourne's Bishop Goold took place at 8.30 am. There was a Pontifical High Mass at 11.00 am before a packed Church, with an overflow into a marquee in front of the Church.

By the 1880s, accommodation at the new Church had already become inadequate and it was decided that extensions were required. A large chancel (sanctuary) was completed, allowing the magnificent high altar to be moved back to a new position. At the same time, the tower and bells were installed. The total cost for the new extensions was £10,000. This was just prior to the great depression of the 1890s and, as a result, the Church ran into financial trouble, but with the help of the community, eventually cleared the substantial debt.

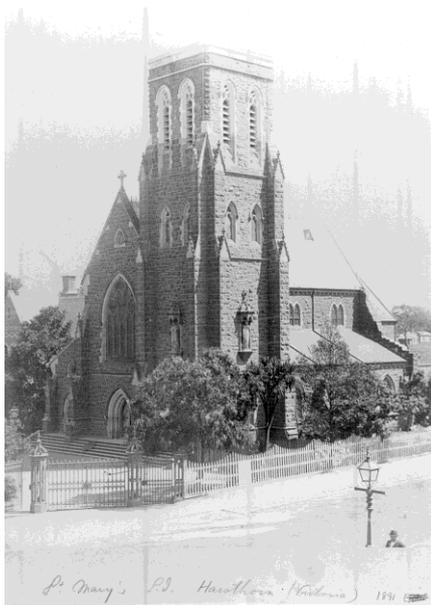
Then, by the late 1890s, the glorious stained glass windows, with a centrepiece honouring the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which are still a feature of the Church, were installed behind the high altar.

Following the Great War, 1914-1918, an appeal was launched to raise funds to complete the eastern transept of the church. This was to coincide with the Golden Jubilee of the church. The success of the appeal enabled also the spires and choir loft to be completed.

By 1960, it was decided that the time was right to complete the design of the church by adding the western transept. Named the Holy Family Memorial Shrine, it commemorated Hawthorn parishioners who gave their lives in wars. The western wall is surmounted by a spectacular stained glass window by Irish artist, Richard King, and dedicated to the Holy Family.

Several events are planned for August, September and October 2019, to celebrate the sesquicentenary. For further information, see the ICC website at [www.immaculateconceptionaust.com/150anniversary](http://www.immaculateconceptionaust.com/150anniversary).

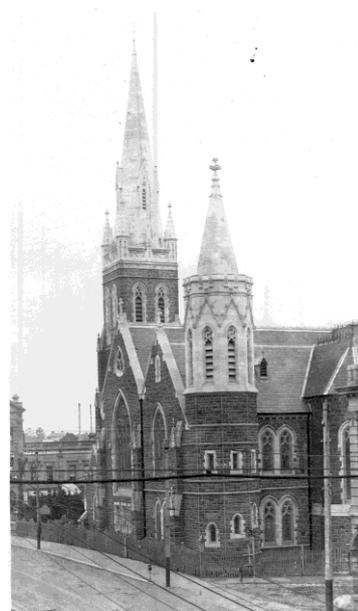
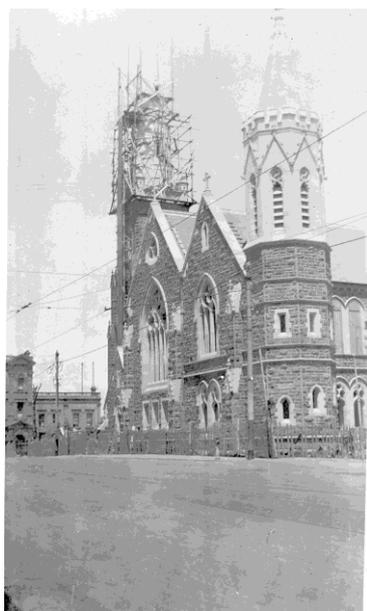
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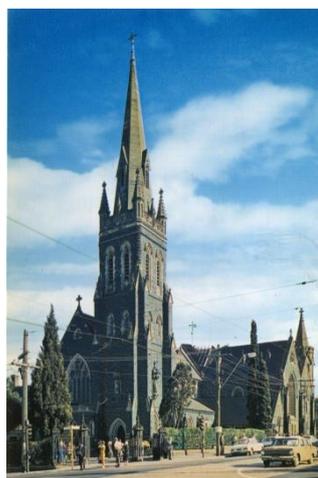
The extended Church, in the 1890s.



The Chancel (sanctuary), as created in the 1890s.



At left is the eastern transept and spires, under construction, 1921; at right is the completed work, 1922.



The Immaculate Conception Church as it is today, at the time of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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A HAWTHORN QUIZ – THE ANSWER.

The numbers on page 5 are the official Department of Education and Training Victoria numbers of the five primary schools serving the citizens of the former municipality of Hawthorn, namely:

- 293 (Hawthorn West),
- 888 (Camberwell),
- 1508 (Glenferrie),
- 2948 (Auburn),
- 4183 (Auburn South).

The odd one out is 888 (Camberwell)! Although all these schools catered for residents of the Hawthorn municipality, 888 was just across the former border, in the municipality of Camberwell. (Of course, both Hawthorn and Camberwell joined with Kew in 1994 to become the City of Boroondara.)



Captions, left to right: Hawthorn West PS (from an old photograph); Glenferrie PS (from an early postcard); Auburn PS; Auburn South PS.

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