



# Reflections

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## FAMILY TREE TIME AT PHILLIP ISLAND

Suzanne Hayes

"Vibrant", "passionate", "informative" and "professional" were just a few of the words said describing Megan Gibson from Family Tree Time, following her presentation on Saturday, 18 May at the Heritage Centre, Phillip Island.

Megan was invited by the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc. (PIADGS) to present her time saving tips for "keeping on track" and "organisational techniques" for family tree enthusiasts and researchers of all subjects. Megan, who was a freelance researcher on some of the episodes of *"Who Do You Think You Are"*, shared some of her behind-the-scenes snippets from the television show. It was interesting to hear of Megan's own local family connection with past generations of her family living in Kilcunda and operating a business in Wonthaggi.

People attending the presentation travelled many kilometres to hear Megan speak, a journey which was well worth it, as there was not a seat left in the house. Some wise words from Megan from the event, particularly her motto *"Before It's Too Late"*, reinforces the message to those interested in family history to make a start and to also remember that genealogy is not a hobby, it's a legacy.

For those who missed out and would like to obtain a copy of Megan's book *"How To Get More Family Tree Time – Tips for the Time Poor!"* contact Megan through her website at [www.familytreetime.com.au](http://www.familytreetime.com.au) Megan also donated a copy of her book to our library.

Megan stated that she was glad to see some members of the audience joining the PIADGS on the spot as local societies are a tremendous resource for researchers, and despite what people say, you can't get everything off the internet.

Well done to the PIADGS for organising such a wonderful event. Email the PIADGS at [piadgs@gmail.com](mailto:piadgs@gmail.com) or call into the rooms at the Heritage Centre in Cowes, for more information about the Society and their wonderful collection of resources available to all.

Photos from the day are on page 2.

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**The Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust** recently announced that it is working towards making the records of Bunurong and Cheltenham Memorial Parks, and Brighton General, Cheltenham Pioneer, Dandenong Community and Melbourne General cemeteries available on the internet during the 2013-2014 financial year.

Source: Australian Family Tree Connections. May 2013

**'FAMILY TREE TIME' AT PHILLIP ISLAND**

Megan Gibson, Suzanne Hayes & Doug Elms



Megan Gibson & David Rathgen



## CITING OUR SOURCES

### “Sighting our Sauces”

David Rathgen

In the previous edition of *Reflections* I outlined the basic principles for citing on-line resources such as CDs, databases and the internet.

With original documents the basic pattern is very similar:- Author (wherever known); Title (of the document if there is one); Publisher (if there is one) and wherever possible a full reference; and the date the information was either published or as discovered by you.

#### Correspondence

I have some correspondence from a researcher in Germany who located the village where my great-grandparents may be found. His correspondence can be cited in this way:

In the first instance, be as complete as possible:

Author: Herman Reese (he wrote the letter)

Title: personal correspondence

Place: Elmsdorf, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany (where he lived)

Date: 8 January 1993 (when he wrote to me)

Note: In private collection of David Rathgen, Phillip Island, August 2012. (where it can be found now.)

Subsequent references can be shortened to:

Herman Reese, correspondence, 8 January 1993.

#### Original documents

Here is a sample of the material Herman Reese found for me back in 1993 before digital records were made. These records have since been microfilmed and are now available through Ancestry.com.

In the first instance, be as complete as possible:-

Author: the original author was probably the parish priest or pastor, whose name is not known this can be omitted.

Title: Totenbuch, St Nicholas church, 1864

Publisher: Ev-Lutheran Kirchengemeinde Burg, Kirchenkreis Dithmarschen

Identifier: (Herman Reese German copy) or (Herman Reese English translation) Mr Reese both copied out the original German into a report and also translated it for me.

Date: 1993

Subsequent uses of this material can be shortened to:

Totenbuch, Burg, 1864; (Reese 1993)

#### Certificates:

Here is a marriage certificate I received from Queensland referring to an uncle; the same style could be used for his birth, or his death, or his baptism record.

In the first instance, be as complete as possible:-

- Author: there is no known personal author, so this is omitted
- Title: Marriage Certificate
- Reference: 1925/38407 (this is also known as ‘the Identifier’)
- Publisher: Registrar General Queensland
- Date: (copy) 8 Aug 2012

Subsequent uses of this material can be shortened to:

- Marriage Cert Queensland 1925/38407

#### Claiming Your own Copyright.

When we can demonstrate that we have substantially done the work, then be willing to put your own name to it. This helps everybody and assures them that you are confident when it is:-

- Your own work
- Your own words
- Your own design
- Your own ideas



In this manner:

- © myname, place, date.
- Title © myname, place, date.

## Resources

Check out these references

- <http://www.cyndislist.com/citing/citations-in-genealogy/>
- [http://ancestry.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/4554/kw/what%20about%20Citations](http://ancestry.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/4554/kw/what%20about%20Citations)

## In summary therefore: Cite your Sources

- Author, *Title*,
- Publisher,
- Place,
- Date.
- Be consistent

Our Society Policy calls upon us all to start using citations for all our genealogical sources. My responsibility is to draw to your attention both the policy, how to implement it and to encourage you to understand it and use it. Please do so. If in doubt: ask! Our policy is available for you to read.

In our Library we now have a copy of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the 'Style Manual' for you to refer to.

Since our Forum in September, Peter MacClelland kindly supplied a page from "Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian" by Elizabeth Shown Mills, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore Maryland, 1997, page 44, Figure 7 'Guidelines for analyzing evidence.' Thank you, Peter.



The Cowes pier – late 1940's

photo courtesy Jenny Adam

## Anonymous, Painswick, near Stroud, Gloucestershire:

*My wife is dead, and here she lies,  
Nobody laughs and nobody cries:  
Where she is gone to and how she fares,  
Nobody knows, and nobody cares*

## Mary Ann Lowder, Burlington, Massachusetts:

*Here lies the body of Mary Ann Lowder;  
She burst whilst drinking a seidlitz powder;  
Called from this world to her heavenly rest  
She should have waited till it effervesced.*

<http://shadowsoftime.co.nz>

## PHILLIP ISLAND IN THE NEWS

### INTENSIVE HUNT ON ISLAND

#### For Escaped Prisoner

#### Eludes Captors in Scrub

The search for Leopold Hughes, aged 24 years, who absconded from the McLeod penal settlement, French Island, on Sunday night, became more intense last evening, when three employees of Mr. Sambell, of Ventnor, Phillip Island, surprised the man in their hunt on Mr. Sambell's property.

Returning to the hut about 8 p.m., Mr. Otto Burkhardt and two boys found a man dressed in a grey suit, heavy boots, and a felt hat on the point of leaving the hut with a quantity of clothes containing 13 in money. While Mr. Burkhardt ran 200 yards to Mr. Sambell's house, and informed the Cowes police, the boys demanded the return of the clothes and money. The man dropped the articles, and ran into dense scrub near the beach.

A search party composed of two officers from the penal settlement and First-constable McGrady, of Cowes, rushed in a

motor-car to Ventnor, but, although they saw the flashing of a torch in the scrub, they were unable to find the fugitive. They were unable to find the fugitive. When the torch flashed, less than 40 yards from him, one of the penal officers ran into the scrub, but he fell into a deep drain and lost his torch. Then he ran into a wire fence, and after climbing over it he ran into another fence. Hughes escaped, but the searchers expect to capture him to-day.

In an attempt to delude the searchers Hughes apparently constructed a raft from a wool-press, stolen from the house of Mr. Richard Scott, of French Island, on Tuesday night, and set it adrift. Then he attempted to row to the mainland in a boat stolen from Mr. Hunt's property at Tankerton, French Island, but he was driven on to Phillip Island. The raft was found early on Wednesday morning, near Tortoise Head, where the boat was later discovered on Wednesday night. Hughes must have rowed for ten miles while a strong tide was running. His escape is regarded as the most determined ever made from the penal settlement.

A large quantity of food was stolen from the house of Mr. Carl Bussell, at Ventnor, on Wednesday night. As all boats and wharves on Phillip Island are being carefully watched, the fugitive will experience great difficulty in escaping to the mainland.

The Argus. Friday 17 April 1936

Visitors to the seaside will assist the authorities by complying with the regulations as regards bathing in the sea. An impression seems to exist that they can bathe when and where they please, and at Cowes that there are separate places for ladies and gentlemen to bathe. Upon reading the notices posted they will find that such is not the case, and I would ask the hotel proprietors to draw the attention of their visitors to the fact.

South Bourke and Mornington Journal  
17 January 1883

### SHIRE OF PHILLIP ISLAND AND WOOLAMAI.

#### Caution to Owners of Dogs.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that all Dogs above the age of Six Months, kept within the Shire, must be duly **REGISTERED** under a penalty upon their Owners of £1, and double registration fees, otherwise the owners thereof will be proceeded against.

By order,  
**STEPHEN R. JONES**, Shire Secretary.  
Shire Offices, Griffiths' Point,  
28th February, 1877. 14ram

South Bourke and Mornington Journal. 7 March 1877

A marine animal was washed ashore just below Mr. Sambell's house. Mr. D. Grayden, who found it, describes it thus: Weight, over 10cwt., and it would need 8 feet of water to swim in. He skinned it and found the skin to be 4 inches thick. Mr. Grayden rang up the Department and described the fishy creature, and after a giant stingray, but those that saw it say it was no relation to the stingray family. Mr. Grayden intends to stuff it. What a good big stunt it would make for a local museum!

Frankston and Somerville Standard. 13 July 1929

Source: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

A short-sighted sportsman mistook a couple of lads at Phillip Island, Victoria, for hares, and riddled them with shot

Otago Witness. 19 January 1900

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## LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Gibson, Megan	How to get more family tree time
Flett, James	Dunolly. Story of an old gold diggings
Jones, Lloyd	Just a boy from the bush
Paull, Raymond	Old Walhalla. Portrait of a gold town
Cole, Valda	Western Port chronology 1798-1839. Exploration to settlement

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## MORE FREE INTERNET SITES

Boer War Memorial database project <http://www.bwm.org.au/>

Mostly Unsung. Australian military history research & publications  
<http://mostlyunsung.alphalink.com.au/muhomepage99.htm>

Catholic family history resources in England, Scotland & Wales  
<http://catholicfhs.wordpress.com/>

If you enjoyed the British television series 'Time Team' which featured a team of specialists carrying out an archaeological dig over a period of three days, a list of episodes is available at  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Time\\_Team\\_episodes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Time_Team_episodes).

Hebrides People genealogical database <http://www.hebridespeople.com/>

Queensland Assisted Immigration 1848-1912  
<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/Indexes/Immigration/Pages/Immigration1848.aspx>

List of institutions, homes & orphanages - all Australia  
<http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/homes.htm>

Cable Clerical Index. Anglican clergy in Australia 1788-1961  
<http://anglicanhistory.org/aus/ccil/>

Immigrant ships to New Zealand 1835-1910  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~shipstonz/shipstonz.html>

Lighthouses of Australia <http://www.lighthouse.net.au/Lights/index.asp>

Yorkshire. The Dalesman newspaper has a Family Quest section where you can trace your Yorkshire ancestors. Use the database to find out who else is researching your surname or post your own details  
<http://www.dalesman.co.uk/family-quest>

For those of you whose roots are in Ireland:

Irish Graveyards <http://www.irishgraveyards.ie>

Irish Cemeteries History from headstones (free search - pay to view)  
<http://www.historyfromheadstones.com>

Irish cemeteries Discover ever after <http://www.discovereverafter.com/>

Irish Genealogy Research Society <http://irishancestors.ie/>

West Britain and Cornwall Advertiser 1836-1887  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wbritonad/>

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## IGA COWES

Anyone shopping at the IGA Grocery store in Cowes, please give our **Shopper Number 595** and all credits will go to the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc. It would be most appreciated by the Committee if you could spare a few points.

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