

SHARROCK REUNION PROGRAM

8TH - 10TH MARCH 2008, PENSHURST, VIC.

On the 29th March 1848, Joseph and Mary-Aner Sharrock boarded the ship "Mahomed Shah" at Plymouth England. Traveling with them were their 4 children – John (aged 13), James (aged 10), Joseph (aged 7) and Benjamin (aged 5). Their only daughter, Elizabeth, was born at sea on the 22nd April, 1848

Ten years later, on the 13th March 1858, Joseph's three Brothers; James, John and Michael, together with their families, and Nephew; James Otaway boarded the ship "The Rising Sun" to follow in Joseph's footsteps.



Come help us celebrate the 160th anniversary of the Sharrock Families in Australia.

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH:

- **10:00 am to 12:00 noon – Morning Tea at "Aunt Ethel's":** The house built in Bessiebelle by Joseph's son, James and Mary Sharrock, and then extensively modernized by Dick & Ethel in the 1920's was shifted to Tarrington in 2003. It has since become the "Coach Inn" Bed and Breakfast run by Diana & John Lawrence. **The address is 37 Picnic Road, Tarrington.** Please register your interest with Rachel Kerr (nee Anderson) 0418 953 021 or genierachel@inet.net.au.
- **2:00 pm – Tour of the Bessiebelle sites:** Any participants interested in exploring the sites around Bessiebelle can meet with Raymond and Bruce SHARROCK at the Bessiebelle town hall. We will have access through private land to the sites of the original homes of Joseph's sons – James & Mary, Benjamin & Rebecca, Thomas & Ellen and John & Druesena. Please register your interest with Helen (helen@ahpc.com.au or ph 0419 534 261)
- **6:30 pm – BBQ & "Sharrock Shindig"** – at the home of Brian SHARROCK, Petschells Lane, Penshurst. **BRING A PLATE TO SHARE (Pre-Dinner Nibbles, Salad or Desert), MEAT IS SUPPLIED, BYO DRINKS.** Entertainment will be provided by those descendants with musical talent. This event is being organised by Brian and Malcolm Sharrock. Interested musicians should contact Malcolm Sharrock on 0427 290 055.

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH:

- **11:00 am** – A chance to share memorabilia and experiences. This will take place at the Penshurst Town Hall. Debbie Robinson, Bruce SHARROCK and other Family historians will be present to answer many of your questions. Please contact Helen SHARROCK (helen@ahpc.com.au or 0419 534 261) if you would like to contribute to this event. Please bring along a basket lunch. Tea & Coffee will be available. The day will include:
 - Historical presentation describing the journey of the Sharrock Family from Holcot to Penshurst.
 - An opportunity to pose for a family portrait by professional photographer Robin Sharrock.
 - A ceremony at Boram Boram Cemetery to unveil the plaques organized by Bruce & Brian SHARROCK to commemorate the final resting place of many of the original Sharrocks.
 - The old Council Chambers of Mt Rouse will be opened by the Mt Mount Rouse & District Historical Society. Archive material of life in Penshurst in the mid 1800's will be available for your perusal.
 - Access to "Lovely Banks", the original site of Joseph & Mary Anner's home is currently being organized

EVENING of SUNDAY 9TH & MONDAY 10TH MARCH:

- This time is being allocated for individual branches to meet together in smaller groups. If you are planning a "Branch Get-Together", then please send information to Ian SHARROCK (Ian.Sharrock@opensol.com.au) to include on the official website.

ALL WEEKEND:

- Booklets are now from the website www.sharrock.net.au or during the weekend, from the Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre pinpointing many of the Sharrock historical sites in the Penshurst & Bessiebelle area. Feel free to use these booklets to peruse the area at your leisure.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED, PLEASE DO SO EITHER BY:

- Going to the website www.sharrock.net.au
- Contacting Helen Sharrock (helen@ahpc.com.au or ph 0419 534 261)