

# REPORT

## LACK FAMILY REUNION

9th October 1994

After a week of unpredictable weather, our day turned out to be fine, with 80 people attending.

A welcome was given to all by compere *Peter Buckler*.

Displays were set up in the Beechworth Park showing pictures of early Beechworth, the mining area, Settlers homes, Lock up mode of transport, Wallaby Mine, The Three Mile School and Hall, a Memorial Monument erected in 1938 for the first Congregational Church Service held there in 1885, and photographs of two houses William Lack built.

Another display was of William and Fanny and their family of 6 sons and 5 daughters, their Golden Wedding, the 4 Lack Brothers, the New Zealand Lacks and some pictures of the 1967 Reunion and of the Cello.

After Registrations were completed, we boarded a bus and went on a tour of The Two Mile and The Three Mile. We stopped at Bartch's property and saw part of William's carpentry, which was once the home that he built for his family, but is now a wall of a shed that is over 100 years old. A narrow winding road was the way the Lack Family walked to Church, Sunday School and Library at the Three Mile, which was built in 1875. It was a sad day when the Hall was closed and removed to be rebuilt for the use of the Scouts. We stopped and saw where the School had been built in 1863 and enlarged by 1873 and officially closed in 1942. The area was then known as Baarmutha.

Back into Beechworth, we stopped by a home William and Fanny lived in, after 40 years as residents of The Two Mile. Many took photos of "*Plymouth House*". It was here in the back yard that the Golden Wedding celebrations took place in 1910.

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We then travelled onto the Cemetery where a wreath was laid by *Casie Lack*, and silence was observed as we remembered our Pioneers.

We also had a look at the Scout Hall and the Baptist Church, before returning to the Park for our picnic lunch, with music and dancing in the Rotunda. Piano accordions were played by *Tom Leitch and Roy Arnold*.

After group and family photographs were taken, presentations were made to the Oldest and the Youngest members present. They went to *Mrs Ivy Lack Morris and Fiona Campbell (aged 4 months)*. They were presented with appliqued and embroidered cushions, which were specially made for the reunion by *Dorothy Taylor*.

Ivy was married to *Charlie Lack*, a grandson of *William and Fanny*. There are 6 other grandchildren still living.

Afternoon tea was served in the Church Hall nearby. *Dorothy's* daughter, *Annette*, being responsible for its preparation. There was much more talk as families got to know each other better.

To conclude the great day we all formed a circle and sang "Now is the Hour", "Auld Lang Syne" and "The More We Are Together".

New to this 1994 Reunion, were the discovery of *John and William's* 4 sisters, all who died before they were 2 years old. Also a photograph of the home *William* built at Two Mile with the family and friends at the front. We also found "Plymouth House", where *William and Fanny* retired to in 1906.

Also the family of *Arthur and Essie Lack*, who did now know they belonged to such a big family. Welcome to the Clan, *Terry, Joan, Janice, Geraldine, Jennifer, John, Patricia and families*.

Also present were 2 New Zealanders, *Barbara (Forbes) Williams and her daughter Mary*. We were honoured with their presence. *Barbara is Irene Lack's daughter and Irene is the daughter of Willie Lack and Carrie*.

I would like to thank *John Lack* for his help with the bus and tour, and also to *Kenn and Annette*, my family, whose help was invaluable.

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Maybe the next person to convene the Reunion will have different ideas, so who will volunteer.

We still have 12 Mugs, 3 Tea Towels and 10 Books, all \$6.00 each, to sell. The mugs were hand crafted and designed by Kenn.

Thanks to Tom and Roy for their music and also to Casie for laying the wreath, our compere Peter Buckler, Cameron and Megan for their help and of course the Kitchen staff for their efforts.

Thankyou also for the Donations, which helped to get the Reunion off the ground.

Apologies were received from:

William Lack, Cowarr  
Harry and Margot Lack, Nelson Bay  
Brenda and Bruce McIntosh  
Ian McIntosh  
Whelan Family, Sydney  
Dorothy McLiesh and Jan Brighton  
Warren and Jenny Kay  
Aunt Edna Lack and Lorna  
Derry Richards  
Gwen Tolson  
Joyce Lack and girls, New Zealand  
Alfia and Jackie Siriano  
Ron and Eileen Lack  
Pam and Peter Kendrick, Bendigo  
Magnus and Jean Forbes, New Zealand  
Ken and Pauline Lack, New Zealand  
Beth Eager (Jarvis family)  
Rosemary and Charles Mann, Canada  
Robyn and Harry Souter, Seymour

*Gordon + Joy Lack New Zealand*  
*Claude + Ann .. ..*

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1994 Lack Family Reunion

