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Dear Liz,

Jan Davidson has told me of her recent visit to Maldon, and your plans to set up a local historical society. As my Carter family were resident there for many years, I should join, so send details when you're off and running. Avoca H.S. would be interested in exchanging Newsletters if you're planning to do one.

I have come across a few references to Maldon which might be of interest to your group, and these are:

The Bendigonian newspaper - photos
10.11.1903 p.11 Maldon Brass Band and Drum-Major Eddy
17.11.1903 p.11 Maldon Bowling Club members and green
1.11.1904 p.9 Maldon Brass Band
7.2. 1905 p.8 Maldon Hospital
25.9.1906 p.8 Maldon Football Team
1.1.1907 p.7/8 Maldon Brass Band

Victorian Government Gazette - 1862 - local mining companies
p.1352 August, Shareholders, Gough's Reef Quartz Mining Co.
p.1992 October, Shareholders, Parkins Reef Quartz Mining
Association.
p.2595 December, Shareholders, Welsh & English Quartz Mining Co.

1861, p.82, January - Trustees of Maldon Cemetery

Inwards Correspondence to the Colonial Secretary, VPRS 1189, PRO
Unit 99, Petition from residents, 1855, c. 100 signatures
Unit 90, 6 separate items, E54/564/4323/43288/F54/2151/12077/1660;
detailed reports on the goldfield; correspondence re erection of
stables, tents, enclosing camp, appointment of police magistrate
and removal of same (drunk).

On another note entirely - my MA topic is Miss Helen Hart, a somewhat eccentric public lecturer who toured Victoria from 1882 to 1908, speaking on a wide variety of topics, including women's rights. Have you ever come across her in the goldfields hospital records that you hold? Or anything else for that matter? I have her admitted to Bendigo Hospital in 1907, the year before her death, but that is all. As she never owned property, nor appeared in a directory, I am having trouble locating some of her movements. She was certainly touring the central goldfields areas in the mid 1880s at least, as I have numerous newspaper references to her, but she may have been there at other times as well. The hospital records are a long shot, but normal research methods are not coming up with much! I'll enclose a SAE and live in hope!

Regards,

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