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Dear Ina,

Hello again!

I came across this item today in the Investigator of November, 1970. That is a publication of the Geelong Historical Society. Chances are you already have this information but "just in case":

It comes from an article on Alfred Ronalds (b. 1802) by A. F. Ronalds.

"In 1853, he purchased  $6\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land at "The Swamp" (now Lake Wendouree), Ballarat West, through which a natural creek flowed from the lake, and transferred his family from Geelong to Ballarat. On this land he established a fine nursery of flower and vegetable seedlings and experimented with commercial plants including cloves, pepper, coffee, chicory, tobacco, cotton, flax, tea, caraway seed, the castor oil plant and the ink plant, most of which he had growing quite well. He supplied plants and cuttings for the initial planting of the Botanical Gardens and, for many years, kept up a weekly donation of plants."

Hope all is well with you and Charles,

Regards,

*George*