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"Marivale" at Reedy Flat in East Gippsland

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This book focuses on the early years of the Angus family in Australia.

[The photograph on the cover shows the original Marivale house on the left and the "new" house on the right which became James Angus's place when the original house was replaced with a new dwelling. This new building housed John and Margery and their family.]

Marivale was named after James's daughter Mary.



George Angus and wife Jessie Shaw.



Mary Ellen Angus (McCarthy) and James Angus.



George Hammond and Mary Jane Hammond (Boucher) parents of Margery Ada Hammond.



James Angus.



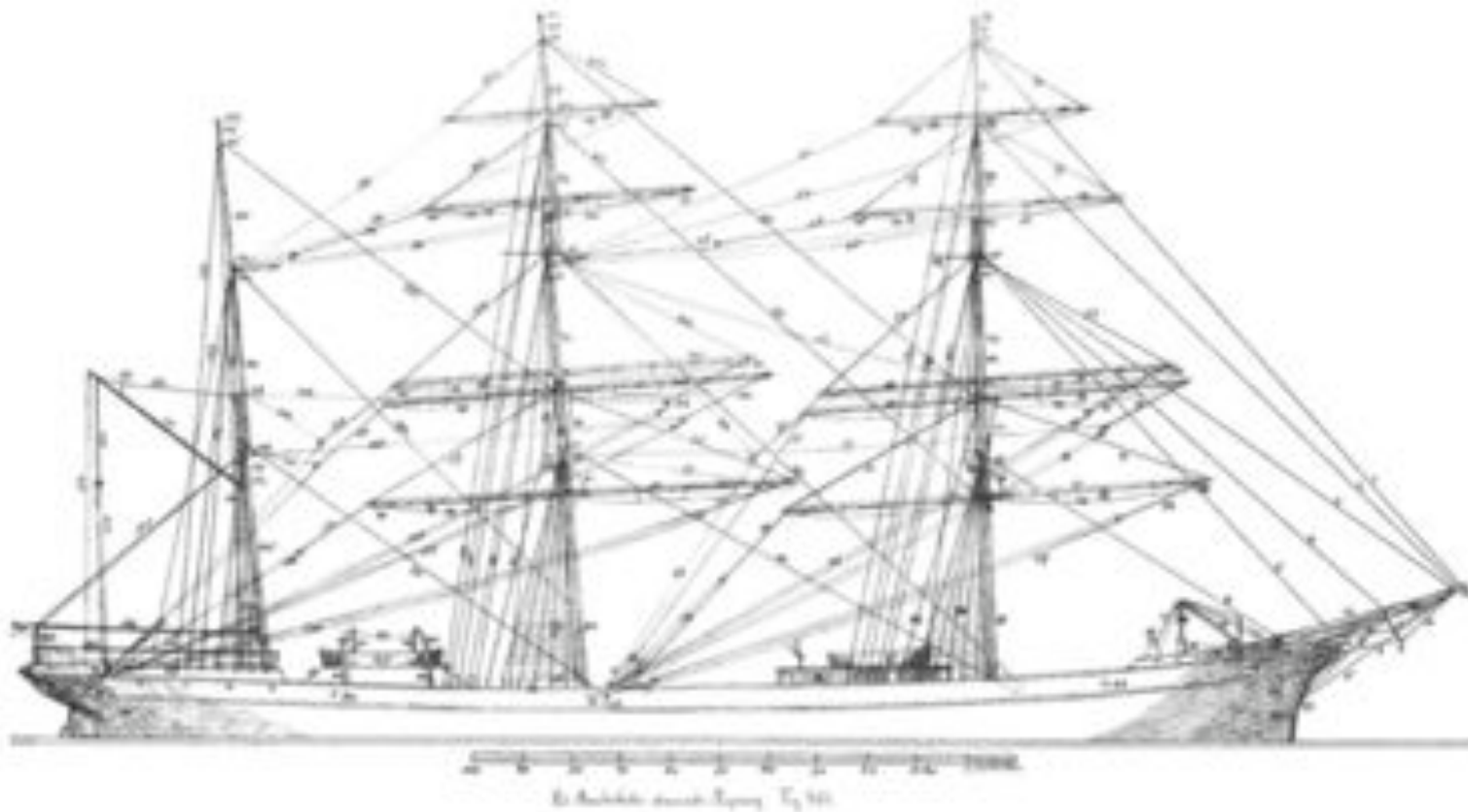
John Angus and sister Jessie Angus; children of James and Mary Ellen Angus.



James Angus of Marivale: Mary Ellen made the suit he's wearing.



The Pioneers: James Angus & Mary Ellen Angus nee McCarthy married 1864.



Barque: a three-masted wooden sailing ship. The ship above is approximately twice as long as the "Hero".

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“Hero” registered Aberdeen 12/3/1845; 1 1/2 poop decks; 3 masts; man figurehead; length 116’ x breadth 24.5’ x depth 6’; gross tonnage 288 tons; ship builder William Duthie; wood construction; sailing barque. Records of crew and passengers prior to 1890 are difficult to source, although they may be held at point of disembarkation.



Detail from photo on page 9. The moustached man could be James holding daughter Sarah.



Possibly the first dwelling at Marivale before clearing of the forest had been completed.

Evidence to be given by the Ensay Branch
OF THE
Omeo Railway League ¹⁹¹³

JAMES ANCUS, farmer and grazier, Ensay,
will give evidence as follows:—

I have had 55 years of farming experience, 25 years of that period having been spent at Ensay. I have cultivated the land, and find it thoroughly suitable for root crops. I have grown potatoes 12 tons to the acre, and have grown onions 10 tons to the acre. The sample of onions was equal to anything grown at Portarlinton or Colac. In my opinion the lilly land about Ensay is as good for root crops as the land on the Pentland Hills, near Bacchus Marsh. What the district wants is railway communication, and it will send away hundreds of tons of produce, whereas now it can send away nothing. The reason is, that it will cost me, or anyone else, £3 to send 7 ton of potatoes or onions from Ensay to Melbourne.

Hale and hearty at 85 is Mr James Angus of 'Marivale' Reedy Flat, the oldest living pioneer of the Tambo Valley. The month of November, 1926 is of more than the usual import for this hardy Scottish son for it rounds off seventy years in Victoria.

Mr Angus left London in the barque 'Hero of Aberdeen' in July 1856, at the age of 15 years, landing in Geelong in November of the same year after 'a pleasant voyage of 120 days!' The master of the vessel was Captain James Bowman. Mr Angus is well versed in the history of the old identities of the city near Corio Bay, and had a personal knowledge and speaking acquaintance with David Fisher, the first man to introduce sheep to Geelong. He was also acquainted with Dr Thompson, Geelong's first Mayor, also Andrew Cowie of Cowie's Creek. A personal reminiscence which Mr Angus relates with great zest is that Dr Thompson used to ride what he claimed to be the first mare born in Victoria - a creamy colored animal, with a 'wall' eye.

Mr Angus is still an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and takes a live interest in its works throughout Victoria. He was ordained and admitted to the eldership about the year 1875 as a result of the unanimous vote of the congregation of St Andrews Church Geelong, the Rev Mr Baird being the presiding minister.

Mr Angus came to Reedy Flat with the members of his family in 1888, and has been an active resident of that locality to the present day. He is a highly cultured citizen and remarkably conversant with the English classics. "Standard"



George & Bill Hammond, Margery Hammond's
brothers, known as Bourke & Wills.



Wattle Circle were Margery Hammond was born.



James & Mary Ellen's house at Coonawarra.



James & Mary Ellen's son John.



From left: Mary E. Angus (McCarthy), Jess Reid, Jean, Alec, Margery Ada Angus (Hammond), Fin, Sheila.



Back: Orm Baylis, Jess Reid; Middle: Alec, Grace Gardiner, Jean, Edgar Gardiner; Front: Fin.



From left: James (Jack) holding Caroline, Aggie (wife), James, Margaret, Mary Ellen, George, Sarah, John.



Bill Parker, blacksmith at Ensay

Bill married John Angus's sister Charlotte. Dwelling at right, on site of Ensay general store.



John Angus at Marivale



At Lakes Entrance: from left Jean, Jess, Fin, John and
in front Jim Angus



From left outside shearing shed at Marivale: Tony
Holston, John Angus and Jack Kellow.



John Angus. Jess Angus says her dad often had a pipe
in his mouth.



Margery Ada Angus (nee Hammond) in her garden at Marivale; meat, vegetables, milk available on site.



James, Jim, Sheila, Jess peeking.



Mary Angus, daughter of James (Jim) and Aggie.



Mary Angus.



Mary (Molly) and Corrie, James (Jim) & Aggie's daughters.



James (Jim) & Aggie Angus.



Corrie Angus.



Victoria Adeline Angus: possibly daughter of George Angus.



George Angus and family.



George Mortimer Angus James Albert Angus Alic Roy Angus
 George Angus Victoria Adeline Angus Hilda ?
 Elizabeth Frances Amelia Angus (Vagg)?

George Angus & family



Members of the Straight Tennis Club
enjoying a picnic after the game,
1908.

Posing near the courts, with the
slopes of Gibraltar Hill in the
background, are (l. to r.) Mrs.
Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Angus, Mr. Sugg
with Flona, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Sugg,
Mr. Angus, Mr. Watson.
Fronts: Greta MacPherson, Ivy Steer,
Adeline Angus, Elsie Sugg, Alex Angus,
Dora Watson, Tyler Watson.

Elizabeth Angus (Vagg)

George Angus

Alex Angus

Victoria Adelaide Angus



Alex Roy Angus (8 Yrs) and Hilda May Angus (5Yrs).



From left Jean, Fin and Alec Angus.



Marivale around 1914. Jess Angus says the triangle fenced area in middle, was the strawberry patch.



From left: Jean, Alec, Fin, Sheila.



Sheila.



From left; Sheila, Jess, Jim and Margery Ada.



Shed at Marivale in snow.



Jim & Jess in snow at Marivale.



Margery Ada Angus (nee Hammond) and Jim Angus.



Thelma on throne, Ruby Murrell, Jess at left seated, Joyce Hammond at right seated, Margie Langtree.



Jess Angus 2nd from left standing.



From left Jean & Ginger, Sheila & Tilda and Jess
Angus & George.



Margery Ada & Jim.



Alec Angus.



From left: Fin, Margery Ada, Jim, Ron Martin.



Fin at Marivale.



Top left: Jess Begg (nee Angus), Jim & Margery Ada & Judy Begg.



Top left: Jess Begg, Charlie Begg, Margery Ada and
Judy Begg.



From left: Charlie Begg, Jim Angus and in front Judy Begg and Margaret Christine Begg.



Charlie Begg, Nan, Marg & Bob Barr, Granny Begg
(nee Margaret Murray), Jess, Judy, Margaret.



Jess and Margaret Christine Begg.



From left: Janet Woodroffe, Jean Woodroffe (nee Angus), Judy Begg, Peter W., Jess Begg (Nee Angus).



From left: Margaret (Chris)& Judy Begg seeing Charlie off to England.



Charlie Begg & rhubarb.



Charlie Begg on tractor at Jim Angus's farm.



Jean Angus at Marivale 1920.



Jean, Fin and Alec Angus.



The adult may be John Angus; Jim Angus is holding
the calves neck.



Jess at Marivale on two furrow plough.



Jess Angus & Sandy Langtree.



From top left: Margery Ada Angus (nee Hammond),
Jess, Jim and Jean Angus at Marivale.



Jim Angus at Marivale.



Top left; Jim, Grace, Fin, Sheila, Ron Martin, Jess.



Jess Angus.



James Angus.



Walter, Will; Front: George, Mary Jane Hammond
(nee Boucher): Margery's father, mother and brothers.



James Angus taken around 1920.



From left: Jess, Jim and Sheila Angus.



Reedy Flat School

Fifth from right Jean Angus, fourth from left Alec
Angus and first from left Finley Angus.



Jean Angus third from right in back row, Alec Angus
front row far right and Fin Angus left front.



James Angus and Jim Angus.



Fin Angus & Phyllis Angus (nee Bowley) marriage.



From left: Joan, ? ,Chris, Sally, Judy holding Tania,
John & at front Jill.



John & Dilys wedding 1977

Left back: ?, Frank, Tania, Joan, Sally. Left
middle: ?, John, Melissa, Jill, Fiona. Left front: Dilys, Phyllis,
Finley.



Jean Angus 1928.



Jim & Ailsa Angus's property at Reedy Flat: "Camp
Oven" 1985.



Picture taken just after the road was re-made up the Tambo Valley; about 1928.



Janet & Peter Woodroffe.



From left; Jim Angus, Peter Woodroffe (son of Jean Woodroffe [nec Angus], Fin Angus and Phyllis 1993.



Fin Angus and Jean Woodroffe (Angus) 1993.



Sheila Martin (nee Angus) and Ron Martin on their wedding day.



From left; Alec, Sheila, Fin Angus and Edna Berthun
1926.



Margery Ada Angus (Hammond) & Jean Woodroffe
(nee Angus) at McKinnon for Judy Begg's wedding.



Jim Angus in the Buick.



Jim & Ailsa Angus's wedding 1954.



Jim & Ailsa's home 1993.



Jim Angus, Janine, ?, ? holding Kate, Stephen holding Georgie; 1996.



Jim Angus at the cairn he built in 1947; taken 1993.



John Angus's first car - 4 cylinder Buick.



Reedy Flat school in Jess's time, after it was shifted across the road. Jess Angus 2nd from right at back.

