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How good is it living on the Magical Central Coast.

The weather has been so good over the last few weeks, prompting Harry

and I to be tourists in our local region. There are so many places to take a picnic and our cameras.

Our Group has begun the year with a range of very interesting events. As we are not always able to attend events organised your reflections are always welcome. In

this issue we thank Wayne Bermingham for his contributions. If you are at a standstill with your Family History research or just want to advance your skills, our comprehensive advanced five week course, may help you find some of the information and links you need to expand your search, and help round out your family's story.

The Course is run over five consecutive Fridays with two sessions a day. See page 18 for more details.

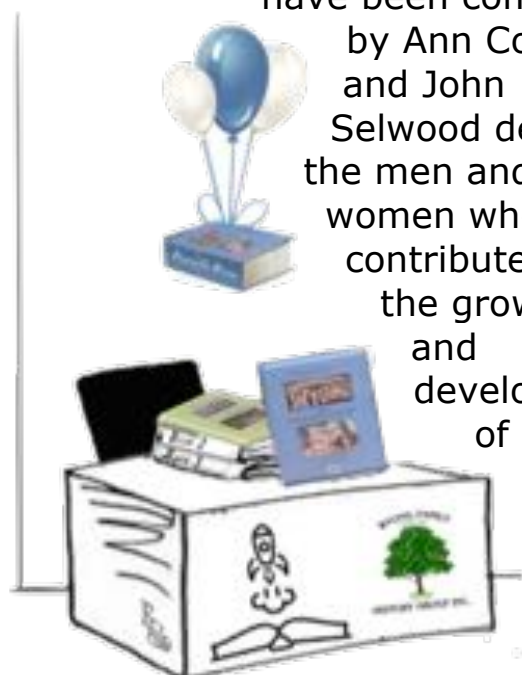
Your stories help to make our publication interesting and the deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 July 2019.... 🌳

Book Launch – People of Wyong

John Selwood member 79

At 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 21 May at Tuggerah Library, the Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris MP, will officially launch the latest publications of the Wyong Family History Group. A series of three books titled *People of Wyong* have been compiled

by Ann Cooke and John Selwood detailing the men and women who contributed to the growth and development of



Wyong. Newspaper articles, photographs, historical facts and local knowledge are included in the books.

Book 1: The Health and Service Providers *ie.* doctors, dentists, chemists, fire brigade and hospitals.

Book 2: All the banks and public service providers.

Book 3: The Wyong district's industries *ie.* the timber industry, dairying, orcharding and poultry industries as well as the many former businesses that existed in Wyong.

Also on this day 'Wyong Remembers' will be launched, outlining the history of the Wyong War Memorial and pictures of events held to mark the Centenary of ANZAC in 2015 and the

Armistice Centenary of 2018.
People wishing to attend the
launch will need to book by

phoning the Wyong Family History
Group on 4351 2211 (Tuesday to
Thursday). Places are limited.... 🌳

Reflections: What We've Been Up To in Pictures and Words

Love Lanes

Wayne Bermingham member 623

I don't know if many of you attended the Love Lanes Festival in Wyong this year but if you did you were treated to a great event. It really was standing room only later in the evening around where our group's stall was located and I must say I've never seen so many people in Wyong before. ... 🌳



VICGUM Family Tree Maker Seminar



Beginners Course



New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to our many new members and we look forward to meeting and helping you at 'The Cottage'. Contact any of these members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.
C/- Wyong Family History Group Inc.
P O Box 247, Wyong NSW 2259.

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916	Kevin Nebauer		

15 Years of Service Presentation

President Wayne Dean presenting Sandra Carragher member #150 with her 15 years certificate at the April General Meeting, she was thanked for her continuous membership as she received her certificate. 🌳



A Reminder For Members

Members are reminded that anytime they are at 'The Cottage' for any purpose, they have to wear their membership card and do so in such a manner that it is clearly displayed. Bags are not allowed past the foyer. Please use the lockers provided. You may take in research folders and a purse. Food and drink are not allowed in the research areas. Books which can be borrowed from the library (i.e. Books without a 'NOT FOR LOAN' mark), can only be out for two

weeks at a time. Please record them in the red 'Loan Book' When returning any journals, books or magazines, please note the date returned in the book and then place them in the tray on the Library table. The volunteer on duty will place them back on the shelves that day. ... 🌳



Reflections: State Records Bus Trip

Wayne Bermingham Member 623

It was nice to see the rain on Friday during our trip and, fortunately for us, it did stop when we had to get on and off the bus. Twelve members including our driver Keith Woodbury had intended to travel down to St Marys for this excursion, however, one member who shall remain nameless (initials L.L.) managed to set her alarm for PM so she was still asleep at 7:15am when I rang to find out where she was.

Before I forget I want to thank our driver Keith for getting us there and home again safely in what at times were dangerously wet conditions, thanks Keith.

As this was my first visit to the State Archives & Records I had no idea what to expect but I certainly didn't expect such a huge facility, it is really enormous. I'd imagine the tour guide Mr Cann conducted the standard tour for our group but we

were treated to a special bonus in the conservation area because the 1828 Census was there for us to see and I even managed to get a few photos. During the tour we also had the chance for a group photo at the exact location used for the filming of the Australian *Who Do You Think You Are* which was nice addition.

I can't ignore the main purpose of our visit which was of course getting our hands on some of the archives in order to enhance our family history research because, despite what we hear, we all know not everything is online. I know at least two of our ladies had great

success with the records they ordered, the delight shown on one face was a special moment indeed while another had so many photocopies of documents she'll be reading them for weeks to come. It seemed pretty clear that everyone had a fun day out with a friendly group some of whom may have discovered a bit more about their ancestors than they might have wanted to know.

If I was asked to rate the day out of 10 I would confidently give it a 9½, it missed a perfect 10 because, like the others in our group, I would have liked to have stayed a lot longer. ... 🌲

An Old Book:

Lynda Smith Life Member 2

An extract from "The History of the Year by James Mason, containing Year Book of Facts in Science and The Arts and the Annual Summary". [1876] More about this book on page 20

The Human Race: Page 12, introduces us to "A Missing Link.-what is called a singular 'phenomenon' is noticed by the *Philadelphia Ledger*, and is creating quite a sensation a few miles from Erie, Pennsylvania in the shape of a mouse-catching infant, surpassing in expertness the most agile cat in the country. This extraordinary child is a little girl about a twelve-month old, who the moment she awakens from her slumbers, crawls out of her crib to the old kitchen fireplace, which is infested with a species of small house mice, and over a hole in the corner baby crouches with her eyes like those of a cat intently fixed on the orifice. She sometimes occupies this position for an hour without moving till a mouse makes its appearance, when, with a sudden pounce, baby seizes her victim by the

Memories.
That's How it Was Back in the Day.

neck.

As soon as the prize is secured, she seems to be electrified with joy, and trembles from head to foot, uttering a kind of wild murmur or growl resembling the half suppressed snarl of a wild cat. The mouse, when once out of its hole seems magnetised, and makes no attempt to escape. If anyone attempts to take the mouse from the baby, or even approaches her with this object [ive], she at once conceals her prize by placing it in her mouth. The charm of infancy would be greatly enhanced if all babies would make themselves as useful as this sweet Pennsylvanian child. Printed in the *Pall Mall Gazette*."... 🌲



Special Interest Groups







Here at Wyong Family History Group Inc. we currently offer a range of Special Interest Groups where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest.







Current Groups are:



-  Computer/Social Media (bi-monthly)
-  DNA
-  English & Welsh
-  Family Tree Maker
-  Microsoft Word



We also run information sessions. These sessions are usually an hour or so and may just give your research and what you do with it, a boost.

-  Using British Newspapers – Wednesday 15th May, 10:30 am.
-  Free Web Sites – Tuesday 23rd July, 10:30 am.
-  Getting more out of Family Search – Wednesday 4th September, 10:30 am.
-  Shipping – Tuesday 26 November, 10:30 am.

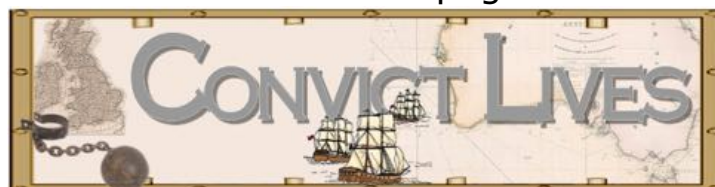


No Bookings Required

Upcoming dates are included on our Planned Events on page 23

How to Gain a 17,000km Cruise...All Expenses Paid

Jean Macleay member 359



The answer is simple...just steal a 100 shillings worth of clothing...that is in 1787.

Mary Parker did just that. She was employed as a housemaid by John and Mary Hickman who ran a low class lodging house where whole families rented one room. The rent at that time was 2 shillings a week or 2 or 3 pence a night. This house was in Duke Street (now Coptic Street), Bloomsbury not far from the British Museum and in the vicinity of St. George's. Perhaps the fact that her family was known

in the area enabled her to obtain the position, miserable though it was.

Mary worked as a domestic servant, helping with the cleaning. Mrs Hickman took in washing to augment her income so Mary could possibly be found out the back stirring a boiling copper. She probably slept in the airless



basement with casual lodgers in the same room. She was in her early twenties and would have been toiling from morning into the night, paid only with food and lodging.

The first confirmed fact for our Mary Parker is the record of April 1785 when she was arrested for stealing two of Mrs Hickman's table cloths valued at 5 shillings. She was held in the New Prison, Clerkenwell, for the long period of six months before she was brought to trial. The trial was held on 21 September 1785 and was mentioned in the Old Bailey Sessions Papers.

Mary Hickman and Henry Baker were witnesses and were paid 15s. and 10/6 respectively. (Twice and three times the value of the stolen article). Mary was sentenced to six months confinement to Clerkenwell to where she was sent from Newgate on 24th September 1785.

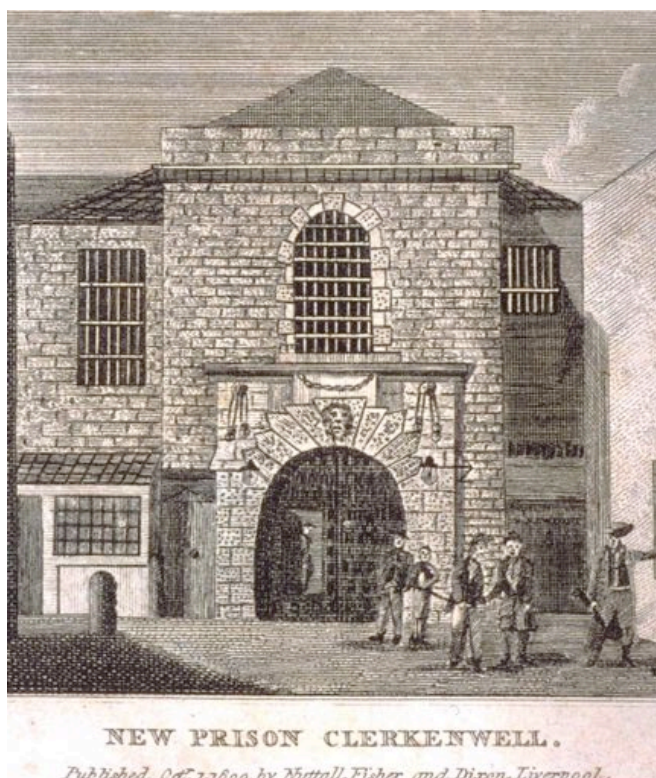
Conditions in Clerkenwell Bridewell were overcrowded and filthy at that

time as was the case in all gaols, but Mary may have been better off than most as she was employed as an assistant at the prison hospital. Mary was released on 24th March 1786.

Only three weeks later on 19th April 1786 at 10.30 at night she went back to the home of Mrs Hickman where she was seen on the garret stairs by a lodger William Headland and a young lad also a lodger. The lad went up the stairs into the garret and found many clothes lying about and Mary Parker in the corner of the space.

Mrs Hickman, who was preparing for bed having just finished her washing, heard the commotion and ran up the stairs to find Mr Headland and Mary at the top. Mary had none of the clothing with her and it could only be proved that the clothing was lying about although they had been left hanging on the lines in a locked garret.

Had Mary gone to the house to get a character reference in order to



get another job? Or had she gone to collect her possessions which had been left behind?

In any event she was tted of "burglariously and feloniously breaking and entering the dwelling house of John Hickman, about the hour of eleven in the night, on 19th day of April last, and burglariously stealing therein, two muslin gowns and coats, value 40s. a cotton gown, value 20s. three cotton frocks, value 4s. eleven shirts, value 31s. one shift value 2s. and one diaper clout, value 6d. his property." She was found guilty of stealing, but not of the burglary and sentenced to be transported to parts beyond the seas for 7 years. She was at the time 28 years of age and could neither read nor write. Mary was immediately sent to Newgate prison where she remained for the next eight months and ten days until 6th January 1787 at which time she was taken aboard the "*Lady Penrhyn*" which was making ready for the voyage to Botany Bay. However, Mary Parker spent a further five months on the "*Lady Penrhyn*" before she finally sailed on 13th May 1787.

During the voyage the women suffered sea sickness, home sickness, diseases caused by the unsanitary and cramped conditions. At least four convicts died on this ship, the youngest one year old and the oldest 70 years old. Four children were born, one still-born. Mary, who had learned nursing skills in prison would doubtless have been of some help to her ship mates.

The journals of the ship's surgeon Bowes (Arthur Bowes Smyth) gives

us some insight into various aspects of the voyage. At the end of April, whilst still at Portsmouth, Bowes notes that "The Women very sick wt. the motion of the Ship". In September just after leaving Rio he reports that the weather was very squally and "Many of the Women recd. hurts & bruises from falls". Bowes had a very poor opinion of his convict charges "there was never a more abandoned set of wretches collected in one place at any period". He considered them unwashed and unsavory, although one wonders how he expected them to do anything about personal hygiene. There had not even been any provision of rags for their monthly period, and they certainly had no petticoats to tear up and use for such purpose. He did have the grace to write however, upon arrival at Farm Cove, that they were "dress'd in general very clean & some few amongst them might be said to be well dress'd".

The fleet arrived in Botany Bay in the middle of January and after three days sailed around to Sydney Harbour. The flag was raised on 26th January 1788 but the women weren't brought ashore as they had to wait until the stores were unloaded and the men had erected



tents for them to sleep in.

So it was not until Wednesday 6th February that the women were brought ashore from their transport ships. It is recorded that it was a warm day with frequent thunder squalls. Bowes journal again provides a record of the day's proceedings:

"At five o'clock this morning, all things were got in order for landing the whole of the women, and 3 of the ships longboats came alongside us to receive them; previous to their quitting the ship, a strict search was made to try if any of many things which they had stolen on board could be found, but their artifice eluded the most strict search, and at six o'clock p.m. we had the long wished for pleasure of seeing the last of them leave the ship. They were dressed in general very clean, and some few amongst them might be said to be well dressed. The men convicts got to them very soon after they landed, and it is beyond my abilities to give a just description of the scene of debauchery and riot that ensued during the night. They had not been landed more than an hour, before they had all got their tents pitched or anything in order to receive them, but there came on the most violent storm of thunder lightning and rain I ever saw." The journal of the marine Watkin Tench, however, tells us that "a candid and humane mind will not

fail to consider and allow for the situation these unfortunate beings so peculiarly stood in. When landed, their separation became impracticable, and would have been perhaps wrong." The sailors had requested, and must have been given 'some Grog to make merry wt. upon the women quitting our ship." (the Lady Penrhyn)

It would seem that Mary did nothing in the early days of the colony to bring her to the attention of the authorities and therefore there is no record of what service she was put to in the colony. There is a legend based on a story told by William Small, Mary's son, that her first child Rebecca was born at Government House. This was reported in *The Daily Telegraph* of 23 January 1888. On the other hand she may have been employed at the hospital having had experience in that capacity beforehand. If this was so it may well be that was where she met John Small who was also employed there.

However they met a relationship was formed and John and Mary were married under a tree by the Reverend Richard Johnson on 12 October 1788. Mary and John lived a respectable urban life at Ryde a suburb of Sydney and had 7 children. I am descended from their fourth child John. ... 🌳

Transport

Members – Transport to and from The Cottage is a problem for some of our members.

If you have any ideas, email The Secretary:
secwfhg2@westnet.com.au



Their War

To the Army Correspondents and Artists whose toils cheered the fireside, educated provinces of rustics into a bright nation of readers and gave incentive to narrate distant wars and explore dark lands.



or phone (02) 4351 2211 during open hours... 🌳

Memorials to War Correspondents of the USA.

In this modern era, we are used to hearing about conflicts as they happen with pictures on our screens often showing graphic details.

This has not always been the way.

Charles Bean, Frank Hurley, Banjo Paterson, Damien Parer and Peter Harvey are names that spring to mind when thinking of Australian journalists we may know. There have been many more throughout the years.

My research has led me to the American memorials shown here.

#1 In appearance this Maryland [USA] monument is quite odd. It is fifty feet high and forty feet broad and was built in 1896.

The three Roman arches represent Description, Depiction and Photography. The tower contains a statue of Pan with the traditional pipes, and he is either half drawing or sheathing a Roman sword. Over a small turret on the

opposite side of the tower is a gold vane of a pen bending a sword. At various places on the monument are quotations appropriate to the art of war correspondence. These are from a great variety of sources beginning with Old Testament verses. Perhaps the most striking feature of all are the tablets inscribed with the names of 157 correspondents and war artists who saw and described in narrative and picture almost all the events of the four years of the American Civil war.

#2 This interesting plaque in front of a tree is the War Correspondents Memorial, in the Arlington National cemetery.

#3 A bronze sculpture of journalist Ernie Pyle by Tuck Langland is

stationed at the entrance to the Indiana University Media School in Bloomington

Ernest Pyle (1900 –1945) was a [Pulitzer Prize](#)–winning American journalist and war correspondent who is best known for his stories about ordinary American soldiers during [World War II](#) He was killed by enemy fire on [Iejima](#) (then known as Ie Shima) during the [Battle of Okinawa](#).

[President Harry Truman](#) was among those who paid tribute to Pyle: "No man in this war has so well told the story of the American fighting man as American fighting men wanted it told. He deserves the gratitude of all his countrymen. ... 🌳



Lynda Smth LM 2

Recently, I was asked to trial "My Heritage" as a possible subscription for work. I used my trusted 'database name tester' and entered Samuel SMALLHORN. I have at least 3 people with this name in my family, so it is usually a good indicator of the usefulness of any collection of resources.

I found that the SMALLHORN trees submitted to My Heritage were rather dubious, with nothing new for me, but I did uncover some

newspaper articles that I had not seen before. One has to love the very long sentences, the flowery language and the veiled humour of nineteenth century journalists. All gave me a laugh and some insight into the personalities concerned.

Colonial Times October 25 1842
[Tasmania]

Court proceedings: Friday October 21. Mr. Samuel Smallhorn attended to support a complaint against a

man named Grimes, with wilfully and maliciously destroying three goslings. It appeared the two litigants are both *bons vivants*, and each were rearing up flocks of those bipeds so much esteemed for Christmas cheer, and whether from envy at Mr. Smallhorn's greater success in his gastronomic pursuits, or what other cause, three of his little progeny were killed by defendant, who was seen to leave the shed they were in by complainant, who suspected some foul deed, went to the spot and found the above named number laying dead. Grimes was ordered to pay complainant their value with costs, and also to bound over to be of good behaviour for six months.

[definition: bon vivant – a person having cultivated, refined, and sociable tastes especially with respect to food and drink]

The Hobart Town Guardian or True Friend of Tasmania December 15 1852

APPRENTICE ABSCONDED ALFRED SMALLHORN

Indented apprentice to the undersigned, having absented himself from his home and usual occupation, Notice is hereby given, that a warrant has been granted for the apprehension of the said Alfred Smallhorn, who is 16 years of age, stout made, rather dark



complexion, low sized- had on new Blucher boots, corduroy trowsers, [sic] tweed shooting

coat and a blue cloth cap.

It is known that Alfred Smallhorn absconded to the Victoria Diggings, in company with his father, Samuel Smallhorn, carpenter and dyer, lately residing in Frances Street Battery Point, who is very nearsighted, and left Hobart Town on Tuesday last.

Constables and other persons are reminded that according to the 10th section of the Apprentice Act, lately passed in this Colony, any person detected in harbouring, aiding the escape or concealing a run-a-way apprentice, are liable to pay a penalty of not more than

FIFTY POUNDS!

Upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace in this Colony. Any person apprehending Alfred Smallhorn, or giving such information as will lead to his apprehension will receive a suitable

REWARD,

By applying to John Moore, Proprietor of the *Hobart Town Guardian*.
Oct. 30th 1852.

It sounds to me that Samuel needed a 'seeing eye son' to help him find gold! This ad ran many times from October 1852 until March 1853. I then used TROVE to discover a Court case dealing with the return of Alfred John SMALLHORN in the *Hobart Courier* Wednesday 23 March 1853.

Samuel Smallhorn was convicted of harbouring his son and was fined £25.

Alfred is my direct ancestor in this family. He was the first Australian born child of Samuel Charles and

Mary SMALLHORN, born 1837 in Hobart. Mary was left with four children [Thomas b.1839, Frances b.1843, Charles b.1845 and Sarah b.1850] to care for when her husband and eldest son 'did a runner'. Family stories say that Mary acted as a nurse/midwife in the community. I imagine that the detailed description of Alfred came from her. One can only hope that Samuel left his family with an income while he was away.

Alfred's son, Samuel Alfred SMALLHORN [b.1867 Hobart] is my great grandfather. Alfred must have returned to the newspaper world and his apprenticeship as he ended up with his own printing business, a large home in Sandy Bay and a number of other real estate holdings. He became a Justice of the Peace and was a Trustee of Alexandria Hospital, a warden at All Saints Church of England and a high

ranking member of the Oddfellows Organisation. Alfred died in 1922. He and his wife Julia had at least sixteen children together.

A third article, in *The Colonial Times & Tasmanian* on August 6 1856 has the same Samuel Smallhorn in Court, this time as proxy for a Frances St. neighbour who was accused of non registration of a dog. He was able to show a receipt and prove that a spelling error was to blame for the mishap. So much for his near-sightedness! Perhaps he had found some spectacles?

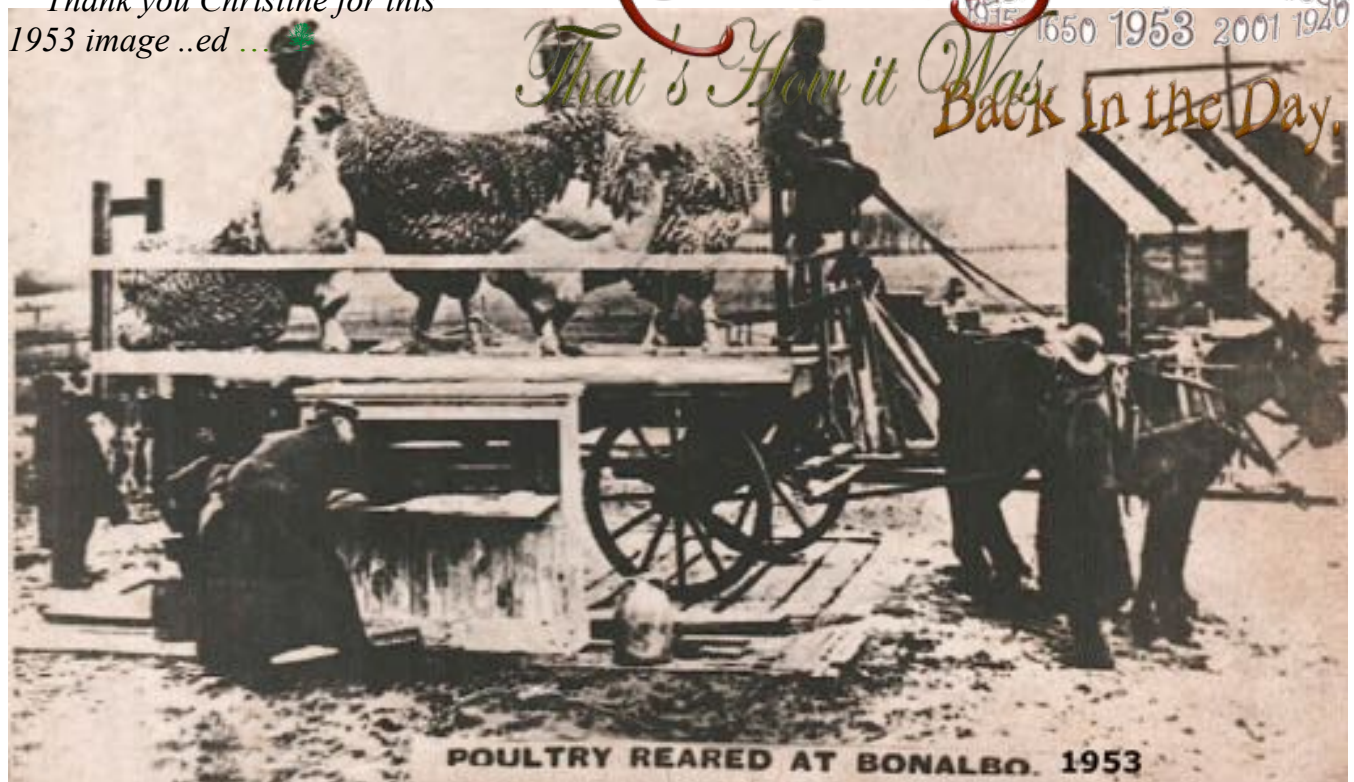
It is also ironic that in 1907, Alfred Smallhorn was in Court again, when an apprentice at his printing works misbehaved and he wished to have the boy's indenture cancelled. What comes around, goes around, it seems.

Resources: My heritage surname search, Trove newspaper site, family records, Google images. ... 🌿

Large Enough?

Christine Thompson Member 868.

Thank you Christine for this 1953 image ..ed ... 🌿





ROOKWOOD CEMETERY BUS TRIP

Monday 27th May 2019

Our next bus trip to Rookwood cemetery will be held on Monday 27th May 2019. This will be both a research trip for those who want to check their ancestors and a brief guided tour for those who are interested in the history and layout of the cemetery.

If you have no relatives in Rookwood, you are still more than welcome to come with us and explore the history that is within the boundaries of the largest necropolis in the Southern Hemisphere.

Do your homework!!! Bring a folder with the names and locations of the graves. This can be done beforehand on the Internet for the Independent, Catholic and Anglican Sections. The Offices can sometimes tell you the names of others in the graves as well.

This year, Rookwood office staff have offered to 'do' your grave searches before our visit, with results being available when we arrive. Contact details for said Rookwood personnel will be sent to you upon your register at the Cottage.

What to take? We suggest a brush, water and soft cloth (for cleaning headstones), hand clippers to clear overgrown graves, umbrella (rain or shine), raincoat, warm clothing, sunscreen and hat. And of course a camera. Also bring *plenty* of drinking water and your packed lunch

There will be 3 pickup points, Toukley leaving at 7:10am SHARP, Wyong Leagues Club at 7:20 and Tuggerah at approximately 7:45am

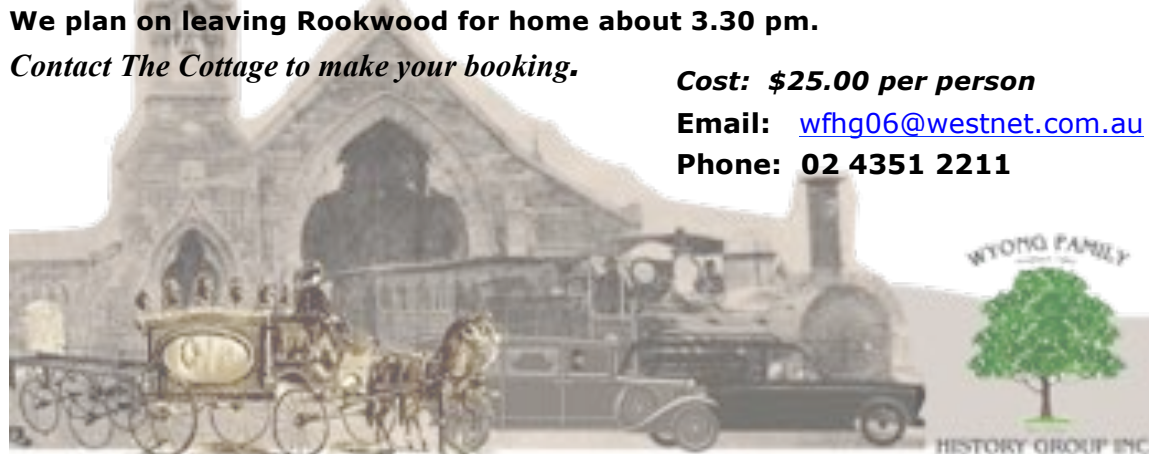
We plan on leaving Rookwood for home about 3.30 pm.

Contact The Cottage to make your booking.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Email: wfhg06@westnet.com.au

Phone: 02 4351 2211



WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Inc.

PRESENTS

A NEW

ADVANCED FAMILY HISTORY COURSE

To be held at
The Cottage, **Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong**
[Enter via the old school yard]

**Commencing Friday 7th June then every Friday until 5th July.
The full program for this comprehensive five-week course:**

DATE	MORNING SESSION From 10:30 am	AFTERNOON SESSION From 12:30 pm
7/6/19	Intro To Family Search	Convict Connections
14/6/19	Trove Not just newspapers	Military Matters
21/6/19	England So Many Family History Links	Wales Miner or Fisher?
28/6/19	Scotland Discovering People	Scotland Discovering People
5/7/19	Ireland Family not all blarney	Ireland Family not all blarney

COST: Members \$10 per day or \$45 for the full course payable in advance
Non-Members \$15 per day or \$65 for the full course payable in advance
Remember to bring your lunch



BOOK and PAY on line at
www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au
or contact the 'Cottage'
on 4351 2211, Tuesday
Wednesday or Thursday 10:00 am
to 3:00 pm.
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WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Inc.

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SEARCH FOR LAND

with STEVE FORD



SUNDAY 28th July 2019 10:00am - 3:30pm
Tuggerah Community Hall, 9 Anzac Road, Tuggerah.

Programme:

- 10:00 am** Registration
- 10:30 am** Welcome & Introduction
- 10:40 am** Searching NSW Torrens Title Record Online,
followed by a short break
- 11:45 am** Searching NSW Old System Records online.
- 12:30 pm** Lunch
- 1:15 pm** Searching Crown Leasehold (e.g Conditional
Purchase) Records etc., followed by a short
break
- 2:10 pm** Showcase of Land Records and how they can be
used relating to the Village Central Wyong
- 2:55 pm** Q & A.
- 3:15 pm** Raffle draw and closing Thank You.
- 3:30 pm** Close

Cost: for WFHG Members is \$30.00.
Non-Members \$35.00.

Includes Sausage Sizzle Lunch

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Email: wfhg06@westnet.com.au.

In Person: Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong.
[enter via the old school yard]

Tea & Coffee
Available all day



Raffle prizes:
1st Prize Ancestry DNA kit
2nd prize Patchwork Quilt donated by Gwen Bates



Some special friends are downsizing in order to move into a retirement complex. In doing so, they discovered an old book called ***"The History of the Year by James Mason, containing Year Book of Facts in Science and The Arts and the Annual Summary"***. The book was published in London by Ward, Lock & Tyler. Sadly, the cover is loose and many pages are stained, but the information contained within is very interesting. They generously gave it to me and it contains some amazing stuff. The Preface states that this is the first volume of what was planned to be an annual work. The time covered is from 15th October 1875 to the 15th October 1876

Machines and Machinery:

On pages 201/202 we are introduced to a new invention called the 'type writer'. "At a recent meeting of the Society of Arts, London, a machine was exhibited, intended to enable persons to write, or rather print, without using a pen. The *Journal of the Society of the Arts* says: The machine in appearance somewhat resembles an ordinary sewing machine, being mounted on a stand of the size and appearance of a sewing machine stand. In front there is a keyboard with the letters of the alphabet, numerals, etc., upon it, and on pressing one of the keys, a small lever, bearing the corresponding letter, is caused to strike against a ribbon saturated with a prepared ink, over which the paper is held on a roller. Each letter strikes in the same spot, but the roller with the paper moves a space forward after each letter, so that it appears on the paper in its proper place. The mechanism is very simple, the levers carrying the letters being actuated by a simple arrangement to that of a piano, and strung on a circular wire so that they all strike into the centre of the circle. By the action of a treadle, as soon as a line is finished, the roller is

traversed back to its original position, and at the same time is revolved one tooth of a ratchet wheel, so as to bring a fresh line under the operations of the apparatus. The type is all small capitals and the printing is perfectly regularly and even. It is stated that after a little practice, any person can work twice as fast as an ordinary writer, and that a skilled operator can gain a very much greater speed. The machine can be used for manifolding with the ordinary thin paper and carbon paper, some nineteen or twenty legible copies being obtainable. It is an American invention.

My Postscript: American inventors Sholes, Glidden, and Soulé came up with this concept in the early 1860s and sold their designs to Remington in 1873. In the first years of manufacture 5000 were produced for US \$125 each. Many people initially thought the typewriter was a form of printing press, such as those used to produce newspapers and books. They had difficulty imagining how they might use the typewriter in their daily lives. It seemed to be too much trouble to use a machine just to write a business letter or fill out an invoice. There were also issues with the design. Eventually Remington introduced



the No.2 model which included lower case and upper case letters on the same key, activated by using a shift key. After several years, the Remington 2 became a tremendous success. In 1881, Remington sold a total of 1,200 typewriters for the year. By 1888, however, the company was selling 1,500 typewriters each month. These early designs did not allow the typist to actually see what was being written. Another company called UNDERWOOD

changed the design to allow a better view. Other companies took on this idea and the 'modern' QWERTY layout typewriter with black and red replaceable ribbon spools developed by 1908. Where would we genealogists be without our trusty keyboards these days?

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Publications For Sale

More details at: <http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au/publications>

BOOKS & CDs

Bowden Family Funerals – Wyong. July 1999 – January 2016	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$15.00 – p&h
Brought in by the Tide. [A guide to tracing convict ancestors in one place.]	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Central Coast Roll of Honour. [Includes the full names, rank, type of service & date of death where known of over 12,000 men & women of the Central Coast who were in the Armed Forces. 400 pages fully indexed. Includes 138 stories and photographs.]	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Gosford Times Marriage and Death Notices 1892-1954 incorporating the Wollombi Express (1892-1906) and Wyong District Advocate (1906-1920)	Book	\$ 27.00 + p&h
<i>Contains enteries for 5892 Deaths and 1400 Marriages with many relevant details</i>	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Place Names of the Wyong Shire	Book	\$ 8.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 1963 – 2006 – Out of Print – available on combined CD.		
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 2007 - 2011 + Wyong & Toukley	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay Toukley and Wyong 1963 - 2011	CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Erina 1985 – 2013	Book	\$ 30.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Woy Woy 1991 – 2013	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong Agricultural Association [248 pages]. Covers the history of the Wyong Agricultural Association as reported in local newspapers; lists of Office Bearers; photos of founders and first Committee; plus the minutes of all meetings held from 1 May 1913 to 18 June 1930 with fully indexed list of names	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h

More Publications For Sale

Wyong & District Pioneer Register (Published 2013) [673 pages]. Fully indexed compilation of all previous Pioneer Book entries, extensively updated references to over 13,500 individuals. Contains: Birth, Marriage & Death details; some photos, personal stories, obituaries for some individuals. Includes a brief history of Wyong.			Book \$ 50.00 + p&h CD \$ 40.00 + p&h
Wyong & Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices (1932 – 1995) (available separately- see below) Contents Volume One – 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4,790 in memoriam notices & 238 miscellaneous event notices, includes church photographs Contents Volume Two - 11,973 deaths, obituary & probate notices includes Church and cemetery photographs	Two Volume set Book Book Volume 1 Book Volume 2 CD		\$ 45.00 + p&h \$ 25.00 + p&h \$ 25.00 + p&h \$ 35.00 + p&h
Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 – 1953		Book CD	\$ 20.00 + p&h \$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939		Book CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h \$ 10.00 + p&h
The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area [Baptisms, Burials and Marriages with notes from Albert Glennie's Diaries and Miscellaneous Entries. Includes Kincumber, Mangrove, Wyong, Tuggerah, Cooranbong, Woy Woy & the Hawkesbury River.]			CD \$ 10.00 + p&h
CEMETERY			
Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009]		Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Noraville Cemetery, Wyong Shire [1869 - 2012]		Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
St Barnabas & Yarramalong Cemeteries, Wyong Shire NSW [1886-2001]		Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Ronkana Cemetery, Wyong Shire NSW [1825 - 2016]		Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
All 4 Cemetery Books			\$ 50.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016 [220 pages] This index has been compiled from the Wyong Family History Group's cemetery database. It includes burials (and niches) at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas (Yarramalong) and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. We also acknowledge the CC Council Bereavement Officers for their contribution to our records. Contains: Cemetery maps; Deceased details – name, age, date of burial, grave location (section, row, plot), some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all Graves including Unmarked Graves.			Book \$ 25.00 + p&h CD \$ 20.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries		CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery [30,000 names, not all from Wyong]		CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Genealogy Recorder			\$ 10.00 + p&h

WFHG Inc Planned Events **subject to future planning meeting.*

- *Note: Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, workshops and mini sessions are at 'The Cottage'.*
- *Information Sessions: Detailed list available on website.*

	2019	Event	
May		Thursday 19 April: National Trust Australian Heritage Festival begins	National trust Australian Heritage Festival
	Fri 3	Bunnings BBQ Tuggerah	
	Sat 4	Open Day in conjunction with Australian Heritage Festival	
	Tue 7	Committee Meeting 10:00 am	
	Thu 9	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Sun 12	Bunnings BBQ Tuggerah	
	Tue 12	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Sat 16	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
		Sunday 19 National Trust Australian Heritage Festival ends	
	Tue 21	Book Launch at Tuggerah Library 10:00 am Cottage opens 11:00 am	
	Mon 27	Rookwood Bus Trip	
	May 16	Committee Meeting 10:00 am	
June	Fri 7	WFHG Advanced Course commences 10:30 am	
	Sat 8	General Meeting 1:00 pm	
	Tue 11	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Thu 13	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Fri 14	Advanced Course – week 2	
	Sat 15	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
	Tue 19	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon DNA Special Interest Group 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
	Fri 21	Advanced Course – week 3	
	Sat 22	Computer/Tablet/Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon	
	Fri 28	Advanced Course – week 4	
July	Tue 2	Committee Meeting 10:00 am	
	Fri 5	Advanced Course – week 5	
	Tue 9	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Thu 11	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Sat 20	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
	Sun 28	Land Records Seminar	
	Tue 30	Committee Meeting 10:00 am	
August	Thu 11	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Sat 10	General Meeting 1:00 pm	
	Tue 13	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Wed 14	Family Search Indexing	
	Sat 16	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
	Tue 20	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon DNA Special Interest Group 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
	Sat 24	Computer/Tablet/Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon	

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

Research Centre

'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre,

6 Rankens Court, Wyong (entrance via the old school grounds)

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm.

At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3rd Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon

(WFHG members available to help)

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WFHG thanks Ms Emma McBride, for her assistance in the production of this issue of the Tree of Life.

Remember, Member contributions are always welcome and 21 July 2019 is the closing date for items to be included in the next issue of the "Tree of Life".

Local LDS Family History Centre

Akora Road, Wyoming [near ALDI]

Opening Hours: Tuesday 6 – 8 pm,

Friday 10 am – 2 pm

Generally closed during school holidays.

Open at other times on request

Free access

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