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COVID-19 Safety Plan
and are committed to
keeping you safe.

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

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Resources and research assistance at 'The Cottage' – available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm and 1st Saturday each month February to November, 9:00 am – 12 Noon. After hours by appointment.

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Greetings from the President

Kerrie Metcalfe - President - LM80

In June we had many events planned and booked for the Group to enjoy and which would help raise money to keep our Group going and encourage new members to take on the challenge of researching their Family History. However, COVID-19 delta strain soon put a stop to that and we found ourselves locked down for the next three months and unfortunately everything was cancelled. The only thing that carried on, to keep us amused, connected and up to date with everything was the weekly newsletter and I sincerely thank Wayne Bermingham for that.

The Committee decided to continue with Committee Meetings by using Zoom, a platform we were all unsure of and for us oldies this was a learning curve. It did however prove successful so we were able to keep the business side of the Group running.

We branched out and decided that the Members Monthly Meetings could also be by zoom which proved a great success as we have had 25 + members join in from their homes. Our first one and practice run was with our very own member Ellen Sheerin doing a presentation on family history in lockdown. This was also well received and we were all happy with the outcome.

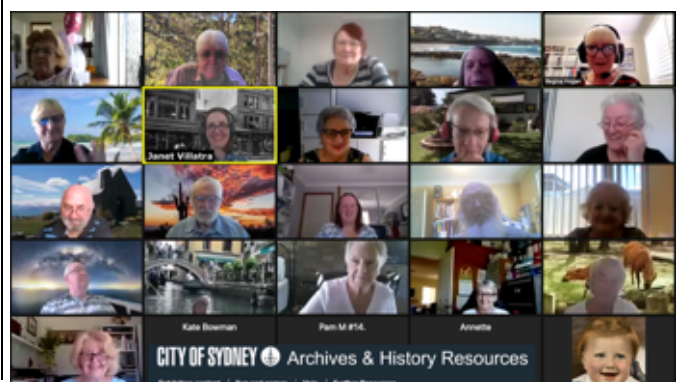
In September the NSW & ACT Assoc. Conference was held by Zoom. Several of our members 'attended' this and became hooked

on virtual events. Moving forward our October Members Meeting was another Zoom meeting and this was excellent. We had a presentation talk "Exploring the City of Sydney Archives" by Janet Villatra. This was very well received and attended by 30+ members and it was a wonderfully informative talk and presentation.

We then decided to set up our own help and chat Zoom session so members could connect and ask questions or just chat. Success again. Stuart ran his special interest groups on DNA by Zoom and Martin ran his FTM group also by Zoom. We were all becoming used to using Zoom and attending virtual talks, well most of us! Still a lot haven't yet taken the plunge and come on board the Zoom meetings.

As restrictions are lifting and we are coming out of lockdown we look forward to the Cottage opening on the 26th of October where our members can once again come in and delve into all our wonderful resources and continue on their journey of tracing their family history.

It's only two months or less before we close for Christmas and



the only event that we aim to go on with is our Christmas get together at Wyong Golf Club on the 5th December. This venue is large enough for us to keep a reasonable distance apart.

Next year 2022 will see the incoming Committee endeavouring to hold as many social events, seminars and courses as we can, and participate in community events to try and repair the

damage that the COVID19 lockdown has done to our finances. More than ever we will need help and support from you the members. We have a great facility and it's there for you to use as a member. Help us pick up and keep this research centre going well into the future.

Best wishes for Christmas and let us hope for a Happy and Normal New Year! ... 🌲

COVID-19 UPDATE

Your Committee.

We are OPEN !

'The Cottage' re-opened on Tuesday 26th October
Double vaccination proof must be shown before entry
Due to the Current Covid rules
We are open with reduced numbers
Bookings are required
Please contact 'The Cottage'
email: wfhg06@westnet.com.au
phone: 02 4351 2211 during opening hours.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00am – 3:00pm

"The Cottage", Wyong Community Cultural Centre.
Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong, NSW
(Entrance via the old school grounds.)

We are OPEN & ready to help with your Family History Journey !



from your Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Hello All!

During Lockdown, our Group has done a stellar job keeping us informed and in touch with each other. Let's hope the new 'normal' works for us!

The weekly Chats by ZOOM were a new concept for me. I am mostly okay with technology and I found the concept easy to master, with a few pointers from others. Give it a

go and join us when you can, especially the scheduled evening Chats [see page 31]

During lockdown, and sans transport, on line shopping, crafting and taking photos were a few of the things that kept me sane.

Discovering history [see page 8]

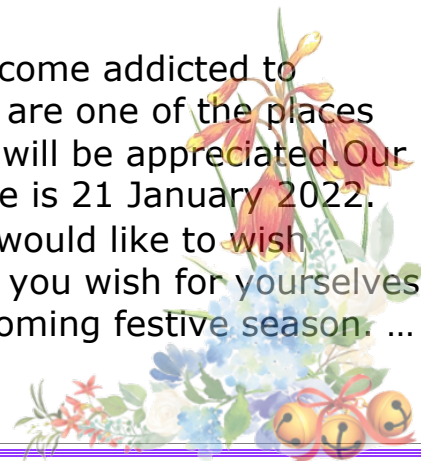


has also helped, starting me writing again.

I really enjoy my little contribution to the Group, putting our publication together, reading your stories and selecting the appropriate articles for each issue. Thank you to those who send me items. Remember, once you start writing, you will find your

style and become addicted to writing. We are one of the places your stories will be appreciated. Our next deadline is 21 January 2022.

Harry & I would like to wish everyone all you wish for yourselves during the coming festive season. ...



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.

No	Member	No	Member
980	Debra Viglione	988	Paul Hagstrom
981	Ann Holland	989	Neil Newton
982	Robyn Snodgrass	990	Barbara Sonta
983	Sylvia McBride	991	Sonya Edwards
984	Rhonda Purcall	992	Michael Gordon
985	Rosalie Donnelly	993	Maria Powell
986	Jenny Anson	994	Hazel Ross
987	Paula Conaty		

Members' Milestones

The Committee Apologies for not being able to present the following members with their mile stone membership, due to lockdown

Congratulations go to:

July:

#530 Murray Hill – 10 Years.

Murray was Cottage Coordinator for a long time and he was Grants Officer for a term as well, Murray was also supportive with our ANZAC centenary celebrations, he also donated an ANZAC photo which hangs in our meeting room

#533 Regina Hogan – When Regina joined the group 10 years ago, she was very shy and quiet then she did the UTAS diploma which

boosted her confidence and is now one of our very active volunteers, Regina covers Cottage Roster duty, she is on the Committee and is the Guest Speaker organiser. Regina is a valuable member of the group who carries out her duties with professionalism

#288 Peter Yates has been a member for fifteen years. Peter has helped on occasion over his time with us and we thank him for his support and help.

October:

#236 Marie Heilbrunn # 236 reached her 25 years, Marie has also been a valued member arranging guest



speakers some years back, she also started up the SIG for Family Tree Maker, and gave several talks on New Zealand research

she fitted this in between overseas extensive travels. Thanks and congratulations to all of you ... 🌳



WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

YOU'RE INVITED

To join us for Afternoon Tea in celebration of
the launch of our recent publications

People of Wyong Book 4

Wyong Buildings and Personalities

People of Wyong Book 5

Wyong Schools

Wyong & Districts Anglican Church Records 1838 - 1987

Interactive USB

Date:

Wednesday, 1st December 2021

Time:

2:00 pm

Location:

"The Cottage"

Building 9

6 Rankens Court Wyong NSW

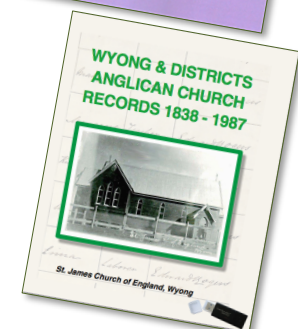
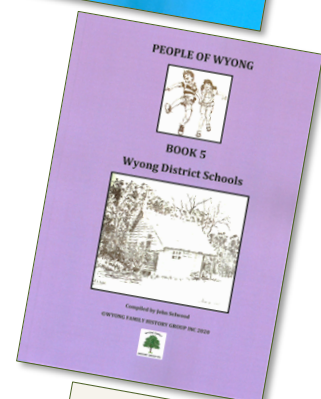
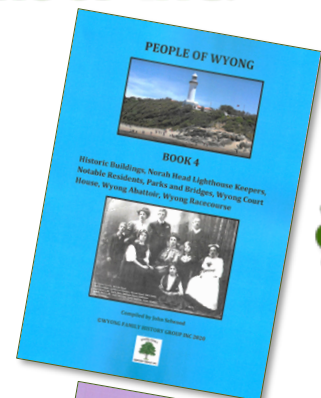
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before 26th November

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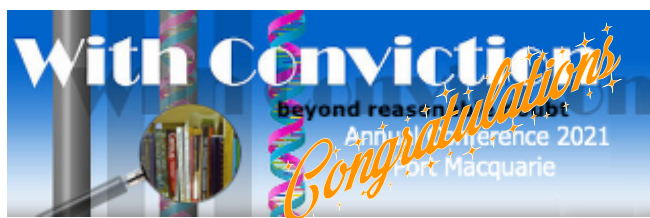


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REFLECTION – WITH CONVICTION ... ANNUAL CONFERENCE

With Conviction ... beyond reasonable doubt.

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference hosted by Port Macquarie & District Family History Society.



Regina Hogan member 533

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this was the first time the conference had been held virtually. The organisers did a great job keeping attendees informed about the upcoming program and the speakers booked for the digital conference, which was held on Saturday 11 September, 2021.

Logging on to join the meeting at 8:15AM was easy. I had decided to put the whole day aside and watch each presentation 'live' although replays were available for a week. You had the choice of viewing the conference on the Zoom platform or via You Tube.

There were eleven speakers over the one day event covering some excellent subjects from Cate Pearce's *Using DNA for Aboriginal Family History* to Michele Patient discussing *Celebrating Cousins*.

I thoroughly enjoyed Dr Hamish Maxwell-Stewart give his presentation on *Building a Digital Convict Memorial*. I first came across Dr Maxwell-Stewart when I did the Diploma of Family History at UTAS. His passion and expertise on convict life often sees him pop up on Who Do You Think You Are and his presentations are always entertaining and informative.

The day was broken up with morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea breaks. During the afternoon tea break the 40 raffle prizes were drawn. There were some great

prizes including subscriptions to Ancestry and My Heritage, Ancestry & My Heritage DNA kits, Transcription vouchers and much more. Sadly I wasn't one of the lucky winners but I did hear a couple of our Wyong Family History Group member's names called out.

During the breaks some beautiful scenes of the Port Macquarie area were shown. Although it probably made us all wish we could have been there in person, it added to the atmosphere of the day.

A virtual Goodies bag was also available for all attendees. It contained special deals from the conference sponsors, heaps of information for the genie buff and a 79 page Conference Journal. An on line virtual fair was also available for attendees to browse.

Port Macquarie Family History Society are to be congratulated on all the work that was put in to presenting such a wonderful Conference. This new age way of attending a conference virtually should be embraced by us all. It is looking like future Conferences will be held face to face but also on a digital platform. How wonderful to be able to attend a conference on the other side of the world and hear speakers from across the globe speak on a vast array of topics without leaving your home! ... 🌳

Their War

They are remembered

*They sleep not in their native land, but beneath a foreign sky,
Far away from those who loved them, in hero's graves they lie.*

CHINESE LABOUR CORPS

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

A fleeting mention of the WW1 Chinese Labour Corp in a documentary I was watching sent me into research mode. The following is extracted from a well referenced item found in Wikipedia:

China was initially not a belligerent nation, her citizens were not allowed by the Chinese government to participate in the fighting. However, in 1916, the French government began a scheme to recruit Chinese to serve as non-military personnel. A contract for China to supply 50,000 labourers was agreed upon on 14 May 1916, and the first contingent left Tientsin for Dagu and Marseille in July 1916. The British government also signed an agreement with the Chinese authorities to supply labourers. The recruiting was launched by the War Committee in London in 1916, who formed the Chinese Labour Corps.

A recruiting base was established in Weihaiwei (then a British colony) on 31 October 1916.

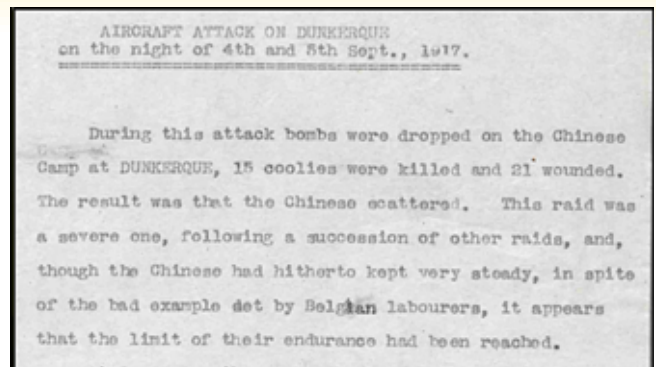
The Chinese Labour Corps comprised Chinese men who came mostly from Shandong, and to a lesser extent from Liaoning, Jilin, Jiangsu, Hubei, Hunan, Anhui and Gansu provinces.

Most travelled to Europe via the Pacific and by Canada.

The tens of thousands of volunteers were driven by the poverty of the region and China's



Chinese workers at a munitions factory by Chatham House, London



political uncertainties, and also

lured by the generosity of the wages offered by the British. Each volunteer received an embarkment fee of 20 yuan, followed by 10 yuan a month to be paid over to his family in China.

Workers cleared mines, repaired roads and railways, and built munitions depots. Some worked in armaments factories and in naval shipyards. At the time they were seen as cheap labour, not even allowed out of camp to fraternise locally, and dismissed as mere coolies.

The *USS Monocacy* incident occurred in January 1918. It involved an attack on the American gunboat *Monocacy* by Chinese soldiers along the Yangtze River. The incident left one American dead. An apology was issued by the Chinese government after protests broke out in Shanghai, and \$25,000 in reparations was paid to the United States. It was one of multiple incidents at the time involving armed Chinese firing on foreign vessels.

Although no Chinese troops saw combat in the theaters [sic] of World War I, 2,300 Chinese troops were sent to Vladivostok in August 1918 to protect Chinese interests during the Siberian intervention. The Chinese army fought against both Bolsheviks and Cossacks. This Conflict is considered part of the Russian Civil War.

After the Armistice of 11 November 1918, most of the

Chinese labourers serving abroad were shipped home.

When the war ended, some Chinese labourers remained employed to clear mines, and fill in miles of trenches.

While most eventually returned to China some remained in Europe after the 1920 collapse of the National Industrial Bank of China. About 5,000 to 7,000 stayed in France, forming the nucleus of later Chinese communities in Paris.

The number of Chinese nationals who died in the war is unknown, and estimations are controversial. European records put the number at only 2,000, while Chinese scholars estimate the number to be as high as 20,000.

Whilst most died of the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, there were also victims of shelling, landmines, and poor treatment. Their remains are interred in dozens of European graveyards. The cemetery at Noyelles-sur-Mer, for example, contains 838 Chinese gravestones.



EAST LONDON MEMORIAL TO HONOUR CHINA'S WORLD WAR I CONTRIBUTION

Until recent years, the Chinese Labour Corps were almost wiped from the history of WW1. This is the story of one memorial.

Memorial to Chinese labourers who helped allies in World War I struggles to find a home in Britain

*Hilary Clarke - South China Morning Post
Published: 14th August, 2019*

The 30-tonne marble column cost £250,000 to make and is ready to be shipped from China, where it was carved

But the group behind it has run into problems finding a suitable site for it to be erected, despite having the backing of London's mayor

A memorial dedicated to the tens of thousands of Chinese who served on the Western Front during the first world war is facing delays because of uncertainty over where in Britain to place it.

The 9.6-metre-high marble *huabiao* [a traditional ceremonial column] weighing more than 30 tonnes has been completed by stonemasons in Shijiazhuang, Hebei province and is now ready for shipment.

The only problem is that so far, no one in the UK has been prepared to give it a home.

Ed. I understand it has been sited in London's Newman Royal Albert Docks. ... 🌳



An artist's impression of the planned monument to the Chinese Labour Corps in East London. [Photo provided to chinadaily.com.cn]



A worker in Hebei province puts the final touches to the Chinese Labour Corps memorial. Photo: YouTube | TheCiBF

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.

Adhering to the strict COVID-19 health orders is a condition of entry to 'The Cottage'.

Your courtesy is appreciated. ... 🌳

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 or phone [02] 4351 2211 during open hours. ... 🌳





SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS




Here at Wyong Family History Group Inc. we offer a range of Special Interest Groups [SIG] where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest. Moderators/Co-ordinators are keen to share their knowledge with others. Please support them.

All are held at 'The Cottage'. Times are available on our Calendar. [see page 31]

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – Remember, if you book and are unable to attend please phone and cancel.

SIGs go for one to two hours, we are asking for a \$2.00 donation to help keep our resources up to date.


Observing strict **COVID-19** protocols once SIGs resume. Watch the *Cottage Newsletter* for more information.

 **Breaking through Brickwalls** – Helen Burkett moderates our Brickwall Group this year broadening it to cover UK, Australia and Convict questions. Ann Cooke has kindly offered to assist her, especially with the latter two subjects as she has more expertise in NSW than Helen does and she has convict family too.




Helen has gathered very many resources and concentrated on more obscure websites over time and intends to show one or more of these each month. They will also be looking at the lesser used resources at our own Centre.


Watch the weekly newsletter or enquire at 'The Cottage' for more information.

 **Multi-Media Devices** – Roger Lewis & Ellen Sheerin continue this group helping attendees sort through their questions no matter what the media or device.




 **DNA Special Interest Group** – After the DNA test, you may be wondering about the next step or how to understand your DNA results. Whether or not you already have your results back, why not come along to our DNA SIG meetings for some guidance. DNA enthusiasts old and new, all welcome! ... Stuart Purvis-Smith



 **FAMILY TREE MAKER** – This popular SIG will continue with moderator Martin Fisher. Watch the Newsletter for topics for the next session.

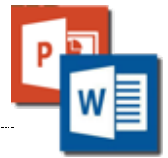


 **SCOTTISH/IRISH RESEARCH** – Gwen Bates will moderate this interesting area for researchers. Not always the most straightforward proposition, Gwen will be here to guide your journey.





WORD/POWERPOINT – Once again Helen Johnston-Lord and Ellen Sheerin will moderate this group. We have expanded to include PowerPoint. Word is a powerful desktop publishing software and PowerPoint has many uses in sharing your family history.



Numbers are limited – Bookings Essential ... 

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

Monthly Help & Chat Gathering by Zoom.

When: Wednesday 24 November 2021
Time: From 7:00 pm
Where: Your place

To get the conversation started: **This month's discoveries !**

Members will receive an email the day before the meeting with a link to join.

We started this gathering as a remedy for all those who miss coming into the Cottage. Their success has prompted requests to continue once a month in the evening.

Join us, meet other members, and see what they have discovered.

Think of it as a kitchen table discussion, an opportunity to Learn and Laugh.

Stay with us for as long as you like. Not a meeting, but a gathering.

All Welcome!



WILLIAM PARSONS MEEKER:

His Life in America & in England

Dr. Terry Ann Joyce member 897 and Ms. Pam Prior (London, England).

We continue with this interesting story of the Meeker family.

William in England

Generally, what is already known about William's life in England is that he was an 'agent trader'. This paper extends that knowledge. Undoubtably, William's experience as a merchant in Philadelphia resulted in a confident young man keen for success in Britain's

merchant world. He used his abode and workplace to portray success and wealth. The house was a large fashionable five-bedroom dwelling with a warehouse and offices at 64 Basinghall Street in the city of London. For this privilege he paid £40 rent/year and £8.00 Land tax. From here he sought and bought items to ship back to Philadelphia.

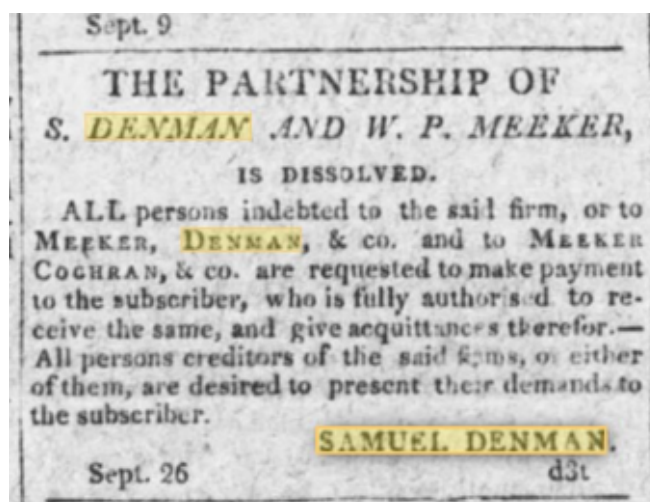
A significant unrecorded story about William's time in England is his fall down the merchants' ladder.

That is, he was declared bankrupt on 9 July 1808. Bankruptcy doesn't occur overnight and generally there is awareness of financial difficulties. There is some indication that Samuel Denman and William were aware of their situation in 1807. For the first half of that year, the company continued with weekly advertisements of their wares for sale in the General Advertiser, a Philadelphian newspaper. Then the advertisements ceased.

From July 1808 until December 1808, William underwent the usual bankruptcy process: He appeared in Court when required by the Commissioner; Creditors were invited to prove their debts; Notice of dividends to creditors were decided. This process would have been humiliation for someone who once was financially advantaged. It would be even more embarrassing because at each stage of a bankruptcy, progress appeared in an English Newspaper

Samuel Denman, as William's business partner, was named by the bankruptcy Commissioner in London. No doubt, he would have also received correspondence from the Court. How Samuel responded to his friend's financial downfall is unknown. However, on 26 September 1808, Samuel Denman advertised the dissolution of his partnership with William in the local newspaper

It would be difficult to blame William for his own financial difficulties when you consider how world events were affecting England and her people. The early nineteenth century saw the continuation of the Napoleonic



Wars since 1796. There was a brief sojourn when the peace Treaty of Amiens (25 March 1802) was signed between the French and English. Such was the English level of distrust of Napoleon, the peace did not last for long. Britain feared Napoleon would invade England. Hence, in 1803 war resumed against Napoleon and continued until Wellington's victory at Waterloo in 1815.

The British Government needed to increase the size of the military forces and strengthen and build more defences along the England's southern coastline. Of course, this didn't come cheaply and to fund the cost, taxes were raised yet again. Consequently, the burden of taxation led many men and women into abject poverty. Increased food prices and unemployment brought about by trade restrictions associated with the Napoleonic wars added to the poverty experienced by many of the people in England. Consequently, merchants such as William Meeker and Sam Denman eventually took a downturn. They too became victims of a financial crisis.

The final humiliation for William regarding his bankruptcy was the

forced sale of his leasehold home and his "genteel effects" which included a four-post and field bedstead; beds and bedding; mahogany dining tables; carpets and curtains and many other household items to be auctioned during December 1808.

This sale took place three months before William received his bankrupt discharge certificate in March 1809.

Where did William work and live after he lost his house and his furniture? We suggest he eventually lived with his wife in Maddox Street, St George, Hanover Square, London. As stated earlier, previous accounts of William's life, indicate that he was single and childless when he died at sea in 1812. On the contrary, we established that he had a relationship with Elizabeth Vandenbrandt (an English woman who lived in London), and that they

had a son

References are available upon request. We will continue this story in our next issue. Ed. ...



THE SURNAME CONUNDRUM

Lynda Smith LM2

I married into the SMITH family and have endured over 40 years of Smith related comments. Genealogy wise- there are a number of SMITH lines as well, both on my side and that of my husband. As many of you may know, one of my maternal lines is that of SMALLHORN, which is unusual, but one of my great grandfather's sisters married into the ZIPLINSKY family.

One would think that this name would be unusual in Australia, and it is. It also comes with the usual variations [Zaplinsky, Zeplensky,



Ziplinsxy, Ziplinsley, Zyplinsky, Siblinsky and Ziplinski to date]. The first person with this name that I have found to date is John Fredrick William Augusta ZIPLINSKY, known to all as William. He arrived from Prussia in 1852/53 looking for gold. William

moved to the Bendigo area and worked in the nearby mines. He married an Irish lass, Mary HOGAN and they had four children: Annie Maria/Mary 1867, Frederick William [Bill] 1869, Sarah Ann 1871 and John Alfred [Jack] 1873, all born in Victoria. William became a naturalised citizen in 1900. Both he and his wife died in 1906, a few months apart. Both sons, Bill and Jack, went into mining and spent some years living in Tasmania.

Mary Agnes [known as May] SMALLHORN, born 1878 in Tasmania, married John Alfred ZIPLINSKY there in 1904. Sadly, they lost three of their six children in infancy or as young children. For many years, that is all I had on this line. Recently, I was contacted by another SMALLHORN researcher who asked me where McWILLIAMS fitted in. I looked over my old research and found a hand drawn family tree chart done by a cousin of my mother's back in 1983. At some stage, I had added in McWILLIAMS? under Mary Agnes' line but had not noted where this came from or where it actually fitted in. How annoying!

After the nudge by Rob W, I further investigated this line. I discovered that Jack ZIPLINSKY was an engine driver for the mines most of the time and a carpenter on occasion. Mary Agnes was the shopkeeper/ postmistress at Moonah for many years. Sometime after their last child, Alice Thelma was born in 1914, Jack moved to another location in Tasmania, and then moved onto the mainland, settling in Maitland in the 1930s. He continued to work for the mines

and involved himself in a number of community groups and the Catholic Church. Mary Agnes, and her three children moved north after 1922, settling in Sydney. She and Jack officially divorced in 1928/29. In the 1930 Electoral Roll Mary Agnes is living in Leichhardt, using the ZIPLINSKY surname. The eldest daughter, Sacha May married in 1928 to a Harold Herbert DAVIS.

By the 1937 Electoral Roll Mary Agnes and two of her children, John Elwyn and Alice Thelma



were using the surname

McWILLIAM'S
FAMILY WINEMAKERS

McWILLIAMS. They were living in Parramatta at the time. When John E married Ivy SANDERSON in 1939 in Peak Hill, he used the ZIPLINSKY surname. When Alice Thelma married Bruce Maitland KING in 1940, she also used ZIPLINSKY. Mary Agnes, however continued to use McWILLIAMS in Electoral Rolls. None of my fellow researchers know why she chose this surname. We have not found a second marriage. Perhaps she enjoyed a good sherry?

I continued to trace Alice Thelma and the other child Sacha May b. 1908, but John E literally



LANTERNS WERE CARRIED by Unley Rotary Club members when they arrived at Unley Drill Hall last night for a board meeting. They conducted the meeting by lantern light. Waiting for the hall to open are (from left) Messrs. A. P. C. Hart, G. S. Warren, and John E. McWilliams.

disappeared. I could find no John Edwyn ZIPLINSKY or Ivy anywhere. I tried searching Ivy's SANDERSON line and found that she was one of 14 children. Her family seemed to move from Alectown, near Parkes, to Murwillumbah. On Sunday I had a light bulb moment. Maybe John reverted to McWILLIAMS again. I started searching under this name and had an amazing find in Ancestry. A lovely NZ researcher had scanned a four page letter written by an Ivy MCWILLIAMS about her father John F SANDERSON. I sent her an Ancestry message and she replied,

confirming that she knew her aunt Ivy and her husband John as McWILLIAMS and that they had lived in South Australia for many years. I have since confirmed this with Electoral Rolls and some newspaper articles.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 2 July 1949, page 3

Mary Agnes died in 1964 and was registered as McWILLIAMS. I will now send for her DC to see if any mention is made of her former names.

Resources: Ancestry trees, Trove Newspapers, Findmypast, FamilySearch and research by Sybil Walsh, Rosemary Snow and others. ... 🌿

GOING DOWN A RABBIT HOLE

Lynda Smith LM 02

I usually refer to this practice as 'going off on a tangent' but my WFHG associate, Helen J-L prefers this more colourful term. The other evening, I looked at the relationship hint on my Ancestry screen and discovered that the person I was avidly researching was way too remote and I finally called a halt. I had spent hours doing this. Why was I doing this when I have so much of more relevant material to enter?



What is my fascination with random people like this? I thought about it for a while and did some self analysis. I have always loved history. I love to read. I particularly love to read mystery stories. I love to watch 'who dun it' TV shows and movies. I love to do jigsaws. I have been researching and updating my own family history for over 40 years. I think, therefore, that I was predestined to be an insatiable sleuth. I have just about solved all the mysteries in my lines and the brick walls I have are still stubbornly solid. Maybe it is the thrill of discovery that I crave. I have used my powers for good in the past, helping the less experienced with their genealogy. I just have to curb my current tendency to get distracted by unusual surnames or sad life events and focus on getting my own research digitally recorded.



My latest diversion is the WILSON family, particularly the repeating

name of Carlisle WILSON. So far I have tracked the name back to a little town in Northern Ireland called Lisburn through five generations. As this town is on the banks of a river that forms the boundary of County Down and County Antrim, the records I found alternate between Down and Antrim, which makes it confusing.

Carlisle WILSON

1781–1868

BIRTH ABT. 1781

DEATH 03 DEC 1868

2nd great-grandfather of husband of aunt of wife of 2nd cousin 1x removed

This gentleman is the earliest I found with this unusual first name. Other Ancestry researchers hint that his mother's maiden name was CARLISLE, but I have not proved this to be the case. Another unusual characteristic of this family was that they were Presbyterians, living in Northern Ireland.

Many of the family were interred at a nearby burial ground with the unusual name of DRUMBO.

Carlisle's wife had a large memorial carved for various WILSON 's buried there. What a wonderful thing to do for future genealogists.

WILSON

Erected by Agnes Wilson of Lisnastrain in memory of her father-in-law Robert Wilson who died 1st April 1828 aged 78 years. Also her beloved husband Carlisle Wilson who died 3rd December 1868 aged 86 years. Also her grandson Robert Carlisle Wilson who died 20th October 1858 aged 17 years. Robert Hill Wilson, late of Belfast, departed this life 9th November 1873 aged 62 years. Also the above named Agnes Wilson who died 29th March 1875 aged 86 years. Also James, son of the above, who died 5th March 1889 aged 70. Also Mary, daughter of the above, who died 28th September 1891 aged 78 years. Also William, son of the above, who died 18th September 1896 aged 80 years. Also George, son of the above, who died 15th November 1899 aged 74 years. Also Mary, wife of the above Robert H. Wilson, who died 26th June 1901 aged 79 years.

Drumbo Presbyterian Graveyard & Round Tower in Drumbo Townland

The first minister, Henry Livingstone, was appointed in 1655 & the first church built in 1670. It was rebuilt in 1750 & in need of repair in 1833. The church is capable of holding 700 people with dimensions 72 by 50 feet in a T shape. There was a meeting of the congregation re political situation in 16 Jan 1793. The meeting house in Ballycarn townland was built when this congregation split in 1830. The ground around the ancient round tower next to this meeting house was used as a burying ground. The minister was Rev Mr. Campbell Blakely & serviced 400 families in 1837. The church was enlarged in 1870.

Records available are baptisms 1699-1723 then 1764-1773, 1781-1792, marriages 1706-1721 then 1765- 1792; PRONI Ref # Mic/1P/ 291 for baptisms from 1827 - 1860s; gravestones UHF Vol 4; oldest stone 1697; email me for a gravestone look-up. Try

http://www.lisburn.com/books/drumbo_church/drumbo1.htm

[References](#); NS; V7 p 56, 60 OSM; HCPCI p126-127; PE; GIC: GIPR

The next Carlisle WILSON was born in 1813/14. In 1843, he married a Sarah McKEE, another surname that continued down the generations as a middle name. They had a large family of at least seven children, one of them being Carlisle WILSON, born in 1851. Some of these children opted to travel to Australia and settle in Sydney. Carlisle b. 1851 married an Irish girl Mary Jane WILKINS [one of a set of Tipperary Triplets,] in 1877. They had their first child in Ireland and then emigrated to Sydney where Carlisle set up a tailor's shop in Pitt St in Sydney. They had at least another seven children, including yet another Carlisle WILSON, born in Balmain in 1881. Carlisle the tailor did not have a long time in Australia. He died in 1908.

Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW, Sunday 27 September 1908, WILSON. — September 20, 1908, at his late residence. Way-street, Marrickville, Carlisle Wilson, in his 58th year.

Carlisle [1881] married Miss Gertrude Sarah MARR in 1907 at the Lewisham Methodist Church. They also followed the family tradition of naming a son Carlisle. This one was born in 1908, only a few short months before the demise of his grandfather. Carlisle and Gertrude had two more sons, Gordon Marr in 1911 and Robert Bruce in 1917. Carlisle [1881] became a well-respected inspector of gas works and was involved in union matters relating to this industry. Sadly, he did not have a long life either, dying in 1929.

Sydney Morning Herald Monday 15 July 1929, Mr. Carlisle Wilson, whose death occurred at a private hospital at Longueville last week, was the chief inspector of the Australian Gas Light Company. He was 47 years of age, and is survived by a wife & 3 sons

Carlisle [1908] went on to marry Alice Marie BURSTON in 1933. Initially he was a clerk, but studied to become an accountant. Sadly, Alice passed away in 1972. She and Carlisle broke with tradition and named their only son Peter and their daughter Leonie. Carlisle [1908] had a long life, passing away in 1991 at the age of 83. He had lived in Arabella St. Lane Cove [later renamed Longueville] for his whole life, either at No.30 with his parents or at No.66 with his own family.

This photo and its detailed caption shows the extended family of Carlisle WILSON [1851-1908] presumably on the day of the christening of his grandchild, Carlisle WILSON b June 1908 – [see child in christening gown sitting on Gertrude's lap]. This family lived in Marrickville. I thank Ancestry researcher Maria Potts58 for allowing this to be shared to other researchers.

My vague connection to this family comes via the BURSTON line. Alice had a sister Doris [b1901] whose daughter Barbara married a Ross GOSWELL, my second cousin once removed!



Resources: Trove Newspapers, Ryerson index, Ancestry hints, Google sites about Lisburn, my copy of Ken GOSWELL's research from the 1970s



Back Row: WILSON Robert Samuel Henry b. 05.01.1880 d. 12.01.1959, WOODS Alfred Carlisle b. 20.11.1905 d. 18.05.1966, WOODS George Robert b. 21.02.1878 d. 16.09.1919, WILSON Ethel Gertrude (Et) b. 05.04.1890 d. 29.01.1974, WILSON Sarah Jane (Sadie) b. 10.03.1883 d. 02.04.194, WILSON Carlisle Bruce b. 28.03.1881 d. 07.06.1929, WILSON William Brown (Willie) b. 13.04.1878 d. 1942

Front Row: WILSON Lillian May b. 13.09.1892 d. 17.02.1972, WILSON nee LOVEDAY Charlotte Eliza (Lottie) b. 30.11.1880 d. 07.06.1934, WILSON Winifred Annie (Winnie) b. 24.10.1907 d. 04.1995, WOODS nee WILSON Emily Elizabeth b. 29.09.1884 d. 24.11.1965, WOODS Robert Newman (Bill) b. 01.01.1908 d. 17.02.1989, WILSON nee WILKINS Mary Jane b. 30.04.1857 d. 19.02.1929, WILSON Carlisle b. 02.06.1851 d. 26.09.1908, WILSON nee MARR Gertrude Sarah b. 1882 d. 18.09.1968, WILSON Carlisle b. 06.1908 d. 31.10.1972, WILSON nee HEAD Alice May bc. 1878-1879 (Seated on cushion - WILSON Robert Mark b. 15.02.1906 d. 28.09.1980

Source: Julie Woods nee Collins

THE MYSTERY OF GRAHAM DREDGE

Lynda Smith LM 02

Continuing the story of this family of wanderers.

By 1909, Ruby is in Kalgoorlie without Graham. Her older brother, Walter Tasman, aka 'Tassie' [1884-1952], was a long time resident of Kalgoorlie. He worked as a clerk for a Law firm and was also part owner of a number of commercial properties. He is registered on Electoral Rolls for Kalgoorlie from 1910-1943, before he and his wife retired to the coast.

I found an entry for Ruby on a

database maintained by Moya Sharp, of the organisation Outbackfamilyhistory.com.au. I then emailed Moya and she was able to supply further details for no cost. Ruby had developed pleurisy and was admitted to Kalgoorlie Hospital on 1st July. She was finally discharged on 20th August 1909. Her brother Walter was listed as her next of kin. Graham, it seems had gone to England some time after his

marriage. Who knows if Ruby even knew how to contact him.

At this time, Ruby was sharing a house with her 2 elder brothers, Walter and John. John Brunson WILLIAMS [1882-1911] was a mining assayer who had worked with his father in Qld and elsewhere. He did not marry and for some reason, left Kalgoorlie and returned to Victoria sometime during 1910 or 1911. He died in Prahan on 21 Dec. 1911 and was buried in a Williams family plot in Boroondara Cemetery. He was only 29. His burial was arranged by his cousin Richard Williams. I don't yet know his cause of death.

I also don't know if Graham had abandoned Ruby or if this was an attempt to gain work, or even have an adventure. Whatever the reason, he ended up penniless and stranded in London [according to his testimony in court]. I have found a number of articles that refer to Graham and two other men, stowing away on the cargo ship **S.S. Livingstonia**. [below] They were discovered shortly after departure but the Captain decided to allow them to work their passage to Fremantle. Upon arrival, he reported them as he did not want to be fined.

Evening Mail (Fremantle, WA: 1905 - 1910), Tuesday 20 July 1909

Free Passages

Three Australian Stowaways Prove Good Workers and are Let Off

Three young men, **Graham Dredge**, aged 28, **James William Brown**, 24, and **Samuel Tailor**, 23, the firstnamed a New Zealander, and the other two Australians, were

presented before Mr. E. P. Dowley, R.M., in the Fremantle Police Court this morning charged with having on June 2, at London, secreted themselves and gone to sea in the S.S. Livingstonia, without the consent of either the owner, the consignee, master, mate, or any other authorised person. The accused all pleaded guilty, but under extenuating circumstances. They said they were all Australians. They worked all the way during the voyage up to the time of their arrest. The chief officer of the vessel said he did not wish to push the charge. The accused could not get ashore at Dover as the sea was too rough, and the pilot would not allow them on his boat. If the men proved themselves Australians, the master did not wish to punish them. They worked well all the way out, and gave no trouble. The captain prosecuted because he was afraid he would be liable to a fine of £100 for each man, **thinking** he would be breaking the immigration laws if he allowed them to land. The R.M. said that in view of the circumstances, he would let them off with a caution.

Where next for this family? We hope to continue the story of Graham Dredge in our next issue, ed. ... 🌲





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From the age of three, I lived in Umina, in a small fibro and tile cottage, lovingly built with my parents own hands. Lone Pine Avenue was a dirt road, filled with potholes when it was dry and large puddles when it rained. There was a great deal of natural vegetation still around- banksia trees, boronia bushes, flannel flowers, bracken fern and, of course, gum trees and paperbarks. Our Christmas tree was usually a small native pine tree that dad found in the local bush. The ground was quite sandy. For me, Christmas was heralded with the arrival of two natural phenomena- the Christmas beetle and the blooming of Christmas bells in the bush on the way to Pearl Beach/Patonga.

The Umina Christmas beetle came in two colours- the smaller emerald green ones and the larger golden ones. We had screen doors on both front and back doors and screens on most windows. In December, we would have windows and doors open for cooling airflow of an evening and the beetles would end up crawling all over the screens, attracted by the inside lights. Some years there seemed to be hundreds of them. My sister and I would pluck some off the screens and have them crawl over our arms

and hands. Their legs had very spiky ends and they tickled us when they moved. We loved to see them fly as well and often let them go inside. Mum was not amused!

I have since discovered that there are over 30 variations of Christmas beetle, but my memories only include these two. Sadly, the number of Christmas beetles seems to have rapidly declined over the years and I rarely see any where I now live. Many years ago, when our children were young, one of them found a plastic Christmas beetle in a Kinder surprise chocolate egg. I have kept this and include it in my Christmas decorations every year. Seeing a real one still gives me great joy and takes me back to my childhood.

In the 1960s, picking wildflowers from the bush was the accepted thing and the colourful Christmas bell was much sought after. You could buy bunches of them from



enterprising street side stall holders. Later, thankfully, protection preserved what plants remained. I believe that some still exist, but I have not seen them myself recently. About 20 years ago, I found some silk ones and

now use them in my table decorations on Christmas Day. Last year I bought a plant before Christmas and tended it carefully. No flowers appeared. The plant is alive this year, so we will have to see what happens in 2121. ... 🌲

FESTIVE FOODS

Lynda Smith LM 02

Memories of Christmas

The main Christmas taste sensations I can recall from my childhood are sweet. My mother made the best White Christmas squares, rum balls, fruit mince pies, Christmas pudding and Christmas cake. Everything was home made. The puddings were boiled in calico bags for hours in a big boiler on the stove. The fruitcake was made weeks before Christmas and allowed to rest to let the rum do its job, then it was carefully iced with royal icing and decorated with handmade piped designs. My mother had attended technical college classes in cake decorating and was very good at it. I loved the corner pieces where one was given more icing!

The puddings always had threepenny bits and sixpences hidden in them prior to serving. Others liked custard, but I preferred vanilla ice cream [still do!] We also had lots of nibbles, served in the fancy white round multi section Tupperware item that only seemed to appear at Christmas. It even came with a clip-on handle one could decorate. Nuts in their shell were obligatory and we children could only seem to crack the almonds. The other nuts were obligingly opened by the nearest adult. I liked the way the walnuts would crack open to show what looked like little brains inside them. The brazil nuts always seemed

to be everyone's last choice, because the shells were hard to crack. Another treat was glazed fruit. My particular favourite was the pineapple.

For Christmas lunch we used to have home cooked roast chicken and cold ham, with lots of vegetables. The peas were freshly popped out of their pods, the green beans freshly sliced and the potato and pumpkin baked until they were crisp. Gravy was made from the drippings- none of this instant stuff one can buy now.

Gradually, over the years, the menu grew to include pork with crunchy crackling and then turkey replaced the humble chicken. One year in the 1970s, after I was married, we tried a cold seafood lunch. While it was tasty, it was not the same and hasn't been repeated since. We all had to open crackers,



Christmas Lunch 2020 style

read the not so funny jokes and wear the paper crowns. Funnily enough my husband's always tore and he had to go without. The toys may have improved over the years, but the jokes have not. They still

make us laugh though, don't they? Merry Christmas to all.

Note: I loved the sugared almonds, more associated with weddings these days. Ed. ...



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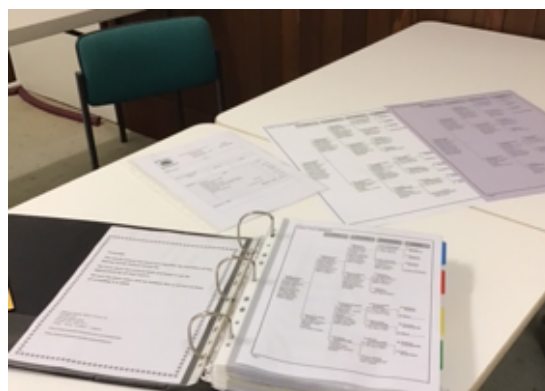
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ELLIS CENSUS RECORD

Lynda Smith LM 02

This is a real 1851 Census entry (with some simplification of column details). This family is a neighbour of my family- George Vicars JONES, gardener and seedsman, Battle Place, Reading Berks. It is a habit of mine to check all the names of neighbours when I check a census record, as there are often relatives living close together.

It turns out others have found this entry in the past and there is a difference of opinion about the entry in the last column. One person believes he says "talks tolerably", another says "talks to her baby" and I thought it said talks to herself or himself. Regardless of the last entry, it is obvious that



Henry was a character and very literate for a gardener. The quote about the olive branches comes from the Bible.

He obviously had little respect for the government of the time. It made me laugh anyway.

	Parish of St Mary		Borough of Reading				
Name of street, place, road, house, house no. etc.	Name and surname of each person who abode in the house on the night of March 30 1851	Relation to Head of family	Condition [usually refers to married, unmarried, widow etc.]	Ages M F	Rank, Profession or Occupation	Where born	Whether blind or deaf & dumb
<i>Oxford Rd</i>	<i>Henry Ellis</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Alive</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>Plebeian gardener & Chartist</i>	<i>City of Chimney pots</i>	<i>Can hear the church bells</i>
	<i>Ann Ellis</i>	<i>Fruitful wife</i>	<i>Safe enough</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Household maternal cares</i>	<i>Berks, Ufton</i>	<i>Talks to himself & wears specs</i>
	<i>Mary Ellis</i>	<i>“ Olive branches around the table ”</i>	<i>“ I believe my daughters are girls. I presume my sons are boys. ”</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Parent’s housemaid</i>	<i>Berks, Reading</i>	<i>when daylight grows dim</i>
	<i>Ann Ellis</i>			<i>13</i>	<i>Parent’s housemaid</i>	<i>“ ”</i>	
	<i>Henry Ellis</i>			<i>11</i>	<i>Much work & little pay</i>	<i>“ ”</i>	
	<i>John Ellis</i>			<i>9</i>	<i>Helps brother & plays with the others</i>	<i>“ ”</i>	
	<i>Chs [Charles] Ellis</i>			<i>7</i>	<i>Goes to school “Whistling as he goes”</i>	<i>“ ”</i>	
	<i>Thos [Thomas] Ellis</i>			<i>3</i>	<i>Stops at home & plays with the baby</i>	<i>“ ”</i>	
	<i>Edw [Edward] Ellis</i>			<i>4 months</i>	<i>Nursed tenderly</i>	<i>“ ”</i>	



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With thanks to Owen Powell member 180

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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
Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009] – OUT OF PRINT	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
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 change.
- **The activities on this planner take into account COVID-19 restrictions.**
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, master classes and courses are held at 'The Cottage'.
- **SIG** = SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The following applies for all special Interest Groups unless otherwise stated

Bookings Essential

Strict limit of FIVE plus presenter in meeting room at one time

	2021	Event
November	Tue 2	Committee Meeting 10:00 am ZOOM Melbourne Cup Function 2:15 pm
	Fri 8	Course Basic Beginners by ZOOM – 11:00 am
	Tue 9	Using GRO Index 10:00 – 11:30 am –Information session
	Thu 11	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.
	Sat 13	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1:00 pm. ZOOM
	Tue 16	DNA SIG 12:30pm – 2:30pm. ZOOM
	Wed 17	Scottish/Irish SIG 10:00 – 12 noon.
	Tue 23	Planning Meeting 10:00 am
	Wed 24	Monthly ZOOM chat 7:00 pm
	Thu 25	Brickwall SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 27	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
December	Wed 1	Books & Church CD Launch, Afternoon Tea @ 'The Cottage' from 2:00 pm
	Sun 5	Christmas Jingle & Mingle @ Wyong Golf Club from 11:00 am
	Thu 16	Last day for 2021
	Sat 25	Christmas Day
	Sun 26	Boxing Day
	Sat 31	New Year's Eve
	2022	Event
January	Sat 1	New Year's Day
	Tue 4	Cottage Re-Opens
	Tue 11	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Wed 26	Australia Day

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.

Research Mornings: 1st Saturday each month February to November

9:00 am – 12 Noon

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Remember, Member contributions are always welcome and 21 January, 2022 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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Notice for Members

2021 Annual General Meeting

The Committee would like to advise the Members of the date for the 2021 Annual General Meeting:

Saturday 13 November 2021 from 1:00 pm

By ZOOM