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From the President

Hi Members

Back from my trip around the South and North Island of New Zealand was an amazing experience and not much time for Family History. I want to thank those of you who kept on top of things while Roger and I where away, it was great to come back and just pick up where we left off, what an amazing group of volunteers we have.

The mini training groups have been quite successful so far so we will continue with them for May June and July with new topics its than up to you the members to attend and make the next lot a success as well.

You will be advised of the topic and date in the coming weeks.

Don't forget to come and see us at the Wyong Golf Club on the 11 April where we have an ANZAC display and two great speakers, its only a gold coin donation.

Kerrie Metcalfe
President WFHG

In this edition:

- * **Library updates**
- * **Snippets from other journals**
- * **Research tips from Jean and others**
- * **News about upcoming events**
- AND MORE**



Who Were Your Ancestors ?

Trace them through a course with
Wyong Family History Group Inc.

4 Week Course - Beginning Friday -1st May 2015

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Week 1 -Friday 1st May

Getting Started

Week 2 -Friday 8th May

Using the Group's Resources

Week 3-Friday 15th May

Australian Records

Week 4 -Friday 22nd May

Family History Websites



Venue-Wyong Family History Group's Cottage

6 Rankens Court Wyong [entrance via the old Wyong School grounds]

TIME- 9-45 am - 12 noon

COST: Members \$10 per session or \$35 for four weeks paid in advance.

Non Members \$15 per session or \$55 for four weeks paid in advance

Contact WFHG. Cottage - 43-512211

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



English

4th Tuesday of the month

10am - 12pm

Scottish and Irish

4th Thursday of the month

Scottish: 10am - 12pm

Irish: 1pm - 3pm

Convict

2nd Wednesday of the month

10am - 12pm

Family Tree Maker

3rd Thursday of the month

1-3pm



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Port Macquarie and Districts Family History Society hosts of the 2015 Annual NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Annual Conference.

The Early Bird Registration forms are now available for you to download at <https://jennifermullino4.wix.com/2015-fhconference> You will be given several options either pay online or download the form. It is up to you how you proceed. If you are a WFHG Member you are entitled to receive the discounted price for the Conference of \$120.00 but you will need to contact the secretary Kerry Clarke for the special code you need to use to secure the discount. If filling out the form I don't think you need it just add the name of your Society to the form. As long as the Society is a member of the Association you are eligible.

A reminder early birds are from 1 March to 3rd July 2015. You have plenty of time to register. After that it will cost you an extra \$20.00. Credit Card payment is only acceptable if using the On-line registration choice. Full details are on the noticeboard at the Cottage for your information. Dates for the Conference are 11th – 13 September 2015

Welcome to our newest member:

#735 Mrs Julie LAFFEY



SALT LAKE CITY FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

Hi everyone,

It's Easter weekend in Salt Lake City and this is the weather we are enjoying. I hear it has been drizzling a bit back home?

The family and I have had a great week of skiing and sightseeing. One of the sightseeing highlights for me was a visit to Antelope Island, a state owned reserve. No words (or my photos) can do it justice so I will just put three small pics in here and then move on to the family history centre :)



The girls getting up-close with the local bison



On the amazing Great Salt Lake



The original homestead was incredible. And you could touch everything! The old clothes, all the house hold and farm items.



I have managed to squeeze in a couple of trips to the family history centre - with one more trip planned for Monday morning before we fly East. What can I say about this place? It is huge? The photo to the left shows the size of the building from the outside - there are three stories dedicated to research above ground - and another two basement levels!

The two levels I was most interested in were below ground. B1 is Europe - I spent a few hours trawling through the 1855 census of Bad Oldesloe, Germany on Microfilm. Can I tell you how wonderful it is to find a record online - take a note of the film it is on - walk to the shelves, get the film down and check it out? Sigh. B2 is Austrazealand (the Americans don't seem to know or care that we aren't the same country) and the UK. There are about 50? computers on EVERY SINGLE LEVEL and research assistants everywhere. There was a German translator on hand for me when looking at the German records - amazing.

So - I was thinking - has the group ever done a trip over here? It's a beautiful city, easy to get around in. Also - I think we could teach them a thing or two!! We could run some Australian research workshops for them. (Really - you guys run rings around some of the research assistants over here!) (don't tell them I said that) Who's in?
Kate Walter #657

LIBRARY UPDATES

FROM THE LIBRARY

Did you know.....that hiding in our very large CD collection are some real little gems. Records and lists containing often really obscure collections of data that may unravel your family mystery. This is the first of a series of articles to bring these to your attention. Most of them are easily searchable and once you are aware of what is available to you there may be a new path to follow.

“Notorious strumpets and dangerous girls”, CD301, is a compilation of all the available information on the 1675 women convicts transported to Van Diemen’s Land before 1830. The information covers from the time of their trial to the time they ceased to be of concern to the authorities in the colony. The information is clearly presented and well indexed.

Many of these ladies? had originally been transported to Sydney but further transgressions resulted in them being sent south.

Just as a taste here is one story:

Elizabeth Leonard may be your ancestor and you have found that she was convicted at Middlesex Gaol on 19 March 1785 and was transported here on the ‘Lady Penryn’, one of the first fleet ships, for feloniously assaulting Hannah, the wife of Samuel Boardman on 23rd September 1784, in a certain place called the privy of the New Prison, near the King’s highway, and putting her in fear and danger of her life, and feloniously taking from her person, and against her will, four shillings and sixpence in monies numbered, the property of the said Samuel. BUT did you know that she had aliases of Elizabeth Kellyhorn or Linnard or Leonell and was sent on to Van Diemen’s Land under one of these names!

She continued her wicked ways apparently and was transported from Sydney to the Derwent where she arrived aboard the ‘Sophia’ on 5th February 1805. Lieutenant-Governor Collins said to Governor King that as the women disembarked, he was concerned to see one who he well remembered i.e. Elizabeth Leonard alias Kelleyhorn, now a Veteran in Infamy and Nuisance at Sydney!

Have a look at this disk. You may not find your person but you will be highly entertained by the various strumpets’ stories.

Jean Macleay #359

New Library Resource

I am pleased to advise that the Group has now purchased a subscription to the popular magazine *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Our subscription will begin with the April 2015 edition and I'm sure it will prove to be popular with our members. While we are extremely grateful to those who have donated various copies of this magazine in the past, it was felt that the members would appreciate the opportunity of borrowing the latest copies as they are released.

Please remember to write up any magazines borrowed from the trolley in the hallway in the red "Loan Book" which can be found in the tray on the Library table. Up to 6 magazines are allowed to be borrowed at a time, but it would be appreciated if they are returned within 2 weeks as the latest editions are very popular with quite a number of members.

Glenise Clery #284 Librarian WFHG Inc.

Please read on for New Library Acquisitions and updates from our subscription sites.

From the Library

New Acquisitions for March 2015

FDR009	<p><i>Records from Simplicity Funerals Gosford Shire NSW. Erina 1984 - 2013</i></p> <p>This is the latest publication compiled by hardworking members of our Group which lists surname, given name, death date, place of death, age, where buried or cremated, burial date and in most cases, birth date and place for those whose funeral was conducted by Simplicity Funerals Erina between 1984 and 2013.</p>
LHC040B	<p><i>Index to Gwen Dundon's Old Gosford and District in Pictures Volumes 1, 2 and 3.</i></p> <p>An alphabetical index of the people and places that appear in the 3 volumes noted above.</p>
LHS216	<p><i>Blue Mountains Pictorial Memories.</i></p> <p>This book attempts to reveal, in both words and pictures, something of the history of this remarkable area which played such an important role in Australia's early history</p>
REG208B	<p><i>Continuing Tales from the Western Road Cemetery.</i></p> <p>The biographies included in this book give a brief insight into the lives of people who lived and worked around the Holroyd/Parramatta area. It is the final edition in a series of books which were compiled by the Friends of Mays Hill Cemetery. The cemetery where these people rest has been known by a number of names over the years. These include, Baptist Cemetery Parramatta, Mays Hill Cemetery, Parramatta Cemetery, Presbyterian Cemetery Parramatta and Scotch Cemetery Parramatta. List of contents included.</p>

CDs

CD520	<i>Index to Early Queensland Court Records 1837 - 1857.</i> The index includes not only the accused, victim and witness but any name mentioned in these papers. Courts include Brisbane, Callandoon, Dalby, Darling Downs, Drayton, Gayndah, Gladstone, Ipswich, Maryborough, Moreton Bay, Myall Creek, Surat, Tenterfield, Warwick, Wombo and Yandilla. Full details of these court records can be found at State Records, Kingswood NSW. Shortcuts> Queensland and Court Records folders> PCs 1, 2 and 5
CD521	<i>Alberton Cemetery Victoria 1842 - 2003</i> Transcriptions and photographs of all headstones in this cemetery plus full Burial Register 1842 - 2003 and War Memorial and Honour Roll information. Shortcuts> Cemeteries and Victoria folders> PCs 1, 2 and 5

Glenise Clery. #284

SNIPPETS: Extracts from family history magazines and journals

SNIPPETS FOR APRIL 2015 E-BRANCH GOULBURN FEB 2015.

Local content.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS MARCH 2015

- Pgs 34/35 Mad, Bad or Sad? Finding your ancestors in NSW institutions.
 Pgs 38/39 When was the UK census taken? Are they a worthwhile resource?
 Pgs 43-45 New on the Net. New records recently added to Findmypast (Australia, England and Ireland), Ancestry (New Zealand cemetery records) and fibis (India).

CAPE BANKS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. MARCH 2015

- Pg 14 Historical Directories of England and Wales can be found at
<http://leicester.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>.
 Victoria Government Gazette 1836 – 1997. <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/>

CONVICT CONNECTIONS FEB 2015

Pgs 25-32 A Man of Peculiar Appearance. Article about a religious sect that appeared in Australia from the late 1830s – the Christian Israelite Church. Numerous names mentioned.

DESCENDANTS OF CONVICTS GROUP VICTORIA, INC. MARCH-APRIL 2015

Pgs 10-12 Agricultural Labourers: Their Stories Revealed. Suggestions on how to find more information on Agricultural Labourer ancestors and a number of websites to search.

LIVERPOOL GENEALOGY SOCIETY INC. FEB 2015

Pgs 3-8 The Kuhlmann Family.

MACLEAY RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEB 2015

Pgs 1-8 Doctor Arthur 'Jack' Verge, A.A.M.C.

NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION FEB 2015

Pgs 9/10 Women Teachers. Forty teachers were sent to South Africa, from Australia, in 1902 to provide schooling for Boer children.

Pg 11 How many Australians ACTUALLY fought in South Africa 1899 – 1902? Part 4 – The Irregular Units.

SOUTH EAST (MILLICENT S.A.) FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. FEB 2015

Pgs 13-15 Mt. Gambier Infant School Register 1887-1888. Names A – S.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. NEWS MARCH 2015

Pgs 4-7 Family Tree Maker – Using the Share Module.

Pgs 8-13 Legacy Family Tree Software Tags.

Pgs 20-22 PDF Web Links.

Pgs 28/29 Reunion – Find Part 2.

Meg Gibson Member 43

E Newsletter snippets March 2015:

Local content: Central Coast FHS Dec. 2015; Forbes & District FHS Summer 2014/15; Ku-ring-gai Historical Soc. Feb. 2015; Lake Macquarie FHG Nov. 2014; Australind [W.A.] FHS Mar 2015; Caloundra FHS Mar. 2015; Lake Macquarie FHG Feb. 2015; Manning-Wallamba Feb. 2015; Sale FHG Mar.2015; Sale FHG Feb. 2015.

Adelaide & Northern Districts FHG Feb.2015: Pg. 8 The Prosecution project is digitising criminal court records. Griffith Uni is after volunteers to help the process. See “Become Involved” at <https://prosecutionproject.griffith.edu.au> , The National Library of Scotland has put online Rolls of Honour from World War I. These are lists of casualties and those who died while on active service. The collection includes rolls from schools, universities, clans, businesses, churches and towns. Some of the Rolls of Honour contain detailed biographies of the soldiers, as shown below. The collection can be searched by keyword, such as name. Access is free. [Scottish WWI Rolls of Honour] - See more at: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-records.html>

You can search via name and get pictures :

<http://digital.nls.uk/rolls-of-honour/pageturner.cfm>

Adelaide & Northern Districts FHG Mar.2015: Pgs 3-5 Ahnentafel Charts Explained, Pgs 6-7 City of Adelaide project, tracing crew and passengers who came through Adelaide. See website http://cityofadelaide.org.au/paxwiki/Voyage_to_Adelaide_in_1864

Botany Bay FHS June 2014 : Pgs 18-19 Roebuck Rocking horse history <http://rockinghorseshed.com/>, Pgs 26-28 Ireland’s Townland system explained, Pgs 31- 39 straw hat making in Luton, Pgs40-41 A codicil for your Will to preserve your family history research. This form which can be downloaded at <http://www.devonfhs.org.uk/my-genealogical-will.pdf> is a genealogical codicil to a person’s Will which aims to prevent the destruction of your precious research. It instructs your executor(s) and family to NOT DISPOSE of any genealogical records in your possession for a period of two years, in which time, they should try to identify persons to look after them. If that is not possible, it asks your executor(s) to contact nominated institutions to see if they will accept the records, Pgs 46-48 lots of useful websites.

Botany Bay FHS Mar. 2014: Pgs 12-13 History of Australia Day, aka Anniversary Day, Pgs 13-21 Catholic School History in Sutherland Shire, Pgs 27-29 Advanced search with Trove Newspapers, Pgs 30-32 Useful websites.

Botany Bay FHS Dec. 2014: All about the NSW Assoc. of FHS Conference, Pgs 36-37 using Facebook for FH research, Pg. 41, 45-46 useful websites.

Botany Bay FHS Sept. 2014 : Pgs 20-21 Ordering BDM Certificates from GRO, Pgs 24-27 useful websites, Pgs 27 –29 Tracing UK Marriages, Pgs 35-37 more websites.

Casino FHS Feb/Mar.2015: Pg. 3 women in UK Mines information, <http://www.balmallden.co.uk/WomenUK.htm> Pg. 4 Irish Poverty Relief Loans go online via Findmypast, Pg.7 More UK Marriage records now available on Findmypast Pg. 8 National Library of Ireland has released more Catholic records online, Pg 15 Findmy past now holds NSW Wills 1800-1952.

Coffs Harbour FHS Mar.2015: Pg.8 Overnight Accommodation near Kingswood Archives is available at Uni of Western Sydney Student facilities for \$60 per night. Car parking \$7 per day. Pgs. 9-11 Useful websites, Pgs 14-15 Links to Irish emigration records listed on Co. Tipperary Facebook page,

Colac & District FHG Summer 2014: Pg.8 “Carol’s headstone photographs” is a free service provided by Carol Judkins. If you find a cemetery and a name on her website, you can email her and ask for a photo of the relevant gravesite. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ausvsac/Index.htm>

Holroyd FHG Dec. 2014: Pgs 2-3 Finding the wreck of the A20 & A6 landing craft off Crete, lost during 1941,

Inverell FHG Feb. 2015: Pgs 5-7 Local people with WW1 connections.

Ipswich GS Feb.2015: Pg. 5 List of Ipswich people involved in WW1 Pgs 8-18 Deceased Soldiers of Ipswich and details of the cemeteries where they can be found

Irish Lives Remembered Jan/Feb.2015: pgs 13-14 Tracing the Irish in Pennsylvania, Pgs 32- 43 County Down records from various sites and libraries, Pgs 44-46 Newry & Mourne Museum, Pgs 50- 54 Finding the Irish in New Zealand, Pt.1 Pg. 55 The Irish in the Royal NZ Fencible Corps. Pgs 56-57 Unique NZ Records explained, Pgs 58-59 Encyclopedia of NZ, Pgs 62- 63 Irish soldiers discharged from the Imperial Regiments in NZ, Pg.64-67 Irish soldiers from the 65th Regiment who stayed in Napier.

Irish Lives Remembered Nov/Dec. 2014: Pgs26-27 Tracing the Irish in Connecticut , Pgs 28- 30 The Ninth Connecticut Volunteers, Pgs 38 – 53 Researching in County Fermanagh [lots of articles on this theme], Pgs 54- 56 Emigration of NW Irish to Australia 1830-1850.

Irish Lives Remembered July/Aug. 2014: Pg12 Global Limerick network is attempting to link present inhabitants of the County with descendants of those who left and settled elsewhere www.limerick.ie/GLN , Pgs 14-18 Tracing the Irish in Kentucky, Pgs 30-33 Useful tips for tracing your Tyrone roots, Pg34-37 Heritage Services in NI Libraries, Pgs 46-50 Finding the Irish in Australia Post 1901.

Ku-ring-gai HS Mar.2015: Pg 4 Local WW1 hero Cecil Lewis Henry.

Maitland &D GS Mar. 2015: Pg. 8 Post 1858 UK Wills now easier to obtain via website and download. See <https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate> Pgs 10-12 St Egwin’s Church Tenambit.

National Boer War Memorial Association Feb 2015: Pg. 7 The 9.45 inch Howitzer Gun, Pg. 7- Leslie M Mc Maugh Pg.8 Alfred Shout, Pgs 9-10 Australian women teachers who went to South Africa, Pg. 11 The Irregular Units.

Newcastle Mar. 2015: WW1 themed articles, Pg.15 Looking for WW1 records online, Pgs 16-17 Australian Red Cross history, Pg.20 Enemy Aliens in WW1, Pgs 27-28 Broadmeadow Camp.

Parramatta Female Factory Friends Feb.2015: Pgs 3-4 A visit to The Cascade site Tasmania.

Parramatta FHG Mar. 2015: Pgs 4-6 Erection of the War Memorial in Parramatta, Pgs 10-13 Early businesses of Parramatta Pt.1, Pgs 13-17 Alexander Harris Pt.1.

Port Macquarie FHS Feb.2015 : Pgs 8-12 DNA testing explained, Pgs13-15 Tiles on the Swimming pool wall project,Pg.27 Determining the event date on new NSW BDM site

Queensland FHS Feb. 2015: Pg.13 Findmypast recently released their 1871 Worldwide British Army Index, which includes many soldiers who would have been overseas at the time of the 1871 Census (and therefore not recorded in the census); it might also enable you to find soldiers who, whilst based in Britain and recorded on the census, can't be easily identified because of transcription or other errors. Compiled using the WO10, WO11, and WO12 series of War Office pay lists held at the National Archives, it has over 200,000 entries, of which more than 36,000 have additional notations. Pg.17 WW1 medals explained, Pg.29 WW1 websites, Pg.33 more websites related to war records, Pg.35 WW1 POW Records of the International Committee of the Red Cross [ICRC] released.

Queensland FHS Nov. 2014 : Pg. 5 1894, 1897_Women's Suffrage petitions now av. Online via group, Pg.20 Italian Genealogy Online – all things Italian <http://www.angelfire.com/ok3/pearlsofwisdom/> ; also search <http://www.italianancestry.com/> ; <http://www.gens.info/italia/> to search for your surname and its distribution across Italy; http://www.chiesacattolica.it/ccl_new/parrocchie/ for parish directories; and for Italian to English vocabulary to help with documents see <http://www.roangelo.net/vocabula.html>, Pg.29 Old Church Registers in NSW, Pg.32 Qld Registry of BDM is offering limited edition birth and death commemorative certificates between 2014 and 2018. For every certificate purchased, RBDM will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the inspiring defence charity Soldier On which supports wounded Australian soldiers during their physical and psychological recovery. [See Registry website for details], The Queensland State Library is a great source of historical information about wills, probate and the public curator. See more at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history/info-guides/wills> . Pg. 34 useful websites. Pg.37 All Queensland War Memorials can be searched by town/suburb or postcode; see detailed photographs of the memorials at <http://www.qldwarmemorials.com.au/pages/allmemorials.aspx> Pg. 40 CDs available from QFHS Bookshop or QFHS website \$31.50 (incl. Postage) Australia's fighting Sons of the Empire [Qld & NSW] \$29.50 (incl. Postage) Queenslanders who fought in the Great War 1914-1918 <http://www.qfhs.org.au/shop/shop-catalogue/> .

Singleton FHG Dec. 2014: Pg. 8 What was my name [towns and suburbs affected by name changes]

Tomaree FHG Sept. 2014: Pg.4 Group has produced a Pioneer Book in a 2 Volume Set \$85.00 + \$15.00 postage (if required), lots of excerpts from historical local newspapers, Pgs 17- 21 Local WW1 heroes, Pgs 22-23 58 names of WW1 soldiers being researched by group for a book

[ANZACS of the Nelson Bay Area] . Info required from descendants. Group is also publishing a book on Birubi Cemetery.

Toowoomba FHS Mar. 2015: Military themed articles.

Young FHG Feb. 2015: Pg.4 Group is researching past Chinese residents for a new publication, Hundreds of thousands of New South Wales wills, dating from 1800 to 1952, (with most dating from 1846), are available to search online for the very first time at findmypast.com.au , Pg.5 A new service has been launched in England for wills after 1858. Like the General Register Office which deals with birth, death and marriage certificates, the Probate Registry has now closed its London office and all orders must be placed online or by post.

At <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk> you'll find three indexes to wills:

Wills & Probates 1996 onwards

Wills & Probates 1858-1996

Soldiers' Wills (British Armed Forces 1850-1986)

It's important to bear in mind that any record will be listed by date of probate, not date of death, so a person's will could be listed some years after their death if settlement of their estate was protracted. Once you've done a search a shopping cart is provided where you can lodge your application online and pay the £10 fee by credit card. Rather than posting the document to you an email link will be provided within ten working days and you then log into the 'My Wills' section of the site and save each order to your computer. Pgs 6-7 Group is collecting profiles of WW1 personnel who have a connection with Young. Info required via Email – youngfamilyhistory@bigpond.com Closing date: 31st March 2015.

IRISH Research Tip of the Week

As we head towards our national holiday, we think of what makes us Irish.

Central to that would be our love of storytelling. Family stories are a key component in the genealogist's arsenal. Alas, stories are a double edged sword for us genealogists trying to unravel fact from fiction. The Irish love of embellishment can *really* get in our way here. Take the following cautionary tale.... Recently discussing my great grandmother Eliza Morgan with a distant cousin, I was asked was there any truth in the family story that Eliza was the sister of the banker, JP Morgan? Answering their own question, the mischievous reply was that no, Eliza couldn't be, as JP Morgan was known to be an only child! There may be many other reasons why Eliza could not be sister to JP Morgan, but why let boring facts get in the way of a good story? So, as we go about celebrating our National Day, try separating your blarney from your facts!

By, Eneclann Researcher Carmel Gilbride.

Source: Eneclann Newsletter dated 14th March 2015

RECENT UPDATES TO SUBSCRIPTION SITES AT THE COTTAGE



Gillingham Town Council

- **Date added 18 March 2015**
- **Names Recorded 5550**

The town of Gillingham is the northern-most town in the county of Dorset in England's South West region. Locals are keen to point out that the name is pronounced with a hard 'G' (as in "goal") and not a soft 'G' (as in "Germany") as is the case with Gillingham in Kent.

It has both a Roman and Saxon history and was recorded as Gelingeham in the Domesday Book.

Records on Deceased Online

There is a single cemetery in the town; Gillingham Cemetery located at Cemetery Road, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4DL.

All burial records are available which date from 1861 through to 2011 and comprise:

- Scans of original registers
- Grave details indicating all those buried within each grave

The total number of individual burials recorded is nearly 5,600. For more information about Gillingham: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gillingham,_Dorset

Other records in the region on Deceased Online:

Dorset

- Blandford Forum Town Council, Dorset, 1856-2010
- Unitarian Church, Poole (The National Archives), 1776-1852
- United Reformed Church, Skinner St, Poole (The National Archives), 1804-1836
- Bury Street Cemetery, Weymouth (The National Archives), 1815-1851

Wiltshire

- Church of St Edmund, Salisbury, (The National Archives), 1832-1838
- Manningford Bohune Church, Manningford Bohune, (The National Archives), 1862-1967
- Shaftesbury Holy Trinity, Salisbury (The National Archives), 1745-1970
- Wiltshire County Council: 7 Cemeteries - Bradford-on-Avon, Hilperton, Holt, Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury; 1856-2010



[Over 48,000 Brisbane Immigrant Registers, 1885-1917](#)

[Queensland Naturalisations, 1851-1904](#)

[Queensland Nominated Immigrants, 1908-1922](#)

[Over 4.4 million new British Newspaper articles](#)

Source: Find My Past Friday Update 13th March 2015

We've released an exciting array of records this week as part of [Findmypast Fridays](#), including fascinating [records to search from Bethlem Royal Hospital between 1683 and 1932](#). This invaluable collection of nearly 250,00 records includes admission registers, staff books, governors' minutes and incredible patient casebooks containing the details of patient's behaviour, medical histories and physicians' notes. We've also made the [Bethlem Hospital Patient Admission Registers and Casebooks 1683-1932](#) available to browse, as part of our partnership with Bethlem Museum of the Mind. These books offer precious insight into 250 years of treatment for the insane, and contain photographs of patients in the later versions.

New Irish records

We've also released millions of new Irish records, including the [Ireland 1901 Census](#). The Ireland 1901 Census is one of only two surviving Irish Censuses held by the National Archives of Ireland. A new search facility, unique to Findmypast, enables searching by more than one household member, birth year and variants on the spelling of first and last names for the very first time. We've also added to our burgeoning [Irish Newspaper Collection](#), with over 159,000 new searchable articles. These include ~~three new titles~~, the Cavan Observer, Meath People and Cavan and Westmeath Chronicle and the Ulster Gazette, as well as additions to existing titles such as the Dublin Evening Post. We've added over half a million new Birth Marriage Death records to our Irish collection, with the [Ireland Diocesan and Prerogative Marriage Licence Bonds Indexes—1623-1866](#), containing over 218,000 records, and the [Ireland Diocesan and Prerogative Wills & Administrations Indexes 1595-1858](#), numbering over 364,000 records.

New Australian records

Our Australian collection has seen some wonderful additions this week, with the [Victoria Prison Registers 1871-1960](#), and the [Victoria, Moondarra & Aberfeldy Cemeteries collection](#). The prison registers have nearly 44 thousand records from HM Pentridge Prison, the main prison of the Melbourne area, and include mug shots of the infamous bushranger, Ned Kelly.

Source: Find My Past Friday Update 20th March 2015

[British Mariners, Trinity House Calendars - now fully searchable by name](#)

[A range of fascinating British Royal Artillery Records, 1716-2011](#)

[Roll of Honour from Clacton in Essex, England, 1914-1918](#)

[US Civil War Pension Files Index, 1861-1934](#)

Source: Find My Past Friday Update 27th March 2015



Scots at the start of two world wars

The latest additions to ScotlandsPeople online are the Scottish records of births in 1914, marriages in 1939 and deaths in 1964.

The 1914 births reveal how patriotism gripped parents of babies after Britain declared war on 4 August. The final few months of 1914 witnessed a new fashion for naming boys Kitchener after Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War. Field Marshal Lord Kitchener's face adorned the famous recruiting posters after the outbreak of war. He was responsible for increasing the British Army from six regular and fourteen divisions to seventy divisions by the creation of the 'New Armies' named after him.

Among the 123,394 births in 1914, we found 21 boys given the first or middle name of Kitchener, including John Kitchener Hay, born 13 December 1914. His mother Beatrice registered her son's birth, because her husband John was already in uniform as a lance sergeant in the Royal Army Medical Corps. A spirit dealer's assistant in civilian life, John Hay survived the First World War, resumed working as a barman and died in Dundee in 1926, aged 43.

Tim Ellis, Registrar General and Keeper of the Records of Scotland, said:

"We know that the latest additions to our online resources on ScotlandsPeople will be very useful for family history and other researchers, particularly as the registers for 1914 contain information about Scots at the start of the First World War."

In 1914 out of a total Scottish population of 4.75 million there were 123,394 births, a slight increase on previous years.

In 1939 there were 46,257 marriages, 7,541 more than in 1938, and the second highest recorded total to date.

In 1964 there were 61,039 deaths in Scotland.

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To: All AFFHO Member Societies and Organizations

Dear Secretary and Friends in the Australian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc

We hear that many people are asking how they can get a DVD of the series **Convict Women and Orphan Girls**, which is currently being broadcast on FOXEL in Australia & New Zealand. As the Irish filmmakers of this documentary series we would be very grateful if you could pass on this message/copy this email with the link www.convictwomenandorphangirls to your members and associates so they can contact us if they so wish.

The series tells the story of the over 25,000 women, more than half of whom were Irish, who were transported as convicts between 1787 and 1853, and of the over 4000 young orphan girls who were taken under the Earl Grey Scheme 1848-1850 from the Irish workhouses to the colonies where men outnumbered women by 9 to 1 in the outback.

We set out in making the series to rescue these women and girls from obscurity and restore their historical importance in building the modern Australian nation.

We are delighted that the series has been highly acclaimed, it is a testament to the women's stories, struggles, achievements and legacy. At the World Fest-Houston International Film Festival the series was awarded the Special Jury Remi Award, the highest award for creative excellence in its category. Richard O'Brien a former Irish Ambassador to Australia, and chair of the Advisory Committee on Irish Studies at the University of New South Wales has stated that:

'CONVICT WOMEN & ORPHAN GIRLS is a compelling portrayal - meticulously researched, vividly scripted and brilliantly enacted - of the dramatic story of the Orphan Girls and indeed of an entire generation of single, married and widowed women transported from Ireland who became the founding mothers of modern Australia. This magnificent series - which captures all the trauma of their banishment and the drama of shaping their lives on the other side of the world - is essential viewing for all who believe that history matters and that identity and heritage are to be truly cherished and celebrated.'

We very much appreciate your help in letting people know how they can contact us.

With warmest regards, And a big thank you

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