

Researching Family History Records from UK in Australia

Joy and Allan Murrin
Saturday 29th Oct
10am - 4pm, \$25
Call 4351 2211 for bookings

The Wyong Family History Group Annual General Meeting

for 2016
will be held on 13th August,
1.00pm at The Cottage. Rooms
open for research from 11am

ANZAC commemoration events

Friday 12th Aug and
Friday 26th Aug
Visit WFHG website for
more information

WFHG e-Branch



From the President

At this time, coming up to our Annual General Meeting, I would like to offer a sincere thanks to all our Committee Members. I'm sure I speak on behalf of the whole group when I say how grateful I am for the dedication, hard work and professionalism of this wonderful team. An excellent resource like the Wyong Family History Group does not come about by good luck - it is all elbow grease and many many hours.

I would like to thank, in particular, Helen Burkett and Trish MacDonald who have served on the committee and are now stepping down. Your excellent service to this group over the years is appreciated by all.

I'm looking forward to another great 12 months at WFHG, with lots of great events planned.

Kerrie Metcalfe LM (80)
President, Wyong Family History Group Inc.

In this edition:
* Library updates
* Snippets from other journals
* News about upcoming events
AND MORE

NOTE:

Upcoming FREE mini-training sessions held at the cottage. All commence at 10am unless otherwise stated. Please register your interest with the Cottage on 4351 - 2211

Aug - Wed 31st Research Resources at the Cottage (Glenise)

More information available on our website www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au

Upcoming AFHS conference

Cowpastures and Beyond

Camden 7th - 9th September

There are only a few places left for this conference

Book now at

<http://www.cowpasturesandbeyond.com.au>

Conference Secretary:

Address: 2016 PO Box 679 Camden NSW 2570

Email: nswact2016conference@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

Microsoft Word Interest Group is moderated by Helen Johnstone-Lord
Meets the 2nd Tuesday afternoon monthly. 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm

Convict Interest Group is moderated by June Johnson
Meets the 2nd Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon

Family Tree Maker (FTM) Interest Group is moderated by Martin Fisher
Meets the 2nd Thursday afternoon monthly. 12.30 pm to 2.30pm

English and Welsh Interest Group is moderated by Esther Dean
Meets the 4th Tuesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon

The Scottish / Irish Interest Group is moderated by Gwen Bates
Meets the 4th Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon

The Facebook Interest Group is moderated by Melissa Metcalfe
Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon
25 Jun, 27 Aug, 22 Oct 2016.

The Computer / iPad / Tablet Interest Group is moderated by Roger Lewis
Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon
3 Sep, 26 Nov 2016.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 13th August 2016

The Annual General Meeting of Wyong Family History Group Inc will take place in our Meeting Room at The Cottage, Wyong Cultural Centre, Ranken Court Wyong on Saturday 13th August 2016.

The agenda will include:

- Minutes of the AGM held on 13th August 2015
- President's Report on the activities of the Group during the year
- Financial Report by the Treasurer
- Election of Office Bearers for the statutory positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members

Those who take part in running our Group find it very rewarding, and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions. We also have many non-elected members who cheerfully carry our library duties and other tasks. We couldn't manage without them. Why not join in and help.

Kerry Clarke

Secretary

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Inc.

presents

“Researching Records in United Kingdom from Australia”

SEMINAR

SATURDAY 29th October 2016
WYONG RSL (CLUB WYONG)
cnr Anzac Ave & Margaret St, Wyong 2259
10:00am - 4:00pm

Guest Speakers:

Joy and Allan Murrin

For over 40 years, Allan and Joy Murrin have visited family history libraries and centres throughout the world—they are exciting speakers and have spoken on Family History topics to many societies and groups.



Topics to be discussed

England/Wales Census

Understanding the essentials of the Census. Methods in discovering and knowing your ancestors.

Is It the Best of Times

Consider what used to be and how technology is making it better for our

Raffle prizes to be drawn on the day will include a Flip Pal Scanner and Gift certificates from Joy Murrin Transcription Services.

Researching Family History in UK from Australia

Some case studies in analysing Australian documents to research and trace ancestors in UK.

Bookings at The Cottage 4351 2211 Tuesday—Thursday
or online at www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au
Cost.....\$25.00. There will be limited seating.

Free tea and coffee
available all day

FROM THE LIBRARY

New Acquisitions for July 2016

Books

LHW071 *Wyong Alive – The Story So Far.*

Donated by Central Coast Council, this book is a record of a program, adopted by Wyong Council in 2012, aimed at inspiring and motivating members of the community to tell their story so others could learn of where we've come from, who we are and where we're going. The names of those who contributed their stories are included in the table of contents. Well worth reading if you live in what was known as the Wyong Shire and are interested in the history of the area.

CDs

CD537 *Convict Ships 1787 – 1868.*

Donated by Chris Wheeler, this is a digital copy of the book CON034 which can be found in the Convict section on Wall 1 in the Library. Information contained on this CD includes research into hundreds of journals of Ship's Surgeons and tells of the transport of prisoners from Britain to Australia between 1787 and 1868. If you don't have time to read the book, why not search this CD for the name of your convict or the ship they arrived on? You may be surprised at what you will find. This CD can be found under the CD Collection icon on computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 in both the Convict and Shipping folders.

The following map records were donated by Jeff Madden after his interesting talk on Map Presentation at the July General Meeting.

CD538 *Australian Colony Maps 1788 – 1988.*

Shows State borders from 1788 – 1988 and gives detail of when and how each State was founded.

CD Collection icon > computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 > Australia folder.

CD539 *Europe Maps.*

Includes Austria, Hungary and the Balkan Nations 1914, Central Europe 1815 – 1866, Europe 1900, German Empire 1914 and Races in Central and Eastern Europe 1914.

CD Collection icon > computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 > Europe folder.

CD540 *NSW Parish Maps.*

Includes parishes and towns in the counties of Argyle, Bathurst, Bligh, Brisbane, Camden, Cook, Cumberland, Durham, Georgiana, Gloucester, Hunter, King, Murray, Northumberland, Phillip, Roxburgh, St Vincent, Wellington and Westmoreland.

CD Collection icon > computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 > NSW folder.

CD541 *NSW County Maps.*

Includes the original 19 counties of NSW, major country towns of NSW and the NSW Cadastral Divisions.

CD Collection icon > computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 > NSW folder.

CD542 *UK Historic County Maps.*

Includes the historic counties, and the major cities within these counties, of England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

CD Collection icon > computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 > England, Ireland and Scotland folders.

Glenise Clery

Librarian LM #284.

GEMS IN THE LIBRARY #9

Most of us have suffered the frustration of ordering a birth, marriage or death certificate only to find that it is for a complete stranger. What do you do with the unrelated certificate? Solution – donate it to the Wyong Family History Group please .

Over the years we have collected unwanted certificates and they have now been filed in four white ring folders located on the shelf above the Library computer – **GUI049 Births, GUI050 Marriages, GUI051 Deaths 1 and GUI052 Deaths 2**. Each folder has an alphabetical list in the front.

A database has been created which is updated regularly by Helen Innes and is very easy to use. The icon for the unrelated certificate database is on the Library computer. Also available on our website.

Our collection of certificates is not overly huge at the moment, but it is still worth checking out, just in case someone has purchased your ancestor's certificate by mistake. If you find that we do have your certificate, you are welcome to photocopy it, but please return it to its right place in the folder.

So, when you next come into the Cottage, bring in a list of your surnames – you never know, we may have a certificate for you.

On the right of the Library Computer is the England Wales Section. In 1085/86 King William sent representatives all over England and Wales to each shire to find out what or how much each landholder had in land and livestock and what it was worth. These records were transcribed and printed in book form which became known as the **Domesday Books**. The library does not have the full set of these books but there are eleven on our shelves and they are worth browsing through. Members who have traced their ancestry back to the time of William the Conqueror may find mention of their ancestor. If not, it is still interesting to learn about each village at that time and add this information to your family story.

For instance in **ENG080 Somerset** the village of South Petherton “*King Edward held it. It has never paid tax, nor is it known how many hides are there. Land for 28 ploughs. In lordship 2 ploughs; 5 slaves; 22 freedmen; 63 villagers and 15 smallholders with 26 ploughs. A mill which pays 20s; meadow, 50 acres; woodland 11 furlongs long and 10 furlongs wide. 2 cobs; 1 cow; 12 pigs; 63 sheep. It pays £42.1.00d at 20 (pence) to the ora. Of this manor Merleswein held 2 hides in (Over) Stratton before 1066; it was thaneland. It now pays 60s in the King's revenue. From this manor ½ hide has been taken away. Norman holds from Roger of Courseulles. Value 16s. Before 1066 a customary due was paid every year to this manor from Cricket (St Thomas); that is 6 sheep with as many lambs, and each free man (paid) 1 bloom of iron. Thurstan holds from the Count of Mortain; but he has not paid the customary due since the Count has had the land.*”

The eleven books on our shelves are for Berkshire, Cornwall, Devon pt 1 and Devon pt 2, Dorset, Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire and Somerset.

Esther Dean, Member #23 LM

IRISH RESEARCH TIPS JULY 2016

Hidden Gems

An important feature of family history, is the *where* of our ancestors. Once we can locate our ancestors in a time and place, we then usually want to know more about the place. This is where local and family history can combine. The Federation of Local Histories can be a useful source for family historians. If we have exhausted all that the documents can provide, exploring the locality of our ancestors can be a useful way of learning about the lives our families lived. The Federation of Local Histories have joined forces with the Federation for Ulster Local Studies to produce the website

www.hidden-gems.eu

The idea behind this website is to collate information on lesser known but none the less interesting places in Ireland. You just might find something of interest about *your* ancestor's place of origin. Equally some of you may be inspired to write about something little known about your own area. Who knows, it may just be the piece that some fellow family historian is looking for.

By Research Expert. By Carmel Gilbride

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, July 02, 2016

Catholic Parish Records Online

It is now about a year since the NLI launched their collection of Catholic parish records online and this is a record set that keeps giving and giving.

Having these records online is such a wonderful step forward for family historians. For many, visiting the Library and viewing the microfilms had never a very realistic option. It is true that a great deal of these records were available online on a pay per view website. But there were serious gaps in these online record sets, most notably Wexford, Clare, Carlow and parts of Tipperary.

I have always known I have Wexford origins but due to the early death of my grandmother, this line had been, if not invisible, then poorly documented. I have been very pleased to finally locate the baptism of my grandmother's parents in Wexford in the 1850s. Identifying the baptismal records for both my great grandparents has identified *their* mothers and consequently their siblings. Knowing that my great great grandparents continued having children in to the 1860s meant that these later children, unlike my own direct ancestor, appeared in civil registration. Obtaining the civil birth certificates for these younger siblings provided me with an occupation for my great great grandfather. I now also had the *where* of this branch in Wexford and using this townland have been delighted to find my widowed great great grandmother there in the 1901 Census. This pointed to a likely time of death for these ancestors and successfully locating their death certificates led to learning their year of birth. I could now say I had taken this {neglected} branch back to the early 19th century, kick-started by the incomparable resource of the parish records.

By Research Expert. Carmel Gilbride.

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, July 16, 2016

Putting flesh on the bones

A common phenomenon with those of us that are engaged in genealogical research is that; after the initial relentless pursuit of the line(s) of descent, focus often switches to trying to learn more about our ancestors. To put flesh on the bones and get a better sense of what they were like (physical attributes, etc.) and what their life was like (occupation, area they lived, etc.).

There are many sources one can use to glean such information. For aspects relating to the lives people lived; occupations are recorded on most marriage and deaths certificates, as well as father's occupation on birth certificates. Marriage certificates also record the occupation of the fathers of the marrying parties. More information about the place and conditions in which people lived can be accessed on the Form B1s for the 1901/1911 Irish Censuses. Various other sources can offer accounts of specific places at a given time (e.g. Samuel Lewis' 1837 Topographical Dictionary of Ireland - <http://www.libraryireland.com/topog/>, local newspapers, etc.)

In terms of the learning about what our ancestors actually looked like, physical descriptions appear in many record sources; passenger lists, military, prison, petty session, etc. Some later U.S. naturalisation papers will actually include photographs. Census returns too also sometimes record disabilities/infirmities.

However, as the record below, which I identified recently suggests, clearly what can potentially disqualify one from military service has changed somewhat over the years!

By Research Expert

[Stephen Peirce.](#)

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, 30 Jul 2016

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14 Life Member

SNIPPETS FOR AUGUST 2016

CESSNOCK APRIL 2016, COOROY-NOOSA MAY 2016, BENDIGO APRIL MAY JUNE 2016.
Local content.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS JULY 2016

Pgs 22-28 John Staite (convict). From Tewkesbury to Tasmania.

Pgs 41-45 New on the Net.

BURWOOD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. JULY 2016

Pgs 15-28 Government assisted German Immigrants (vinedresser families) to NSW 1849-1856 – Part 2. F -J Family Names.

CONVICT CONNECTIONS JUNE 2016

Pgs 16-19 The Lyons Den. Convicts George and William Gambrill, Patrick Cullen, Elizabeth McNamara, Mary and Priscilla Loveridge.

Pgs 30-32 Stockades.

Pgs 37-40 Settler, Mary Hunt.

FAMILY TREE (U.K.) JUNE 2016

Pgs 14-20 Free & easy ways to organise your family history. Key online tools available to help keep your research on track.

Pgs 34-37 Message in a bottle. Messages from World War 1.

Pgs 43-46 Tommy at the Somme. Sources for tracing World War 1 British ancestors.

Pgs 56-63 100th anniversary of the blackest day for the British Army. Includes the names of Australian, New Zealand and Canadian medal winners, World War 1 sites on the Somme and practical tourist tips.

Pgs 70-75 Discovering death certificates. Key clues to the lives of forebears. One source:
www.probaterearch.service.gov.uk.

INSIDE HISTORY WINTER 2016

- Pgs 24-27 What's New Online.
 Pgs 44/45 Stories of Pozieres. Three names: Oswald Samuel Blows, Alice Ross-king and Herbert Gibbs.
 Pgs 56-61 Following in their footsteps. Retracing the Anzacs' footsteps in the Somme.

LIVERPOOL GENEALOGY SOCIETY INC. JUNE 2016

- Pgs 16/17 Unwanted BDM Certificates. List of submitted certificates – copies can be requested.
 Pgs 18/19 Liverpool Soldiers. Names: Attwood, Deadman, Learoyd, Barker and Bell.

MACLEAY RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL MAY 2016

- Pgs 1-7 Nursing sisters of the Macleay Valley: the Boughtons, the Furnifulls and the McClellands.

NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. JUNE 2016

- Pgs 3-11 Our Local Fallen Soldiers – June to August 1916. Details of 18 fallen soldiers.
 Pgs 25-28 Pioneers of Raymond Terrace. Sixteen names with life details.

TAMWORTH ASND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. JULY 2016

- Pg 13 The War Years of 1914-1918. List of names from Honour Rolls at Werris Creek.
 Pg 14 St. Bede's Church of England, Werris Creek Roll of Honour.
 Pgs 17/18 Who was who on the Liverpool Plains – 1841. Henry Schofield and Hugh Ross.

THE HERALDRY AND GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF CANBERRA INC. JUNE 2016

- Pgs 70-73 Beyond the World War 1 Service Record – Filling in the Gaps. Suggestions and associated websites.
 Pgs 78-81 The Vicissitudes of Three Convict Lives (Part 1). Convicts James Lynch, Mary Loughlin and Thomas Dundon.
 Pgs 88/89 Hot Sites.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. JULY 2016

- Pgs 4-10 Some Charting Tricks and Tips in Family Tree Maker.
 Pgs 11-17 Legacy Family Tree. Family Group Report – Settings.
 Pgs 19-21 Read 'em or Weep – Promises and Pitfalls in Newspaper OCR (Optical Character Recognition).

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? JULY 2016

- Pg 8 Parish registers. Letter regarding article from a previous edition, updating information on FreeReg. See also www.freereg.org.uk/freereg_contents/new.
 Pg 10 World War 1 Red Cross Project reaches completion. Index cards for VADs (Voluntary Aid Detachment) www.redcross.org.uk/ww1.
 Pg 11 Free Scottish records hit the web. www.scottishindexes.com.
 Pg 12 Researchers uncover disaster secrets. 1866 Oaks Colliery Disaster. Names and details of victims.
 Pgs 16-23 The Best Family Tree Builders. Detailed comparison of programs.
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 Pgs 71-73 My ancestor was a Clergyman.
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Meg Gibson Member 43