

Don't get bored over Christmas while the Cottage is closed.

Drop in and pick up one or two of our bargain novels.

1/2 price sale

The Wyong Family History Group General Meeting

11th February

The cottage will open at 11 am for unassisted research. The meeting will commence at 1 pm .

Our best speaker will be Denis Gojak who will be talking about the

“Kariong Hieroglyphs”

WFHG 2017

**Re-opens on
Tuesday 10th Jan**

Happy New Year!

WFHG e-Branch



From The President

Kerrie Metcalfe LM

This year with all its challenges has come almost to an end, I can hardly believe it is almost over and we will be going into a new year with ideas, hopes and new challenges. With that said I wish every member and their family a very Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year filled with all that makes you happy.

As you will be aware the Cottage will be closed for a break over Christmas from Thursday 15 December 2016 until Tuesday 10 January 2017. This is a time when we clean up and prepare for a new year, if you think you can help in any way please let me know by emailing me kerriem17@bigpond.com . We will have cleaners in on the 6 January 2017 but we have to move everything for them.

2016 was a busy year for our group with many events, information sessions, special interest groups etc. however all these things have to be planned for and some of our members who do this are unable to continue. If new people don't step up to these positions and responsibilities we won't have speakers, BBQ's or seminars hence we won't have extra income to provide the wonderful resources we do at present. We have already as a committee decided to go to

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- * Library updates
 - * Snippets from other journals
 - * News about upcoming events
- AND MORE**

Bi Monthly meetings due to the poor attendance and the sourcing of guest speakers and even meetings need people to set up the room, do afternoon tea and organise the guest speaker. It's rather embarrassing for the group when we have a really good speaker for our meeting and we only get 15 – 16 members turn up out of 260. We did a survey earlier this year and made several changes based on the answers, however unless we know what you as members want from your membership and what you will attend it's difficult to plan. For these reasons 2017 will see many changes and less happening unless more people volunteer. I hope we will gather some feedback and some willing hands to keep us active into the future.

We will be holding a volunteering morning tea and discussion on the 24 January 2017 this will be a relaxed way to explain what roles need filling and what is involved. It will also cover some other roles that may come up in the future. It's a way for you to find out what it takes to volunteer with us. You will hear more about this in the New Year.

NOTE:

Upcoming FREE information sessions held at the cottage. All commence at 11am unless otherwise stated. Please register your interest with the Cottage on 4351 - 2211

Feb 2017

Thursday 16th - Using Free BMD and Free Reg (Trish McDonald)

More information will be made available, in the new year, on our website
www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au

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
Starting Tuesday 14th Feb

Convict Interest Group is moderated by June Johnson
 Meets the 2nd Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon
Starting Wednesday 8th Feb

Family Tree Maker (FTM) Interest Group is moderated by Martin Fisher
 Meets the 2nd Thursday afternoon monthly. 12.30 pm to 2.30pm
Starting Thursday 9th Feb

English and Welsh Interest Group is moderated by Helen Burkett
 Meets the 3rd Tuesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon
Starting Tuesday 21st Feb

The Scottish / Irish Interest Group is moderated by Gwen Bates
 Meets the 4th Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon
Starting Wednesday 22nd Feb

The Facebook Interest Group is moderated by Ellen Sheerin Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon
Starting Saturday 25th Feb

The Computer / iPad / Tablet Interest Group is moderated by Roger Lewis Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon
Starting Saturday Jan 28th

Christmas Thankyou

We had a terrific Christmas Party on Sunday. Luckily, the weather was very kind to us, with a balmy 29 degrees – it was a bit warm in the sun, but the new tent was a great success, and next year we hope to have both tents available for use.

Congratulations to our prize winners on the day – Lorraine Cameron and Dellas Johnson won the lucky door spots, while Michele Gane won the major prize of the leg of ham, and Jean Macleay and Lynda Smith won the Masterfood Hamper prizes.

Thanks go to everyone who assisted in making this day a success. We couldn't do it without the helpers who helped with the salads, cooking on the BBQ, setting up the tables and chairs, and tidying up afterwards. A special thanks to the members who helped get the tent down and the chairs and tables back inside – it always seems harder to get everything stored away at the end of a busy day. It truly was a Group Social Day – well done everyone.



If you would like the Wyong Family History logo embroidered onto a shirt, jacket or cap, contact the Advance Design Clothing Company 14/11 Donaldson Street Nth Wyong. Phone 4351 1555.

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FROM THE LIBRARY

New Acquisitions for November 2016

BOOKS

ELR074 *1984 State Electoral District of Tuggerah.*

This folder contains listings of those enrolled to vote in Kanwal, Killarney Vale, The Entrance, Toukley and Wyong districts in the State Electoral District of Tuggerah in 1984.

FAM087 *From Hampshire to Herne Bay*

This book was written and donated by Ellane Garside, a member of our Group. It gives details of her Rampton, Fisher, Ray, Figges, Reynolds, Hawkins, Cole and Crate/Craft/Croft families.

FAM088 *From Suffolk to Sydney*

Another book written and donated by Ellane Garside. This one tells of Ellane's families in Suffolk and Australia. Surnames mentioned include Munro, Steggles, Davis, Ryan, Dandy, Pleasance, Fenn and Carter.

GUI132 *My Ancestor was Danish*

Though written quite a few years ago, this book, on permanent loan to our Group from Beryl Watson, gives information as to the type of records that you may find if you have Danish ancestry. Also included are details of early maps and counties, names and naming patterns and a list of Danish language characters and words.

LHC047 *History of Brooklyn*

This is a complete history of this area on the Hawkesbury River from early settlement to the mid-1950s. Includes details of Brooklyn identities as well as a number of very early photographs of those who lived here

LHS404 *Wallumetta – A History of Ryde and its District 1792 – 1945*

This is an in depth study of the Ryde area from the earliest days of settlement to the end of WWII.

LHS405 *Silverton – A Brief History*

An interesting view of this outback mining settlement which includes a list of householders taken from the Silverton Alphabetical Directory of 1891. Also included is a directory of the outlying settlements of this town in 1891. Indexed.

REL062 *On Darlinghurst Hill*

An account of the Catholic Parish of Darlinghurst from its early days to its hundredth anniversary in May 1952. The events that took place during this time and the colourful personalities that helped make them are recorded in this book. Indexed.

CDs**CD550** *Nowra General Cemetery Presbyterian Portion*

Includes known burials, transcriptions and photographs of existing headstones in this cemetery.

CD551 *Nowra Old Roman Catholic Cemetery*

Known burials, transcriptions and photographs of headstones in this North Street, Nowra cemetery.

CD552 *Nowra General Cemetery Roman Catholic Portion*

Also includes known burials, transcriptions and photographs of existing headstones.

Information on the above 3 new Cemetery CDs can be searched by clicking on the CD Collection icon on Computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 and then opening the Cemetery folder. All cemeteries in this folder are listed alphabetically by place.

CD553 *NSW Court Records 1842*

An index to all names appearing in Supreme Court Jurisdiction information and other case papers held by State Records NSW in item numbers (9/6324) – (9/6326).

CD Collection > Court Records folder on computers 1, 2, 4 and 5

CD554 *Beechworth Gold Mining Lease applications 1860 – 1865*

An index to names of those applying for gold mining leases at Beechworth, Victoria between 1860 and 1865. Original records are held at the Public Record Office Victoria.

CD Collection > Victoria folder > computers 1, 2, 4 and 5

For those members who have had difficulty accessing the information on CD056 *Ballarat Hatches, Matches & Despatches - Baptisms, Marriages & Burials Ballarat*, this can now be viewed via an icon on the desktop of the Journal Reader computer in the Kevin Faulkes Room.

Glenise Clery. Librarian. LM#284

IRISH RESEARCH TIPS NOVEMBER 2016



Research Tip of the Week

Back to Basics

If you have been researching for a very long time and have made good progress, then this research tip is *not* for you.

This week, I thought I would go back to basics to look at one of the building blocks of family research, the census. For many, the starting point may be our grandparents' names and approx. year of birth. We can usually work from memory that Grand dad died in such and such a year, when I was x years old and deduce he must have been born in such and such a year.

Let us imagine the search is for grandfather Daniel, born in Dublin in 1893. The key place to begin would be the nearest census. In an Irish and UK context that would be the 1901 Census. In a US context that would be the 1900 Federal Census.

In this example, we should expect to find Daniel in Dublin as a young child. The very great hope would be to find Daniel living with his parents and perhaps brothers and sisters. In this example, Daniel could be identified with his parents, and there, straight away, you will now have identified your great grandparents as John and Sarah. Not only that, but you will have learnt when and where John and Sarah were born. It may be a cause of dismay to discover, as in this case, that one's Dublin roots only date to the 1890s. But you will have learnt that Dubliners are hybrids made up of people from *every* county. You will have learnt that your great grandparents were internal migrants within the island, part of that great wave of hope that the city's streets could offer opportunities to all. From that time on, the family threw in their lot with the city, and identified themselves as Dubliners. But the fun of family history is then to take the next step back, this time in to civil records to look for the marriage of Daniel's parents..... bringing you to another record set, the records of the General Records Office.

By Expert Researcher,

Carmel Gilbride

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, November 12, 2016

Research Tip of the Week

Highway 61 Revisited

Much has been written in this space, and others, about the revolution in the availability of genealogical records online in the past decade. There are more records available now, to anyone with a computer and reasonable internet connection, than at any time previous, and these records grow on literally a daily basis as more record sets are digitised and made available.

This week's research tip is a relatively simple one, but nonetheless useful. With the ever-growing amount of information available online, now more than ever, it has become worthwhile to revisit websites that you may have thought you exhausted for useful information previously.

There are several websites which are worth keeping an eye on for new releases, below are just three examples of these;

Irish Genealogy (www.irishgenealogy.ie)

Irish Genealogy earlier this year released images of civil records for the island of Ireland up to 1921 (Births 1864-1915, Marriages 1882-1921 and Deaths 1891-1921) and later records for what would become the Republic of Ireland (Marriages 1922-40 and Deaths 1922-65).

The finish dates for these record sets are based on the Data Protection restrictions for number of years since the event (Births: 100 years, Marriages: 75 years, Deaths 50 years). Therefore, it is expected that each year, new records will be made available in accordance with the above restrictions. The site also indicates that it is working to make marriage records prior to 1882 and death records prior to 1891 available in the near future.

GRONI (geni.nidirect.gov.uk)

Similar to Irish Genealogy, the website of the General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) has civil records for the 6 counties of Northern Ireland. It follows similar limits in terms of Data Protection restrictions; however the end date alters depending on when the search is undertaken, rather than a blanket 12-month period.

The GRONI system also has the early period available (Marriages from 1845-1881 and Deaths 1864-1891) which are currently unavailable on Irish Genealogy.

Find My Past (www.findmypast.ie)

Find My Past is one of the largest and fastest growing sites of material relevant to Irish genealogical research. As well as continually adding to its collection, the site has recently also included a very useful tool with exactly this kind of 'revisiting' research in mind. They have added a filter which allows you to restrict your searches to information that has been added within the previous 30 days.

By Expert researcher, Stephen Peirce

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, November 26, 2016

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member

SNIPPETS FOR DECEMBER 2016 E-BRANCH**AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS OCTOBER 2016**

- Pgs 7/8 100 years of Red Cross donated to NSW State Library. The donation will be transferred over the next two years where it will be digitised gradually and made available to the public.
- Pgs 16-23 Adam Marquard and Ottilda Duffel. Immigrants from Germany who arrived at Moreton Bay in 1855. There will be a family reunion from 24th to 26th March 2017 at Goondiwindi Qld. For more information marjan@ozvetting.com.au.

BLUE MOUNTAINS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. OCTOBER 2016

- Pgs 2-6 Three Lassies from Tipperary. Ryan Sister (3). Johanna Ryan and Husband, John Hallinan.

BURWOOD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NOVEMBER 2016

- Pgs 5-9 Government-assisted German Immigrants (vinedresser families) to NSW 1849-1856 – Part 3. K – N Family Names.

CONVICT CONNECTIONS OCTOBER 2016

- Pgs 14/15 Charles Henry Theodore Costantini. (Convict)
- Pgs 16-22 John Joseph Therry – Catholic Priest.
- Pgs 23-28 The Hulk *Leviathan* at Portsmouth. An account of life on the hulk.
- Pg 29 Some Interesting Websites. More on hulks.
- Pgs 34-36 Joseph Bridge, Convict, dies at Moreton Bay 1829.

FAMILY TREE (U.K.) NOVEMBER 2016

- Pg 7 Millions of historic Irish civil records are now online for free. www.irishgenealogy.ie.
- Pgs 30-33 Trace your Royal Marine in the Great War.
- Pgs 34/35 The census made easy.
- Pgs 38-41 10 essential records for Scottish Ancestors. Helpful websites.
- Pgs 48-53 Trace your family worldwide. Number of websites.
- Pgs 74/75 Design your own family history website.

FAMILY TREE (U.K.) DECEMBER 2016

- Pg 8 Research into British slave-ownership boosted by launch of new study centre.
- Pgs 16-20 Earning a crust: village life. A look at the work of local crafts and trades folk.
- Pgs 22-25 10 unmissable sources for Irish ancestors. Good number of websites.
- Pgs 49-52 Key facts & dates for family historians.

INSIDE HISTORY SPRING 2016

- Pgs 24-27 What's New Online.
- Pgs 38-42 Researching your Welsh family history. Includes useful resources.
- Pgs 44-49 A man of deeds and words. World War 1 Victoria Cross winner Pte. William Jackson's war record both on the front and on the recruitment trail.
- Pgs 50-55 A German traveller in colonial Australia.

TAMWORTH AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NOVEMBER 2016

- Pg 2 The Grazier's Lament (with the comment that it probably applies to us all).
- Pg 10 St. Matthews Windsor - Bicentenary - October 2017.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. NOVEMBER 2016

- Pgs 4-9 Some Initial Thoughts for the next versions of Family Tree Maker.
- Pgs 10-13 Reunion – Privacy and Sensitivity.
- Pgs 14-17 Legacy Family Tree. Some tips and tricks.
- Pg 26 Significant Update to Society's Early Irish Birth Index. <http://www.irishancestors.ie/?page>.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? OCTOBER 2016

- Pgs 30/31 Now find your Royal Roots.
Pgs 49-51 Obscure occupations. Websites to help with research of obscure, forgotten and obsolete occupations.
Pgs 52-56 19th-century Irish ancestors. What's available online and in the archives.
Pgs 61-63 Focus on Napoleonic soldiers. Available records.
Pgs 81-86 Around Britain. Newcastle. Websites and resources.
Pg 94 30 Minute Genealogist. New York Censuses. www.familysearch.org.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? NOVEMBER 2016

- Pg 12 DNA test "pinpoints British ancestry".
Pgs 24-29 Children in the Workhouse. Different sources.
Pgs 46/47 Jersey Police photo album, 1901 – 1920.
Pgs 52-56 Rural ancestors. What's available online and in the archives.
Pgs 61-63 First World War courts martial.
Pgs 64-68 The Forgotten First World War Land Girls.
Pgs 71-73 My ancestor was a...Dentist.
Pgs 81-86 Around Britain. Brighton. Archives and websites.
Pg 94 30 minute genealogist. Irish Civil records.

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