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From the President

Dear Members

Its almost time for our AGM and election of new management committee, the committee meets the first Tuesday of the month and deals with all the groups business as well as organizes futures events, it would help our group if some new members would come on board to see what happens and learn more about the running of the group, so I ask you to think about it we would welcome you and your ideas, new ideas are good for the future of the group.

Don't let us end up like this. Extract from Article page 5 Australian Family Tree Connections July 2015. Mount Isa F & HS closure. Mount Isa Family & History Society Inc. wishes to inform your readers that the Society is voluntarily winding up as from 30 June 2015. We regret having to close down but due to the lack of members willing to carry the load and the belief that it is all on the internet it is just too hard to keep going.

It has been pleasing to see so many members coming into the training session our aim is to keep on having them and improve the content where we can if you have a subject you would like to see covered please let me know by emailing your idea to the secretary.

For those members who have been on the sick list this past months we hope things are improving and you are recovered and back at the Cottage soon.

President - Kerrie Metcalfe



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

Upcoming

FREE Mini training sessions - held at the cottage

[For more info click here](#)

July

Wed 15th - Finding records with FamilySearch Kate Walter

Sat 18th - FamilySearch Indexing workshops

[Click here for more information](#) or call the cottage

August

Tues 11th - Using the Ryerson Index (Repeat) John Selwood

Thurs 20th - Tracing your workhouse ancestors Esther Dean

Bits and Pieces

August 2015 National Family History Month

<http://www.familyhistorymonth.org.au/index.php>

Family history and genealogy is one of the most popular hobbies around the world.

Family history is the *second biggest subject on the web* with sites receiving billions of hits per year.

There are over 250,000 Australians who are members of family history related organisations so the month has broad appeal across Australia.

National Family History Month is an initiative of AFFHO ([Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations](#)). This popular initiative has received broad support from some of Australia's leading government and non government organisations since its introduction in 2006. Originally only a week in August, it was expanded to include the whole month in 2013 to allow greater participation across Australia.

Special Interest Groups



English

4th Tuesday of the month
10am - 12pm

Scottish and Irish

4th Thursday of the month
Scot: 10am - 12pm
Irish: 1pm - 3pm

Convict

2nd Wed of the month
10am - 12pm

FamilyTree Maker

3rd Thursday of the month
1-3pm

Watch this space: A new special interest group is on its way, inspired by a successful training session on using Microsoft Word

“From Early Arrivals to the Latest Technology”

We will be holding a seminar on 15th August 2015 at Wyong RSL (Club Wyong) commencing at 10:00am. Cost is \$25. per person.

Come and join with us as we travel that wonderful journey from those early arrivals in NSW, through the history of our local district, to discovering the marvels of using current technology to trace your family history.

Our speakers will be

John Cann from NSW State Records who will present the topic “Discover Wyong” The Discover Wyong talk is a lot of fun but showcases many record types including surveyors field books school records land correspondence and probates.

Martyn Killion from the Society of Australian Genealogists. Martyn’s talk focuses on sources which can help ascertain the immigration details of ancestors. Immigration records and indexes as well as unusual sources such as Unemployment Registers are covered.

Also from the **Society of Australian Genealogists, Heather Garnsey** will talk on “Using Google for family history”. While many of us ‘google’ regularly, few of us use this search engine to its full potential. This session demonstrates how you can tailor searches to get the best results for family history, and looks at tips for searching for names, dates and genealogically specific items on the net.



Raffle prizes to be won on the day include a 2 bottle
Wine Cooler Bag
(kindly donated by Bendigo Bank)
and some Turtle Transcription Gift vouchers. Tickets
are on sale at The Cottage.
Bookings can be made and paid for at The Cottage or
online at
www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au.

Further enquiries phone 4351 2211 or
email Secretary at secwfhg2@westnet.com.au
Bookings close Thursday 6th August

From the Royal Australian Historical Society Newsletter

Convict Women & Orphan Girls

People are asking how they can get a DVD of the recently broadcast series *Convict Women and Orphan Girls*, which was recently broadcast on the History channel in Australia & New Zealand.

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.

Filmed in Australia and Ireland, the programmes set the colonial project in context. The characters of the programme, single, widowed, and married women of various ages come from a variety of counties in Ireland

Convict Women & Orphan Girls is a celebration of these women and girls.

For further information and to purchase the series, click here http://www.convictwomenandorphangirls.com/Convict_Women/Home.html

New Book - Isaac Barrow - Blue Mountains Map Maker

Barrow Lookout at Blackheath stands proudly above the cliff line and looks directly over the waterfall, Govetts Leap and down into Govett Gorge towards the Grose Valley.

Who was this man Barrow? Why was he given the honour to such a prestigious lookout?

Brian Fox's most recent book "Isaac Barrow - Blue Mountains Map Maker" details the life story of this remarkable man. Isaac and his family had moved from Sydney to Yass, where young Isaac the son was born. Moving again, to Gundagai the family survived the greatest loss of life in a flood in Australia's history, (1852). He was educated at the Church of England Grammar School in Melbourne and employed as a surveyor with the Victorian Crown Lands and Survey. One of his assigned projects was to survey the NSW / Victorian border.

The book can be viewed and purchased via the web site, postage free, or further details can be obtained from Brian 0407 067 081

Price \$25 plus \$5 postage if direct from author, 19 Weeks Place, Bathurst, NSW, 2795

Here is an interesting submission from Lynda Smith (one of our wonderful “Snippet” contributors). It has been reproduced, with permission from Lost Cousins online newsletter 20 June 2015

Volunteer creates a forest of family trees

A volunteer is helping patients at Scarborough’s hospice to plot their place in history and leave a priceless legacy for their families. Derek Hardwick has devoted thousands of hours to creating intricate hand-written family trees for patients with life-limiting illnesses. The longest was a whopping 13ft long and the furthest back he has ever gone was more than 1,000 years to the time of Alfred the Great. Among his most poignant successes was helping a woman whose own life was coming to an end to trace the history of her mother who had died two weeks after she was born. For others, there has been the surprise of discovering that they had relatives who were deported to Australia for crimes which in more modern times would hardly warrant a fine. Derek is currently on his 76th family tree.

The only one he has ever started and not completed is his own. “I just don’t have time to work on mine,” he said. “I’m rushed off my feet but it’s so rewarding. A lot of our patients have told me that it’s something to pass on to their families.” Derek faced his own personal tragedy before becoming a volunteer for the hospice. His son was just 11 when he died after battling cancer. The tragedy ultimately led to Derek’s early retirement from his post as a geography teacher at Graham School where he had taught for 34 years. He planned to devote some of his retirement to following his interest in tracing his own family history. His wife, Jane, a staff nurse at Saint Catherine’s, had other ideas. “She told me she would let the hospice know I had an interest in family trees,” he said. “I haven’t stopped since. It takes my mind off my own problems.”

Derek now spends every Friday in the Scarborough Day Hospice where he has helped 76 patients trace their family tree. His detailed charts are all hand-written and include photographs he finds on the internet of people, homes and places that shaped a patient’s history. Every story, he says, throws up interesting facts and fascinating surprises. He traced one ancestor who was sentenced to hang for being the lookout at a mugging – but then was transported to Tasmania instead. And one of his most touching successes was helping an elderly lady whose mother had died when she was just two weeks old. The patient didn’t even know her mother’s name but Derek’s persistent detective work meant he was able to find her and the patient was able to die finally knowing her roots at last. For another patient, there was the surprise of finding that he and Derek were related – albeit through an ancestor who died in 1590! The pressure to complete the family trees becomes particularly intense when patients whose health is failing take a turn for the worse. Derek remembers burning the midnight oil to complete one chart for a man who he knew didn’t have much time left. When it was finally completed, he prepared to hand it to the family only to be told that the man had died the previous day. “It seemed so sad but they told me later that they were able to have it out on display at the funeral and it had given his family so much to talk about and remember,” he said.

Derek makes no charge for his many hours of work but grateful patients often make a donation to the hospice as a thank you. A single chart can take him up to three months to complete which is why he is unable to help everyone who would like to make use of his skills. Referrals come to him via the hospice. For the patients, there is the pleasure of being able to pass on a unique keepsake to their families but for Derek the pleasure is two-fold. "I love all that social history, the rags-to-riches stories, the families with 16 children, the way people survived," he said. "And it's great to be able to help people. It can be very poignant, particularly when people say, 'Now I've got something to pass on to my family.'" Patient Paul Green, pictured with his family tree, said that Derek had traced his history back to the 1500s. "The hours he put in – it was just amazing," he said.

Volunteer creates a forest of family trees: IN PICTURES - See more at: <http://www.stcatherineshospice-nyorks.org/volunteer-creates-a-forest-of-family-trees/#sthash.ZipKJhmg.dpuf>

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via Lost cousins online newsletter 20 June 2015

1841 Census: date was changed to avoid haymaking

Since 1851 British censuses have taken held in late March or early April, but as everyone reading this newsletter will know in 1841 the census was taken on Monday 7th June (based on the inhabitants residing at the address on the previous day).

However, this wasn't the date originally planned - the Population Act, 1840 (right) specified Thursday 1st July as the date of the census. Unfortunately it was realised at the last minute that the July date would conflict with haymaking, so many agricultural labourers would be away from home.

The [Census Amendment Act](#), specifying a new date in June, didn't receive Royal Assent until 6th April 1841 - so it's a wonder that the census went as well as it did!

Other amendments introduced were the rounding down of ages over 15 to the nearest multiple of 5 years and the introduction of household schedules.

I've seen comments suggesting that a census couldn't possibly have been carried out on a single day, but a trial run was held to determine how many households an enumerator could visit in one day, depending on the type of district; following this pilot study 35,000 enumerators were appointed.

In practice, however, there must have been many households where there was nobody at home when the enumerator came to collect the form, and whilst this wouldn't have been an insurmountable problem if the schedule had been correctly completed by the householder (since it could have been left out, or with a neighbour), a significant proportion wouldn't have been sufficiently literate to read the instructions and fill in the form.

<http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/midsummer15news.htm>

Getting to know: TROVE

Making the most of Trove: using tags to work together

Hopefully by now you're familiar with the wonders of Trove for family and local history research. History comes alive through over one million family notices, articles and advertisements. Are you making the most of Trove? Are you working with a group on a research project? Here's a tip which will help.

Tags are keywords or labels you can apply to items in Trove. They can be anything; from a subject like 'elephants' to names, places or a phrase which indicates where you're up to when text correcting. To create a 'shared tag', all you need to do is decide on the tag to describe your project and start adding it to records in Trove.

Tags can be either public (see by all), or private (only seen by you). If you're going to share a tag, it will need to be public.

For example:

- Queanbeyan Historical Society could use a tag such as - "QBNHistory"; or
- Items on a common topic of interest (such as John Gale) could use a tag such as "GaleQBN".

Once you have decided on the tag you are going to use, distribute it to the members of your group to use when they are logged into Trove.

For more information about tags, visit Trove's Help Centre: <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/using-trove/creating-contributing/adding-tags-comments>

LIBRARY UPDATES

FROM THE LIBRARY

Did you know....that this miserably cold and often wet weather we are suffering at the moment is the perfect opportunity to sit in a warm room and write the story of your family. You have the bones in your tree having done your research. You will probably have studied our 'Church Records', 'Cemeteries' and 'Pioneer Register' records. But look in our library for books that will give you the background and colour into which you can place your forbears. Assuming that most of us have beginnings in the UK you can curl up in bed and read a who-done-it set in the County from which your folk came. This is great for clues for the life style lived in that area. I recently read a couple of books set in Norfolk on the salt marches. The tide virtually rules the lives of the folk here. Prior to that my reading was set in Lancashire and on the islands set way up north west of Scotland. No wonder they packed their bags and came here, it may have even been worth coming as a convict! Amongst our novels there are many that are descriptive of the early days in the colony, drawing word pictures of the day to day way of life and often sketches of their accommodation e.g. The Colonists.

Books in our local history sections are on the shelves state by state, just key in to our 'Find' facility the name of the town in which your family lived and again you will find background and sketches and photos that you can use in your story. I have found that we have 17 books with Sydney in the title, so there will be plenty of illustrations in that lot. Don't forget the little journals put out by the many local family history groups.

Then turn to the "Guides" section in our library. Many, many tips on how to write and publish, all approaching from a different angle, mean that you need to spend considerable time perusing this lot. But that's all right, the library is nice and warm.

Jean Macleay #359

Note: We will get our new library acquisitions update next month. Our librarian hasn't gone on strike - just on holidays.



State FHS Conference 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 Online 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 members:

Sally FOX

SNIPPETS: Extracts from family history magazines and journals

E Newsletter snippets: June/July 2015

Local content: Dubbo & district FHS May/June 2015: Sale & district FHG June 2015

Adelaide & NDFHG June 2015: Pgs 3-4 National Library of Ireland will be releasing all their Catholic parish registers online, free to access from July 8, Pgs 4-5 Julian and Gregorian calendars explained.

Australind FHS June 2015: Pgs 6-11 Blackboy Hill Military Camp near Perth est. Aug. 1914, Pg.15 websites **Blackboy Hill Camp Written History** - www.perthnow.com.au

East Perth Cemeteries website - www.eastperthcemeteries.com.au

Convict Records (Facebook) - www.facebook.com/ConvictRecords

Convict Stockade - www.convict.historyaustralia.org.au

Children's Homes - an ongoing project by Peter Higginbotham aiming to provide information on the many and varied institutions that became home to thousands of children and people in Britain.

Currently the site covers England, Isle of Man, Channel Isles, Wales, Scotland, Ireland as well as details of homes in Canada, Australia, and Jamaica - www.childrenshomes.org.uk/

Glamorgan Archives - this is a helpful website for those who are researching in the Glamorgan area - www.glamarchives.gov.uk.

Caloundra FHS June 2015: Pgs 32-36 How to download PDF records from military websites

Casino FHG May 2015: Pgs 3-4 <http://forcedadoptions.naa.gov.au/> new project explained. Pgs 7-8 German research suggestions, Pg.15 websites, including SOUTH AFRICA - South Africa Cape Province death records - civilian deaths that span the years from 1895 to 1972 (the compulsory registration of births and deaths in South Africa was enacted in 1894 and took effect starting in 1895). <http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/177910>

• BATTLE TO FARM - <http://soldiersettlement PROV.VIC.GOV.AU/> This new website is a resource for people looking for Victorian government records about soldier settlers. You can access any of the thousands of returned WWI soldiers who leased farming land across Victoria between 1919 and 1935.

Central Coast April 2015: WW1 themed stories

Coffs Harbour FHS June 2015: Pgs 4-5 the journal of Tom Yeoman's Pt 2 [WW1 soldier-explains the dry and wet mess concepts], Pgs 9-10 recommended websites and sources, including <http://www.dustydocs.com.au/> which is a good website to investigate for English Parish Registers and other records online and includes links to free websites. Scroll down and click on "County Hover Map" then select your County and scroll down again to see what is available and it will show the source of the detail available.

My Family History calling -Family Search Newsletter May 2015: FamilySearch Adds More Than 9.8 Million Indexed Records and Images for Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Jamaica, Peru, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the United States.

Gen. Society of NT Dec. 2014: Pgs 68- 70 WW2 story- **DR JOE MCELHONE - HMAHS MANUNDA** Country doctor and loved man of the services 1896 – 1947.

Gen. Society of NT Mar. 2015: WW1 and WW2 stories

Inverell FHG June 2015: Pgs 4-6 Small biographies of notable women of the area and the work of the CWA, telephone exchange, local hospital etc., Pg.8 local bridges and their history.

Ku-ring-gai HS June 2015: Pg. 2 Francis Greenway.

Lake Macquarie FHG May 2015: lots of WW1 stories

Mildura & district Gen. Soc. Inc. June 2015: WW1 stories.

Newcastle FHG June 2015: all sorts of articles relating to Names.

NSW Boer War Memorial Assoc. May 2015: Pg. 6- 6 inch guns put to use, Pg.7 Shore School and the Boer War, Pgs 10- 11 How many Australians fought in the Boer war Pt.5 – their ages, a number of individual stories.

NSW & ACT Assoc. May/June 2015: all relevant to upcoming conference.

Parramatta Female Factory friends July 2015: history of the factory, some factory convict profiles, update on Roses from the heart bonnet project.

Port Macquarie FHS May 2015: Pgs 13-16 Dr N Kyle article on making women visible in the records, and other stories about women, Pg.22 using ship's names in a Trove search., Pg.23 suggestions on long term storage of computer records.

Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS July 2015: Pgs 5-7 problems with incorrect dates for certain shipping records held at <http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/Indexes/Immigration/Pages/Immigration1848.aspx>

The list for the *Young Australia* 1862 voyage is in fact for the 1865 (29 May-20 Aug) voyage. The list for the *Fiery Star* 1864 voyage is in fact for the 1863 voyage (both arrived 20 Nov.) , more details on both these voyages included. Pg.8 The fate of the *Fiery Star*; Pgs11-12 Possible burials at Crows Nest [Qld], various articles on local stonemasons and the design of WW1 memorials, numerous WW1 soldier stories.

Young & District FHG May 2015: Pg.9 The Group now has its own website up and running - <http://www.youngfamilyhistorygroup.com/>, local WW1 stories.

Contributed by Lynda Smith

IRISH Research Tip of the week

Always look for the anomaly

Family historians often start to work up a case, with very few documents to work from. The very first thing you learn as a researcher is to compare all documents, in case one may hold a key piece of information that opens up the story. Probably my all-time favourite research tip stems precisely from this method of comparing documents, and that is to **seek out any anomaly between documents**. At its' simplest, the anomaly might be an additional piece of information – a woman's maiden name recorded in a church record, but not in the civil record for example. Sometimes, the anomaly between documents is not a difference in the internal evidence, but evidence that something different from the norm, has taken place.

I recently found an index to a baptismal record which at first glance seemed straight-forward enough.

St. Michan's RC

Baptised on 21st Nov. 1877, of Anne Thompson of Dunsink, daughter of John Thompson & Grace Parker.

<http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details/e8349c0261119>

I was thrown into confusion, on finding an index to a marriage record for this same Anne Thompson, daughter to the same parents, married only nine months later.

St. Michan's RC

Married 19th August 1878 Anne Thompson, daughter of John and Grace Thompson married Peter Hackett, in St. Michan's RC church in Dublin City.

http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/display-pdf.jsp?pdfName=st.michans_mf_1856-1888_ma_0531

I went back to the baptismal records, and this time, examined the original page from the parish register and not the index. (An index is no substitute for a document. Always look at the original document).

The register contained additional evidence including Anne Thompson's date of birth – 1st July 1852, and a marginal note in '*pidgeon latin*', to the effect that it was an adult baptism.

In 1877 the 25 year old Anne Thompson converted from the Anglican Church nine months before her marriage to a Catholic husband. In 1852 at the time she was born, Anne's parents lived in Dunsink.

Knowing that Anne's parents were not Catholic, I was able to search for their civil marriage record – civil registration of non-Catholic marriages in Ireland began in April 1845 – almost twenty years before Catholic marriages were registered.

The civil marriage record gave added significance to the Dunsink address:

John Thompson and Grace Maria Parker were married 29th April 1851 by banns in Grangegorman parish, county Dublin. Both were of full age [twenty-one years or over] and neither had been married before. John Thompson was an engineer living in 16 Dalymount Terrace; he was the son of Charles Thompson, an astronomer. Grace Maria Parker of no recorded occupation was also living in 16 Dalymount Terrace.

By Expert Researcher,

Fiona Fitzsimons

Source: Eneclann Newsletter June 2015

RECENT UPDATES TO SUBSCRIPTION SITES AT THE COTTAGE



London Borough Of Southwark

date added:

25 Jun 2015

names recorded: **274000**

Records for Nunhead Cemetery, Linden Grove, Southwark, London, SE15 3LP

Located between Peckham and Lewisham in South East London, Nunhead Cemetery is one of the capital's most treasured early Victorian cemeteries and within the select group of the 'Magnificent Seven' of historic cemeteries. Consecrated in 1840, the Friends of Nunhead Cemetery describe this special place as "Perhaps the least known, but most attractive" of the Magnificent Seven.

It is one of the Magnificent Seven cemeteries, three of which are available on Deceased Online with all burial records, the others being Brompton Cemetery and Kensal Green Cemetery, both in South West London.

Managed by the London Borough of Southwark, their website states: "Nunhead Cemetery's history, architecture and stunning views make it a fascinating and beautiful place to visit. While much of the cemetery is mysterious and overgrown, many of its features have recently been restored to their former glory."

It has grandiose monuments of the most important and well respected people of the day sitting alongside smaller headstones, which mark some of the common or public graves.

Whilst much of the cemetery is designated a nature reserve and is largely overgrown, many of its features have and are being restored to their former glory by Southwark Council and the Friends of Nunhead Cemetery.

Bandon Hill Cemetery

date added:

9 Jun 2015

names recorded: **32724**

The cemetery is managed by a joint committee on behalf of the London Boroughs of Sutton and Croydon.

Bandon Hill Cemetery, Plough Lane, Wallington, SM6 8JQ

Approximately 32724 burial records, from 7th March 1900 to 5th January 2012, are available with supporting burial register scans.



- [Over 42,000 additional baptisms from Kent, England](#)
- [Over 30,000 additional burials from Kent, England](#)
- [Baptisms from Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, England](#)
- [Burials from Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, England](#)

Source: Findmypast Friday Update 5th June 2015

- [Hue & Cry Index, 1797-1810](#)
- [Over 16,000 additional marriages from Kent, England](#)
- [Over 2,700 additional banns from Kent, England](#)
- [The ability to browse existing parish registers from Staffordshire, England](#)

Source: Findmypast Update 12th June 2015

- [Over 70,000 additional Prisoner of War records - includes Waterloo](#)
- [Over 2.8 million British newspaper articles](#)
- [Baptisms, marriages and burials from St Andrew's Church of Scotland in Gibraltar](#)
- [Congregation records from St Andrew's Church of Scotland in Gibraltar](#)

Source: Findmypast Update 19th June 2015

- [Over 188,000 convict ship records, 1786-1849](#)
- [Registers of convicts' applications to marry in New South Wales, 1825-1851](#)
- [Convict conditional and absolute pardons, 1791-1867](#)
- [Victoria prison registers, 1855-1960 - female prisoners added](#)
- Source: Findmypast Friday Update 26th June 2015

Recently Added and Updated Collections on Ancestry

UPDATED Mainz, Germany, Family Registers 1760-1900 (in German)	6/30/2015
UPDATED Web: Minnesota, Birth Index, 1900-1934	6/25/2015
U.S., Applications for Authorization for Inter-Island Travel, 1947-1952	6/19/2015
Nevada, Naturalization Petitions, 1956-1991	6/19/2015
Web: Lawrence County, Alabama, Burial Index, 1835-2014	6/19/2015
UPDATED Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805-2002	6/17/2015
Australia Newspaper Vital Notices, 1851-1997	6/16/2015
UPDATED Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963	6/16/2015
UPDATED Sweden, Selected Indexed Death Records, 1840-1860 and 1878-1942(in Swedish)	6/12/2015
UPDATED New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957	6/11/2015
UPDATED U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985	6/9/2015
UPDATED Brandenburg, Germany, Transcripts of Church Records, 1700-1874(in German)	6/5/2015
UK, British Army Muster Books and Pay Lists, 1812-1817	6/4/2015
UPDATED Pomerania, Germany, Passenger Lists, 1869-1901 (in German)	6/4/2015
Prenzlau, Germany, Marriages, 1874-1923 (in German)	6/4/2015
Prenzlau, Germany, Deaths, 1874-1950 (in German)	6/4/2015
Prenzlau, Germany, Births, 1874-1901 (in German)	6/4/2015
Hamburg, Germany, Selected Deaths, 1876-1932 (in German)	6/4/2015
Romania, Vital Records from Selected Regions, 1607-1914 (in German)	6/4/2015
Speyer, Germany, Domestic Help, 1875-1914 (in German)	6/4/2015
UPDATED U.S. World War I Mothers' Pilgrimage, 1929	6/3/2015

Surrey, England, Mental Hospital Admissions, 1867-1900	6/2/2015
Surrey, England, Calendar of Prisoners, 1848-1902	6/2/2015
UPDATED Pennsylvania, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1800-1962	6/1/2015
Index to Alien Arrivals at Canadian Atlantic and Pacific Seaports, 1904-1944	6/1/2015
New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Confirmations, 1911-1925 and 1960-1966	6/1/2015
New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Baptisms, 1790-1916	6/1/2015
New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Marriages, 1790-1966	6/1/2015
New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Burials, 1790-1986	6/1/2015
New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Church Records, 1838-1918	6/1/2015



ScotlandsPeople Update June 2015

This month we spotlight the Soldiers' Wills records which are FREE to search on **ScotlandsPeople**. These unique records document the last wishes of over 31,000 Scottish Soldiers, and offer a fascinating and poignant insight into the lives of those who died in combat. The vast majority of wills are from the First and Second World Wars, but there are around 300 dating from the Boer War, the Korean War, and other conflicts.

About 330 wills made by Scots soldiers serving in India and in various campaigns in Africa, especially during the Boer War, reflect their role in fighting and peacekeeping across the British Empire from 1857 until the eve of the First World War.

Some of these pre-1914 wills were written on the special pages of soldiers' pocket pay books. These were being more widely used by men who were already on active service or about to go. Many other wills were written and filed at regimental depots, and so avoided the fate of documents that might be lost in the field when a soldier was killed. Our article highlights a few of the men whose stories can be glimpsed in the **Soldiers' Wills**.

Search the Soldiers' Wills index for FREE