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# WFHG e-Branch



## From the President

Hi Folks

By the time you read this I will be on Holiday in New Zealand, Roger and I are doing the tourist thing around the South Island ending up in Auckland. We will be doing some family history on Rogers's line and I will be on the lookout for any interesting or latest resources that I can bring back for the group.

The training sessions seem to be a hit, please keep coming and put in some suggestions on what you would like to see as a presentation. We will be reviewing the sessions in April.

Mark your diary for the 11<sup>th</sup> April and come and visit us at the Wyong Golf Club where there will be displays and speakers and research lookups all relating to ANZAC this is our major event for this year in remembering the centenary

Well folks I will be back in the Cottage in April. Don't give up on that research

President WFHG

Kerrie Metcalfe

### In this edition:

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

## Notices

### NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages

Dear Family History customers

The Registry wishes to make you aware of some changes that are being made to our website from today.

The impacts on Family Historians will be minimal. Please read the attached overview for your information.

(Scroll to the end of this newsletter for more details)



### 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 a 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



Is there anything inappropriate about doing a happy dance for death certificates?  
If so, I am SO evil. TinaLise

### 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

## Two more historic Nottingham cemeteries' records now available on Deceased Online

- **All records for two of Nottingham City Council's most historic cemeteries** are now available on [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)
- There are now approximately **430,000 records** available online for **five cemeteries and the crematorium** managed by **Nottingham City Council**. See full details [here](#).
- The two most recently added sites are **Rock (aka Church) Cemetery, opened 1856**, and **Basford Cemetery, opened 1870**.
- Our resident **blogger, genealogist and writer Emma Jolly** asks if Rock Cemetery is the most unusual cemetery in England. Read her [latest two blogs](#) and explore the history of both Rock and Basford cemeteries.
- The records now available comprise:
  - digital scans of original burial and grave registers
  - details of all grave occupants in each cemetery
  - maps indicating the section in each cemetery for all graves
- We're still working on records for one more historic Nottingham City. **The General Cemetery dates back to the 1830's: [www.ournottinghamshire.org.uk](http://www.ournottinghamshire.org.uk)**

### -- True Story --

A member of our group –can't remember his name – said some time ago he was said to be suffering from early Alzheimer's –was asked to go to counselling but kept forgetting his appointments. We are going to start a new interest group –it will be called *Seniors!* (submitted by one of our members)

### Our recent bus trip to NSW State Records

“The chat on the way home sounded as if everyone found at least something of interest and a few real breakthroughs.”



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# LIBRARY UPDATES

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

*Did you know.....that after checking the Ryerson index for your deceased ancestor, there are many other avenues available to you at our cottage for obtaining further information that may provide the key to unlocking a family mystery. But first, just a reminder for those folk who were unable to attend John Selwood's talk on the subject, the Ryerson index is an on-line site listing obituary notices for millions of people placed in many, many Australian newspapers. Just Google Ryerson and use the 'Search' facility'. But back to the cottage...having ascertained where and when your ancestor died you have access, again, to thousands of cemetery and funeral directors records, in book, CD and microfiche form. Use the 'Control F' search function on the library computer and look in all 3 sections. Remember down at the bottom of the screen there are tabs to open whichever section you require.*

*There is wonderful information to be found on our microfiche. This includes the Burial Index pre 1856, lots of cemeteries, including Wollongong General Cemetery for which you will not find an online index and a number of Funeral Directors' records. The following is typical of the information you find in many of the Funeral Directors' notes:*

*"Congregational Interment. Two Graves. Remove in own Coffin to Congregational Church Katoomba where Funeral leaves. Vehicles - Motor Hearse & 2 Carriages. 2 Death & 1 Funeral notice Herald only. ADVERTISEMENTS. 1. 12/8/29 at His Parents' Residence Duff St Katoomba, youngest Son of Mr & Mrs E Hewlett Hobden. In His 18<sup>th</sup> Year.*

*2. Grandson of Mr L E Isaacs & Late Mrs L E Isaacs of Pt Lucinda, Bream & Arden Sts, Coogee. The Relatives & Friends of Mr & Mrs E Hewlett Hogben & Family, their Youngest Son & their Brother.*

*(OPBM Vol 10; Recorded in BDM as HOGBEN, Colin Howlett")*

*Jean Macleay #359*

## From the Library

## New Acquisitions for February 2015

## Books

**GUI111      *So you are totally new to Family Tree Maker 2<sup>nd</sup> edition***

An excellent guide for those using Family Tree Maker 2012 and 2014. Covers the basics that new users, with very little computer understanding, can use to get FTM up and running on either Windows or Mac. Indexed

**LHW068      *History Notes* written by WFHG member Max Farley**

A series of monthly articles which cover the history of Wyong township and surrounding valleys, the early settlers, the schools and churches. These notes would be of great interest to those researching the early history of this area.

## CDs

**CD519 *Cambridge Parish Registers***

Includes Banns, Baptisms, Burials and Marriages from the 1750s to 1950 for St Peters Babraham and St Andrews Stapleford.  
Shortcuts> England folder> PCs 1, 2 and 5

## FICHE

***Cambridgeshire Monumental Inscriptions***

Monumental Inscriptions for St Andrews Parish Church Soham 1598 - 1978 and St Andrews Churchyard Stapleford 1617 - 1967  
Microfiche drawer> United Kingdom> Miscellaneous

Glenise Clery. #284

**SNIPPETS: Extracts from family history magazines and journals****AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS FEBRUARY 2015**

Pgs 14-19      Whose Holy Bible was this and which school did its owner attend? Names and details of pupils who attended a private school in Scone NSW.  
Pg 40          Family Tree Maker User Group and Information Hub.  
Pgs 43-47      New on the Net. Additions to free and pay sites plus top websites.

## CESSNOCK DISTRICT HISTORICAL & FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. JANUARY 2015

Pgs 28/29 Wollombi Tavern. Various owners from 1868 to the 1950s.

### FAMILY TREE (U.K.) CHRISTMAS 2014

Pg 30 Researchers beware! Be careful not to make assumptions regarding the origins of certain surnames.  
 Pgs 37-40 What happened to Victorian destitute children? How to find information on children's homes and orphanages in the U.K. [www.formerchildrenshomes.org.uk](http://www.formerchildrenshomes.org.uk).  
 Pgs 54/55 Which test is best for you? Describes different types of DNA tests.  
 Pgs 69-74 Researching your soldier.  
 Pgs 88/89 The census enumerator of 1881. Interesting report from 1881 by a former census enumerator.

### FAMILY TREE (U.K.) JANUARY 2015

Pgs 26/27 Getting started with your blog.  
 Pgs 31-35 When is a will not a will? Making sense of Scottish wills and testaments.  
 Pgs 48-51 Who was the daddy? Ways and means to find the name of a child's father.  
 Pgs 60-63 Chancery courts.  
 Pgs 66-68 The stranger side of genealogy. Unusual ancestral links to the past.  
 Pgs 70-74 Plotting the past. Land and property records explored.

### FAMILY TREE (U.K.) FEBRUARY 2015

Pg 6 Discover historical London with hearth tax database. See Hearth Tax Online.  
 Pgs 14-20 Inside a researcher's casebook. Famous case histories.  
 Pgs 22-25 Defiance at Sea. Tracing Merchant Seamen.  
 Pgs 39-41 Finding graves online. Large number of websites to search.  
 Pgs 42-45 How to read Scottish wills & testaments.  
 Pgs 68-72 Death duties. Bequests, legacies & more.  
 Pgs 76-78 Whys & wherefores of church registers.  
 Pgs 84/85 Bible brickwall buster? How one researcher has built an archive of genealogical information from bibles. [www.bibleinscriptions.co.uk](http://www.bibleinscriptions.co.uk).

### HURSTVILLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015

Pgs 1, 3-7 The Battle for Central Station. Rampage by soldiers during February 1914.

### VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. NEWS FEBRUARY 2015

Pgs 4-9 Family Tree Maker<sub>2014</sub> and Mac<sub>3</sub>. The Family Group Sheet.  
 Pgs 11-17 Legacy Family Tree Software. Back to the Beginning.  
 Pgs 18-20 Reunion Find – Part 1.  
 Pgs 21-23 Who Owns What in the Genealogy World?  
 Pg 25 Early Irish Marriage Indexes at <http://www.irishancestors.ie/?p=6207>.  
 Pgs 27/28 Reading the Adobe Reader.

Meg Gibson. Member 43.



### Irish Research Tip of The Week.

#### It's a wise child know's its' own father.

In Irish research you will often find clusters of family surnames in places – Bluett in Ballina, county Mayo; Clooney in county Kilkenny; Butterly in county Louth, to name but a few. These are not the names of the Irish clans that ruled territories. Names like these represent more recent settlement, when families moved into a townland, married locally, and produced children in large enough numbers to firmly establish the name in the parish for generations.

In Ireland, traditional naming patterns ensure that Christian names also appear in clusters in the records. Traditionally the first boy of every marriage was given his paternal grandfather's Christian name; the second boy, his maternal grandfather's name; and the third boy, his father's name. If any of them died young, subsequent children were often given the same name, to 'keep' it "alive" in the family.

Where Christian-names and surnames occur in clusters, it can sometimes be difficult to pick out the correct ancestor from their doppelgangers. Ironically, this same problem vexed successive Irish governments, especially when it came to collecting taxes. In the first Irish tax applied systematically to all Irish householders – Griffith's Valuation – the government adopted a "**can't beat 'em, join 'em**" policy, and adopted the simple methods used across Ireland in virtually every local community.

Where an adult child has the same name as their parent and remains in their home-place, we can distinguish between parent and child by the use of '**senior**' and '**junior**'. So we see '**Andrew Clooney sen.**', and '**Andrew Clooney jun.**' in the townland of Knickeen co. Kilkenny in 1850.

Where two people in the same townland have a common name – as is often the case with paternal first cousins – we can sometimes distinguish between them because the name of their father, (less often their mother) is given in round brackets. In 1855 in Clifden, county Galway '**Patrick Folan (Pat)**' is distinguished from his namesake '**Patrick Folan (Tom)**'.

Where there are no obvious clues in the Christian or family-names, you can sometimes only prove a parent-child relationship, by comparing land and parish records across two or more generations.

Sometimes the long-way round is the shortest way home.

By Fiona Fitzsimons, Expert Researcher at Eneclann.

## RECENT UPDATES TO SUBSCRIPTION SITES AT THE COTTAGE



### Availability

The table below gives an indication of the records that you will find on the site.

Type of Record	Year Range	Indexed ?	Images?
OPR Births & Christenings	1538-1854	Yes	Yes
OPR Deaths & Burials	1538-1854	Yes	Yes
OPR Marriages & Proclamations of Banns	1538-1854	Yes	Yes
CPR Baptisms & Births	1703-1855 (*complete)	Yes	Yes
CPR Baptisms & Births	1855-1908 (**incomplete)	Yes	Yes
Statutory Register Births	1855-1914	Yes	Yes
Statutory Register Births	1915-2013	Yes	No
Statutory Register Deaths	1855-1964	Yes	Yes
Statutory Register Deaths	1965-2013	Yes	No
Statutory Register Marriages	1855-1939	Yes	Yes
Statutory Register Marriages	1940-2013	Yes	No
RCE	1855-1961	Yes	Yes
Census	1841	Yes	Yes
Census	1851	Yes	Yes
Census	1861	Yes	Yes
Census	1871	Yes	Yes
Census	1881	Yes	Yes
Census (LDS)	1881	Yes	No (but information transcribed)
Census	1891	Yes	Yes
Census	1901	Yes	Yes



Census	1911	Yes	Yes
Wills & Testaments	1513-1925	Yes	Yes
Coats of Arms	1672-1913	Yes	Yes
Valuation Rolls	1875, 1885, 1895,1905,1915,1920, 1925	Yes	Yes

\*If the records survive, they have been digitised and indexed and made available online. No surviving records are thought to be missing from the collection – however this does not mean that all localities are covered by all records at all times.

\*\*If the records were available to the Scottish Catholic Archives, they were digitised and indexed. In the post-1855 period, the collection of records is far from complete.



Recent record additions to Ancestry.com now available to Wyong Family History Group financial members at “the Cottage” include the following:

#### United States of America:

- Social Security Death Index – **Updated**
- Alabama Civil War Muster Rolls 1861 – 1865
- U.S. Census Non-Population Schedules, New York 1850 – 1880

#### UK & Ireland:

- 1911 England & Wales Census Collection
- Naval Medal and Award Rolls, 1793 – 1972
- Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls 1793 – 1949
- Citations of the Distinguished Conduct Medal 1914 – 1920

#### Europe:

- United Kingdom and Ireland Obituary Collection
- Potenza, Basilicata, Italy, Civil Registration Records 1861 – 1938 (in Italian)
- Marseilles, France, Marriages 1810 – 1915 (in French)

#### Australia & New Zealand:

- Australian Birth Index 1788 – 1922
- Australian Marriage Index 1788 – 1949
- Australian Death Index 1787 – 1985
- New Zealand – The Anne Bromell Collection

#### Canada:

- Ottawa, Canada, Beechwood Cemetery Registers 1873 - 1990



### Latest Additions

(titles that have been added to in the last 30 days)

- **Aberdeen Evening Express** 1955
- **Aberdeen Journal** 1773, 1777 - 1780, 1785
- **Aberdeen People's Journal** 1887 - 1888
- **Allnut's Irish Land Schedule** 1871
- **Arbroath Herald and Advertiser for the Montrose Burghs** 1941 - 1955
- **Ashton Weekly Reporter, and Stalybridge and Dukinfield Chronicle, The** 1859, 1861, 1865
- **Bedfordshire Times and Independent** 1867, 1869 - 1872, 1941
- **Berwickshire News and General Advertiser** 1905 - 1951, 1953, 1955
- **Beverley Guardian** 1860
- **Brecon Reporter and South Wales General Advertiser** 1867
- **Brighton Gazette** 1825 - 1834, 1836 - 1855
- **Bristol Mirror** 1835, 1842
- **Bristol Times and Mirror** 1870
- **Bury Times** 1855, 1857, 1860, 1869
- **Cambridge Chronicle and Journal** 1832 - 1835, 1837 - 1844, 1846 - 1847, 1849 - 1858, 1860, 1864 - 1866, 1868 - 1870, 1872
- **Carlisle Journal** 1802 - 1805, 1810 - 1811, 1820
- **Carlisle Patriot** 1822 - 1846, 1848 - 1852, 1854, 1856 - 1870
- **Chelmsford Chronicle** 1867
- **Clerkenwell News** 1856 - 1866, 1868
- **Cobbett's Weekly Political Register** 1807
- **County Chronicle, Surrey Herald and Weekly Advertiser for Kent** 1841
- **Coventry Standard** 1841, 1843, 1851 - 1852, 1854, 1859, 1861 - 1862, 1864 - 1867
- **Croydon Advertiser and East Surrey Reporter** 1872, 1885 - 1889, 1898 - 1899, 1926
- **Croydon's Weekly Standard** 1859 - 1871
- **Cumberland Pacquet, and Ware's Whitehaven Advertiser** 1778 - 1779, 1781 - 1783, 1786, 1788, 1811, 1837, 1843, 1850 - 1853, 1857 - 1865, 1870 - 1871
- **Derbyshire Courier** 1859, 1861, 1898, 1914 - 1915, 1918, 1920
- **Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald** 1904 - 1906, 1912, 1914, 1917, 1920, 1923 - 1924, 1928, 1930, 1932 - 1933, 1935 - 1937
- **Doncaster Gazette** 1870
- **Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser** 1887 - 1888, 1890 - 1892, 1894, 1899 - 1918
- **Dorset County Chronicle** 1854
- **Dublin Builder, The** 1868 - 1869, 1871
- **Dublin Courier** 1760 - 1761, 1763 - 1764
- **Dublin Evening Post** 1781 - 1785, 1787, 1792, 1794 - 1797, 1804 - 1810, 1813 - 1817, 1827 - 1828, 1830 - 1832, 1834 - 1851, 1853, 1856 - 1858
- **Dublin Medical Press** 1864, 1868
- **Dublin Mercantile Advertiser, and Weekly Price Current** 1838
- **Dublin Morning Register** 1824
- **Dundee Advertiser** 1868 - 1869, 1882, 1884, 1887
- **Dundee, Perth, Forfar, and Fife's People's Journal** 1882, 1891
- **Durham County Advertiser** 1832
- **East Suffolk Mercury and Lowestoft Weekly News** 1859
- **Edinburgh Courant** 1750
- **Edinburgh Evening Courant** 1848, 1862
- **Elgin Courant, and Morayshire Advertiser** 1860

- **Enniskillen Chronicle and Erne Packet** 1860
- **Falkirk Herald** 1889, 1919, 1921, 1925, 1929, 1936 - 1937
- **Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate & Cheriton Herald** 1921, 1928, 1930 - 1931, 1933, 1935
- **Galway Mercury, and Connaught Weekly Advertiser** 1856
- **Galway Vindicator, and Connaught Advertiser** 1860, 1863
- **Glasgow Courant** 1758
- **Gloucester Journal** 1909, 1934
- **Gloucestershire Chronicle** 1837, 1842, 1845, 1848, 1888, 1890 - 1892, 1894 - 1895, 1897 - 1910, 1912 - 1926, 1928
- **Gloucestershire Echo** 1884, 1901 - 1910, 1914 - 1915, 1924 - 1927
- **Greenock Advertiser** 1839, 1844 - 1845, 1847, 1849 - 1852, 1859, 1865 - 1867, 1870
- **Greenock Telegraph and Clyde Shipping Gazette** 1857 - 1868
- **Hampshire Chronicle** 1816
- **Hartlepool Mail** 1936
- **Hawick News and Border Chronicle** 1910, 1912 - 1913, 1926 - 1929, 1943 - 1944, 1950 - 1951
- **Hertford Mercury and Reformer** 1869, 1889
- **Holborn Journal** 1858 - 1863, 1866 - 1867, 1870 - 1871
- **Huddersfield Daily Examiner** 1914 - 1918
- **Ipswich Journal, The** 1771
- **Jersey Independent and Daily Telegraph** 1855, 1858
- **Kent & Sussex Courier** 1883, 1910
- **Kentish Gazette** 1840, 1858
- **Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner** 1863
- **Leek Post & Times and Cheadle News & Times and Moorland Advertiser** 1898
- **Leicester Chronicle** 1873
- **Limerick Reporter** 1853
- **Lincolnshire Echo** 1904, 1906, 1919, 1943, 1947
- **Lincolnshire Free Press** 1876, 1881, 1889
- **London Evening Standard** 1863 - 1865, 1868
- **Luton News and Bedfordshire Chronicle** 1919
- **Manchester Evening News** 1918
- **Marylebone Mercury** 1858
- **Middlesex Chronicle** 1914, 1918
- **Newcastle Chronicle** 1782 - 1783, 1793
- **Newry Herald and Down, Armagh, and Louth Journal** 1859 - 1863
- **North & South Shields Gazette and Northumberland and Durham Advertiser** 1850, 1857
- **North London News** 1866 - 1868, 1870
- **Nottinghamshire Guardian** 1846
- **Orkney Herald, and Weekly Advertiser and Gazette for the Orkney & Zetland Islands** 1871
- **Oxford Chronicle and Reading Gazette** 1846 - 1847
- **Oxford University and City Herald** 1831 - 1844, 1855
- **Perthshire Advertiser** 1871
- **Police Gazette** 1829
- **Portsmouth Evening News** 1951, 1953
- **Reading Mercury** 1787
- **Rochdale Observer** 1858
- **Scottish Guardian, Glasgow** 1859
- **Sheffield Independent** 1820, 1907
- **Sherborne Mercury** 1853, 1861
- **Shetland Times** 1873
- **Skibbereen & West Carbery Eagle; or, South Western Advertiser** 1861 - 1866
- **Southern Reporter and Cork Commercial Courier** 1828 - 1829, 1834 - 1840, 1859 - 1865, 1869 - 1870
- **Stamford Mercury** 1746, 1817 - 1818

- **Surrey Mirror** 1911
- **Teesdale Mercury** 1855, 1857 - 1862, 1864 - 1869
- **Tipperary Vindicator** 1844 - 1849, 1860 - 1863, 1867 - 1868
- **Ulster Gazette** 1870
- **Ulster General Advertiser, Herald of Business and General Information** 1867
- **Waterford Mail** 1856
- **Waterford News** 1851 - 1852, 1857, 1859, 1864
- **Weekly Vindicator** 1850
- **Wellington Journal** 1854 - 1856, 1858 - 1869
- **West London Observer** 1871
- **Whitby Gazette** 1884 - 1886, 1889 - 1892, 1895, 1897 - 1900, 1902 - 1904, 1912, 1917 - 1918
- **Woolwich Gazette and Greenwich and Deptford Chronicle** 1869 - 1870
- **Worcester Journal** 1860
- **Yorkshire Evening Post** 1904 - 1905, 1907 - 1908, 1949
- **Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer** 1888, 1899, 1914 - 1915



### Database Coverage - participating cemeteries and crematoria

Below you will find a list of cemeteries and crematoria whose registers have been recently added to the Deceased Online database.

#### Nottingham City Council

date added: **26 Feb 2015** names recorded: **420000**

#### Manchester And Lancashire FHS

date added: **5 Dec 2014** names recorded: **52000**

#### City Of Lincoln Council

date added: **27 Nov 2014** names recorded: **140000**

### Records for historic Kensal Green Cemetery now on Deceased Online

#### Second of London's 'Magnificent Seven' cemeteries makes all records available exclusively on Deceased Online

All records for Kensal Green, one of the UK's most historic and celebrated cemeteries, have been digitized and are available on the website.

Located in London's Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Kensal Green was opened in 1833 by the General Cemetery Company and is the earliest of the capital's major cemeteries pre-dating Abney Park, Brompton, Highgate, Nunhead, Tower Hamlets and West Norwood: collectively, The Magnificent Seven.

For details of the records now available, click [here](#).

### Records for 200+ Aberdeenshire burial grounds are being added to Deceased Online

- Deceased Online has started to add records for more than 200 burial grounds and cemeteries managed by Aberdeenshire Council. Immediately available are records for the first 20 locations, and records will be added continually over the next weeks until the collection is complete. You can read full details about locations and range of records [here](#).

#### NEW RECORDS IN THE PIPELINE:

- Soon to be added to our existing database are 5 million digitised burial and cremation records from UK authorities and The National Archives. A further 4 million records are currently in the process of being digitised from 17 more burial and cremation authorities.



## Biographical Database of Australia – 2nd release: 20 new Datasets, 400,000 new records

23 February 2015

Biographical Database of Australia (BDA) has almost doubled in sized with its first big update, adding 400,000 records – now online.

The newly added records include 15,000+ full text mini-biographies published 1879-1905 of middle class professionals, farmers and small businessmen in town and rural communities in all states (nearly 10,000 of them in Victoria) as well as of well-known historical figures.

Also included are a further 7,000 colonial biographies from all states contributed by descendants to the Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record (checked and edited), 2,000+ brief biographies of Australian and NZ clergy in 1878 and biographical summaries for 1,440+ people embarked on the First Fleet in 1787.

New transcripts of original sources include Commissariat ration records (1812-1822) for 1,400 people in the Windsor/Hawkesbury district (NSW) listing the military as well as free people and convicts, lists of free passengers arriving and departing NSW 1788-1825, NSW inquests, convict pardons, convict wives, tickets of leave, indents and a remarkable collection of more than 10,000 transcribed epitaphs from the former Sydney Burial Ground in Devonshire Street, Sydney (1819-1901) as well as details of burials and family members who paid for removal of remains and memorials when the cemetery was closed in 1901.

For this new release thousands of burial records have been linked to census, muster, shipping and convict records.

BDA aims to help researchers find one person among thousands and to avoid confusing persons of the same name. For the first time members of the garrison, exempted from muster and census records, are listed with free and convict colonists. BDA already includes all members of the NSW Corps 1790-1810. They will now be joined by records of the First Fleet marines of 1788 and the 73rd regiment serving in NSW and Tasmania 1809-1814.

The Database will be updated at regular intervals and the large number of unlinked records will be progressively linked to individuals' Biographical Profiles.

<b>Dataset</b>	<b>State(s)</b>
Convict ticket of Leave Index 1810-1848	NSW
73rd Regiment Pay Lists & Casualty Rolls 1810-1816	NSW/TAS/NI
Colonial Secretary's Papers Index 1788-1825	NSW/TAS/NI
First Fleet Appendix 10 (full list of First Fleeters updated by Michael Flynn)	NSW/TAS/NI
ABGR S1 - Full text biogs + full index 1788-1841	All states
ABGR S2 - Full text biogs + full index 1842-1899	All states
ABGR - BDFs Index - 1788-1930s	All states
Australian Dictionary of Dates 1542-1879 (Heaton)	All states
Clergy List 1878 (Heaton)	All states + NZ, all religions
Cyclopedia of Victoria 1903	Vic
Cyclopedia of Tasmania 1900	Tas
Dictionary of Australasian Biography 1892 (Mennell)	All states
Victoria and its Metropolis pub. 1888	Vic
Coroners Inquests NSW 1796-1824	NSW
Convicts' wives applying to join husbands 1822	NSW
Windsor NSW Ration Book 1812-1818	Hawkesbury District NSW
Convict Pardons 1810-1819	NSW
Convict Indents 1831 & 1833 (1829, 1832 coming soon)	NSW
Passengers Arriving & Departing Sydney 1788-1826	NSW
Sydney Burial Ground 1819-1901 (Elizabeth & Devonshire Streets) - Monumental Inscriptions transcribed at Bunnerong in 1969 - Licences to Bury issued 1866-1888 - Re-interment Register compiled in 1901	



This February we're bringing you new records, including:

- [British Merchant Navy, First World War Medal Cards, 1914-1925](#)
- [Baptism indexes from Dorset, England, 1538-1912](#)
- [Marriage indexes from Dorset, England, 1541-1937](#)
- [Burial indexes from Dorset, England, 1538-1986](#)

Source: Find My Past Friday update 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015

- [New South Wales Will Books, 1800-1952 - only available on Findmypast](#)
- [Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from Bristol, England, 1644-1939](#)
- [Over 75 million US Travel and Immigration Records](#)
- [Over 11 million US Census and Substitute Records](#)

Source: Find My Past Friday update 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

- [25 new British Newspaper Titles](#)
- [Over 90,000 additions to Wiltshire Baptisms, 1530-1886](#)
- [Over 9,000 additional Royal Artillery Honours & Awards](#)
- [Additional Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from North West Kent](#)

Source: Find My Past Friday update 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015

- [Cemetery Transcriptions from Macquarie Park, New South Wales](#)
- [Over 29,000 Queensland Land Orders, 1861-1874](#)
- [Over 3,000 Queensland Travel & Migration Records](#)
- [1.6 million new Irish Newspaper Articles](#)

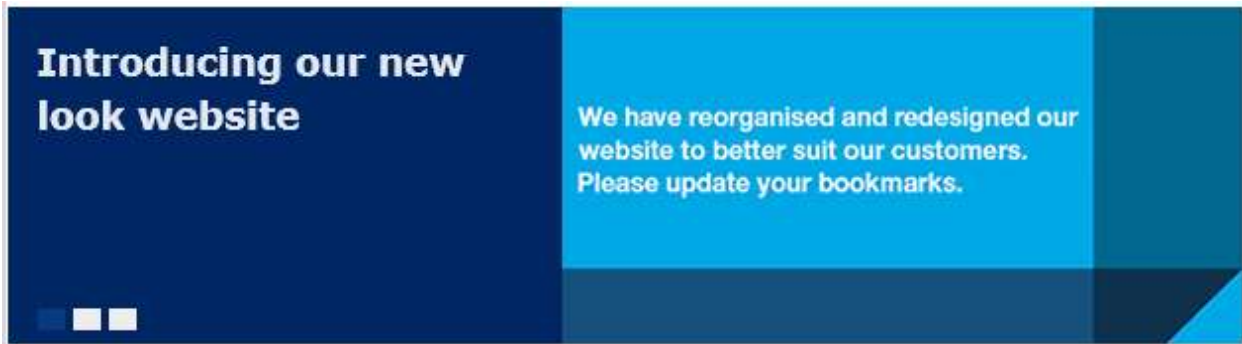
Source: Find My Past update 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015



The Registry website is migrating to a new system effective from today **Wednesday 3pm to 5pm**. The impacts to Family Historians will be minimal; an outline is provided below for your information.

The website has streamlined navigation and content has been reorganised to provide users with improved access and online service. The new site is mobile device friendly. People who use assistive technologies will also find it easier to access our online information.

A news item will highlight that that changes have been made. If you click on this link you will be provided with a site navigation overview.



### What is not changing?

- The website address is the same [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au)
- The search page from which changes are executed is the same (bookmarks should still work)



- There are no changes to the search tool itself
- Content on the search landing page is the same (note the link will change)



### What is changing?

- The look and feel of the website will change.
- All page links and links to application forms will be different.

Example:

"Family History" will now be: [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history/family-history.aspx](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history/family-history.aspx)

The old link [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm\\_fh.html](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm_fh.html) will redirect to [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au)

### Further updates from the Registry

To provide additional support to our customers we are currently reviewing all frequently asked questions and will update our Family History landing page shortly.

If you have any queries, please contact us on [eregistry\\_support@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:eregistry_support@agd.nsw.gov.au)