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# WFHG e-Branch



## From the President

Hi Members

As we head into winter it's a good time to get out the family history and see where you are up to. We have another schedule of training sessions planned for your information and to help you further your research. Our beginners course is into its second week and a wonderful group of people are attending and learning the fundamentals of starting their tree. I wish them every success for their journey in finding their ancestors.

I take this opportunity to wish any members who are ill, a speedy recovery and I thank our many volunteers for their commitment to keeping the group proactive.

Kerrie Metcalfe  
President WFHG

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# Notices

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Dear Members,

National Volunteer Week is coming up between 11th and 17th May.

I will be away on holidays during that time so take this opportunity to thank all of you who volunteer in any way for our group. There are many of you and we are very thankful for that fact as it takes a lot of people to run our organisation successfully.

We have decided to have a Volunteer Morning Tea at 10.30am on Saturday 23rd May and hope that many of you can attend.

It will be a very casual affair to get together and chat about family history in general. If you have any questions or ideas please bring them along and we'll see what we can do to address them.

You will need to book in at The Cottage personally or by ringing one of the Coordinators by Thursday 14th May for catering purposes.

I'll be back from holidays by then and will look forward to seeing you there.

Helen Burkett  
Volunteer Representative

### 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**



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2015

April 12-18, 2015

Volunteers: Passion. Action. Impact.

Community announcement: Family reunion - Would it be possible for you to place the attached flyer re: our next family reunion onto your noticeboard please. There were quite a few of our family who moved to the Gosford, Wyong and Mangrove areas in early times. With many thanks,  
Lois Newman

## Cross Flood Family Group

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE  
9<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY REUNION OF  
THE FAMILY OF  
CHARLES & ROSE (nee FLOOD) CROSS  
TO BE HELD IN THE GROUNDS OF  
EBENEZER UNITING CHURCH  
COROMANDEL ROAD, EBENEZER  
ON  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
10am onwards

TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS will be available but  
YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A PICNIC LUNCH, CHAIRS ETC.  
(Devonshire teas available at the church shop)

We will be having a special display in the hall of World War 1 Cross descendants.  
Any PHOTOS, ARTICLES Etc. For this would be most welcome.

Entry is \$3 per person, 50c per child, \$7 per immediate  
Family group to cover expenses etc.  
Inquiries Lois at [mrnewman.42@bigpond.com](mailto:mrnewman.42@bigpond.com)

Some connected families are Hayes, Baker, Ford, Douglass, Sanday, Greentree, Hobbs, Andrews, Cooke, Edwards, Fotheringham, Grono, Green, Herps, Johnston, Kelly, Leaman, Mitchell, McDonald, Neich, Onions, Pye, Quinton, Roberts, Ramm, Salmon, Shepherd, Turnbull, Usher, Vaughan, Wardrobe, Xavier, Yates and Zoer.



We would also like to advise you all that Wyong Shire Council has come to our assistance yet again.

We have been successful in our application for assistance through the *Community Subsidy programme for Venue Hire* for The Cottage for 2015 to the amount of \$2,000.00.

As you all know, raising enough money each year to pay our expenses is getting harder each year, and this will be a tremendous assistance for us.

Thanks to all those involved.



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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

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

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

Welcome to our newest members:

- #736 Ms Cheryl WHAMOND
- #737 Mrs Roberta TRENOWETH
- #738 Mrs Lynette SAYERS
- #739 Ms Josephine HIGGINS
- #740 Mrs Dianne SINCLAIR
- #741 Mr Kevin RICHARDS

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# LIBRARY UPDATES

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## A Message from the Librarian

I would like to advise of 2 changes to the Library Catalogue which I hope will make it easier for all members to find various resources they are looking for.

Firstly, if you look at the front page of the book section of the Library Catalogue either online or on the laptop in the Library, you will notice that I have placed a “Section Number” beside each of the book categories. By using the “control+F” or “find” function and typing in for example, Section 31, you will be taken to the beginning of the Registers (Pioneer etc.) section. This will enable those willing to browse various sections for books that may assist with their research.

Secondly, when you open the CD Collection tab on the catalogue, you will notice that computer numbers have been added to the listing of most CDs. The presence of numbers against any CD indicates that it has been recently checked and is working where indicated. Please note that not all CDs are loaded to all computers.

While the job of checking the CDs is still a work in progress, it is hoped that this will be finished soon.

I look forward to catching up with you in the Library,

Glenise Clery #284 Volunteer Librarian

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

FROM THE LIBRARY

*Did you know.....that by sitting at any one of our computers and simply clicking on 'CD collection' (recently changed from 'Shortcuts') on the desktop, you will find a list of all the CDs that can be accessed from that computer. Do this next time you are thinking what lead can I follow up next, and as promised last month you will find some interesting and obscure information.*

*As I am writing this on Anzac Day I will recommend the following:*

*"Australia's Fighting Sons of the Empire" CD333. This has a list of the principal events from 28/6/1914 being the murder of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, mentions 9/1/16 which was the final evacuation of Gallipoli, and then to the end of the Great War. It has photos and short biographies of all of our soldiers in the order of the town from which they enlisted. So I found my Uncle Keith enlisting in Maclean and then under Small. The biography was accurate although it did tell me that he went through the battle of Bullecourt, a fact of which I was unaware, before he went on to Polygon Wood where he was killed on 26 September 1917.*

*My next recommendation if you have a bit of time to spare is EB007 which proves to be a magazine called "Aussie - The Australian Soldiers Magazine". This is a highly entertaining magazine written and printed in the field. The fighting men provide short stories, paragraphs of jokes, humorous verses, serious verses and humorous drawings. That men in that terrible field of combat could maintain their lively sense of humour is amazing. Do spare them a bit of your time.*

*Thirdly, have a look at CD497 "The Spirits of Gallipoli" by Kim Phillips. This carefully researched book lists all of the men who served in this field. Further, if you click on 'chronology' you will find the names of those men who died listed in date order. In fact, anything you want to know about Gallipoli is on this disk. Just click on the headings on the left of the screen to access the various categories of information. The 3 CDs noted above are to be found in the Military folder on computers 1 and 5.*

*Finally, do not fail to browse "Railways and Tramways Roll of Ambulance Corp Members 1886 to 1923 CD369. This shows the names in alphabetical order, their position in the Railways/Tramways and the place of their examination. I found my Uncle Bert (Herbert D Cross) who I did know was a tram then bus driver. This CD can be found in the NSW folder on computers 1, 2, 4 and 5.*

*Jean Macleay #359*

From the Library  
New Acquisitions for April

Books

LHS371	<p><i>Valley of the Years - Volume 1</i> These 10 volumes were compiled in the 1980s from the memories and stories of the senior citizens of Merton Court, the retirement centre in Denman. "Merton" was the name given by William Ogilvie to his original grant of 2,000 acres of land in the Upper Hunter River in 1825. By 1861 most settlers had moved from the private village of Merton, to Denman, the village reserve on the opposite side of the river. The stories are rich in Family, as well as Local History, and give an interesting snapshot of life in this early large centre in the Upper Hunter.</p>
LHS372	<i>I Remember When - Valley of the Years Volume 2</i>
LHS373	<i>Memories of Another Day - Valley of the Years Volume 3</i>
LHS374	<i>In The Good Old Days - Valley of the Years Volume 4</i>
LHS375	<i>The Way We Were - Valley of the Years Volume 5</i>
LHS376	<i>When We Were Young - Valley of the Years Volume 6</i>
LHS377	<i>Till We Meet Again - Valley of the Years Volume 7</i>
LHS378	<i>Memories, Memories - Valley of the Years Volume 8</i>
LHS379	<i>On The Street Where You Live - Valley of the Years Volume 9</i>
LHS380	<i>Golden Rule Days - Valley of the Years Volume 10</i>
MIL094	<p><i>Gallipoli</i> by Les Carlyon A deeply felt, passionate work which was acclaimed as the definitive history of this campaign. Indexed</p>
MIL095	<p><i>Sandakan - The Last March</i> This is an accurate record and account of the Australian and British prisoners of war who were sent to Borneo in 1942. It tells the story of some thousands of Australian soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> A.I.F. who were involved in the building of the Burma-Siam railway. The book is indexed and also contains a list of names of those on the memorial erected on the original POW site in 1986.</p>

## FICHE

	<p><i>Lancashire Strays</i> Surnames are listed in alpha order. "Strays" list details of events recorded in a place other than which the ancestor lived or was born in, or which the researcher would, in the normal course, expect to find it. Top Microfiche drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire Victims of Pit Accidents</i> Gives Surname, Age, Pit and Date of Accident Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Birch Baptisms - St Mary 1895 - 1988</i> 1010 records provide date of birth, baptismal date, name of child, parents names, place of abode and occupation of father or named person. Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bolton-By-Bowland Marriage Index 1813 - 1837</i> Gives names of both parties and year of event. Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bolton-Le-Moors Marriages - St Peters Parish Church 1813 - 1837</i> Gives names of both parties and year of event Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Marriage Index - St Mary Vol. 1 1800 - 1809</i> Full names of both parties plus marriage date Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Marriages - St Mary Vol. 2 1810 - 1819</i> Full names of both parties plus marriage date Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Marriages - St Mary Vol. 3 1820 - 1829</i> Full names of both parties plus marriage date Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Marriages - St Mary Vol. 4 1830 - 1837 (end)</i> Full names of both parties, marriage date and occupation. Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Burial Registers - St Mary 1800 - 1837</i> Alpha indexed transcript of burial registers 1/1/1800 to 24/12/1837. Lists forename, surname, relationship, abode, died, buried and year. Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
	<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Burial Registers - St Mary 1837 - 1855</i> Gives registration number, forename, surname, relationship, abode, date, year and age. Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>



<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Burials - St Paul 1841 - 1976</i>  Gives burial number, grave number, forename(s), surname, abode, age, burial and date.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Elton Bury Burials - All Saints 1843 - 1886</i>  Gives burial number, grave number, monumental inscription reference, forename, surname, abode, age and date of death.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Elton Bury Burials - All Saints 1886 - 1940</i>  Gives burial number, grave number, monumental inscription reference, forename, surname, abode, age, date and year.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Birtle Bury Monumental Inscriptions - St John The Baptist</i>  Details of surviving monuments as of 1981. Churchyard opened in 1846.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Bolton By Bowland Monumental Inscriptions - Holden Chapel (Congregational)</i>  Gives details on surviving headstones as of 1989.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Bolton-Le-Sands Monumental Inscriptions - The Church of the Holy Trinity</i>  This church was originally dedicated to St Michael. Includes a map indicating grave numbers and transcriptions of all headstones.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Monumental Inscriptions - St John-The Rock</i>  Gives christian and surname on gravestones with grave number, year of death and age where known.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Bury Monumental Inscriptions - St Mary The Virgin</i>  Gives grave number and inscription details of surviving headstones in 1992  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Unsworth Monumental Inscriptions - St George's</i>  This graveyard was used between 1784 and 1975. Gives grave number, surname, christian name and full transcription of surviving headstones.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Miscellaneous</p>
<p><i>Lancashire - Unsworth Parish Registers - St George's 1730 - 1796</i>  Includes Baptisms 1730 - 1796, Marriages 1730 - 1736 &amp; 1753 only and burials 1732 - 1796.  Top Microfiche Drawer&gt; United Kingdom&gt; Registers</p>

Glenise Clery. #284

## SNIPPETS: Extracts from family history magazines and journals

### SNIPPETS FOR MAY 2015 E-BRANCH

#### CAMPBELLTOWN MARCH 2015, LITHGOW FEBRUARY 2015

Local content.

#### ARMIDALE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. FEBRUARY 2015

Pgs 12/13 Dr. John Boucher West's patients for the period 1854 – 1859.

Pgs 13/14 Names from the Employees Ledger for the 'Gostwyck' Run for the year 1863.

#### AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS APRIL 2015

Pgs 22/23 Can You Help? Childers Gallipoli soldiers. A book is being written about soldiers from Childers, Qld. who served in World War 1 and information is requested about them. Please contact Mrs.S. Oakman at oakmans@yahoo.com.au.

Pgs 43-45 New on the Net. A number of new records on Family Search, Ancestry, findmypast, fibis and Early Irish Birth Index on [www.irishancestors.ie](http://www.irishancestors.ie).

Pgs 46/47 Top Websites.

#### BLUE MOUNTAINS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. MARCH 2015

Pgs 10/11 Our First Fleet Connection. Private with the Royal Marines, Isaac Tarr, and Seaman Owen Cavanagh.

#### BOTANY BAY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. MARCH 2015

Pg 21 Searching for records in South Africa.

Pgs 37-39 T is for Tithes.

#### BURWOOD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MARCH 2015

Pgs 5-24 Update on the *Wilhelm Kirchner 1858*, one of the 'ships with no ships lists'.

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

Pg 8 64,000 Royal Marine Life Stories have been added to the site [www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org](http://www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org). Information about UK war memorials can be found at new website [ukwarmemorials.org](http://ukwarmemorials.org).

Pgs 14-20 The parish chest: a review of its contents.

Pgs 58-61 The joy of index. Genealogical indexes can provide new research leads. Number of websites.

Pgs 64-67 Navy service records. First World War records for sailors, known as ratings, can be found at The National Archives (TNA) website [goo.gl/tzJ5cv](http://goo.gl/tzJ5cv) and for commissioned officers at [goo.gl/ONj2vm](http://goo.gl/ONj2vm). (If there are problems with the websites mentioned please try The National Archives U.K. Website.)

Pgs 73-76 Emigrants & Immigrants. Arriving on and leaving British shores.

Pgs 84/85 The dead of Dundee. Tombs of Dundee Howff website can be found at [www.dundee-howff.info](http://www.dundee-howff.info).

**FAMILY TREE (U.K.) APRIL 2015**

Pg 7 Trace your Jersey heritage online. Registration cards from the occupation of Jersey during World War 2 can be found at [jerseyheritage.org/aco](http://jerseyheritage.org/aco).

Pg 8 100,000 records from the Military Hospitals Admissions and Discharge Registers World War 1 collection can be found at [www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk).

Pgs 58-61 Get me to the church on time! Focuses on Anglican marriage records between 1754 and 1837.

Pgs 82/83 Forging Australian character. More than 24,000 convict women were transported to Australia between 1804 and 1856 and 9,000 of them ended up in female factories. This article is in relation to the attempt to preserve the Parramatta Female Factory.

**THE HERALDRY & GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF CANBERRA INC. MARCH 2015**

Pgs 38-40 Hot Sites. World War 1 and Anzac sites.

Pgs 42/43 Hot Sources. Australian books about the First World War.

**HURSTVILLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. APRIL/MAY 2015**

Pgs 4-6 Petersham Cemetery. Details of where records can be found for this now closed Roman Catholic Cemetery.

**INSIDE HISTORY MARCH – APRIL 2015**

Pg 14 Danish genealogy records digitised. [myheritage.com](http://myheritage.com).

Pg 15 Treasure trove of Chinese papers can be found at [trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au).

Pgs 28-31 What's new online? More family history records added to paid and free online sites.

Pgs 48-53 Call the Valet. How to decode photographs from the mid-1800s to the 1940s in relation to men's clothing.

Pgs 54-57 Mark my words. 10 antiquated terms explained.

**IRISH ROOTS 2015 FIRST QUARTER**

Pgs 6/7 Locating Living Descendants. Part One of Three.

Pgs 8/9 Glasnevin Cemetery. Ireland's largest cemetery. Search over 1.5 million records at [glasnevintrust.ie/genealogy](http://glasnevintrust.ie/genealogy).

Pgs 10/11 Tracing Your County Kildare Ancestors.

Pgs 16/17 Surnames of the Four Provinces – Ulster.

Pgs 24/25 Huguenots in Ireland.

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH 2015**

Pgs 3-5 'Doing Their Bit'. The Red Cross on the NSW Homefront during the First World War.

**TAMWORTH AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. MARCH 2015**

Pgs 13-16 Who Was Who on the Liverpool Plains – 1841.

Run No. 142 – John Eales, Run No. 143 – John Single.

**VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. NEWS APRIL 2015**

- Pgs 4-10 FTM<sub>2014</sub> and FTM3. Opening the Doors into Family Tree Maker.  
 Pgs 11-17 Legacy Family Tree. Putting Legacy in its place. Genealogy Do-Over.  
 Pgs 18/19 Reunion - Find - Part 3.  
 Pgs 20-22 Happy Birthday Photoshop. Adobe Photoshop is 25 years old!  
 Pgs 23/24 Sneak Peek at the New Ancestry Website!  
 Pgs 24/25 Family Book Creator (a plug-in for FTM)  
 Pg 26 Free Photoshop Express App.

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOIU ARE? APRIL 2015**

- Pg 10 Amendment paves way for BMD changes. Easier access to BMD records in England and Wales has come closer following the passing of an amendment in the House of Lords.  
 Pgs 17-23 Discover your pre-1837 family. A number of useful suggestions and websites.  
 Pgs 60-64 Focus on Taxes. Lists of records and useful sources.  
 Pgs 69-71 Churchwardens' accounts.  
 Pgs 89-95 Around Britain - Dorset. Websites and resources.  
 Meg Gibson Member 43

# IRISH Research Tip of The Week

## **Expect the unexpected**

The great (frustrating) thing about genealogical research is that just when you think you've seen it all, something new crops up.

Before joining Eneclann I spent 9 months with the National Archives of Ireland correcting errors in the 1911 Census, submitted as corrections by users of the site. That's right, the correction you thought went into the abyss does (read did) actually find its way to a person for correcting.

During my time in the Archives I corrected tens of thousands of records and viewed many, many more and therefore think I may have viewed more Census returns than just about anyone in the country.

I came across many oddities in this time, everything from drawings to anti-religious diatribes, but it wasn't until last week that to my surprise I came across my first (partially) typed return (<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/reels/nai000181971/>). In reality there is perhaps nothing surprising at all when one considers that the return was for the Dublin Working Boys Home and Harding Technical School, and that there were more than a dozen clerks amongst the boys residing there. Evidently one of their number was keen to apply his talents to the Census return.

The point of this story (so far as there is one!), is that complacency is the most dangerous foe of the genealogist, be they amateur or professional. Just because you've looked for different ancestors in a record set a 100 times, doesn't mean you won't strike gold the 101<sup>st</sup> time you look. The Road Safety Authority's advertising slogan encouraging motorists to "expect the unexpected", is a caveat genealogists could also adopt as their own.

By Eneclann research expert, Stephen Pierce

Source: Eneclann Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015

## RECENT UPDATES TO SUBSCRIPTION SITES AT THE COTTAGE



### Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

date added:

**15 Apr 2015** names recorded: **150000**

Sandwell, in the heart of England's **'Black Country'**, is the 3rd most populous (309,000) district of the West Midlands, the 29th largest district in England and borders the City of Birmingham to the east and is circled on the other sides by Wolverhampton, Dudley and Walsall.

The Black Country has no clearly defined borders but Sandwell and its towns are in the heart of this famous industrial area. Partly due to large coal seams found in the region, it is considered to be associated with the very birth of the 'industrial revolution' with foundries, mills, factories and other industrial services associated with coal. A 14-mile stretch of road from Wolverhampton (immediately north-east of Sandwell), through Sandwell's towns and on to Birmingham was described as "one continuous town" as early as 1785.

Although Sandwell MBC was only created in 1974, the area has ancient roots and is named after Sandwell Benedictine Priory founded in the 12th century. Sandwell was formed from six towns: Oldbury, Rowley Regis, Smethwick, Tipton, Wednesbury and West Bromwich, many of which date back to medieval and Anglo Saxon times.

Today, with a population of 137,000, the largest of these towns is West Bromwich, first mentioned as 'Bromwic' in the Domesday Book of 1086. Although the location of both another Benedictine Priory in Medieval times and later, a coaching stop, West Bromwich is renowned as an industrial area linked with coal mining and the manufacture of nails, springs and guns. It suffered a major outbreak of cholera in the first half of the 19th century and was the target for air raids during WW2.

Sandwell MBC's cemeteries and crematoria services reflects the history of the area in that they manage 9 cemeteries and 2 crematoria across the area. The sites, in alphabetical order, are listed below with the earliest recorded burials indicated:

- Fallings Heath Cemetery (aka Wednesbury Cemetery), Wednesbury, WS10 0SX: records from 1938
- Heath Lane Cemetery, West Bromwich, B71 3HR: records from 1858
- Holly Lane, Smethwick, records from 1868
- Oldbury Cemetery, Smethwick, B66 1QT: records from 1858
- Rowley Regis Cemetery, Rowley Regis, B65 0AG: records from 1921
- Rowley Regis Crematorium, Rowley Regis, B65 0AG: records from 1962
- Sandwell Valley Crematorium, Newton Road, West Bromwich, B71 3SX: records from 1962
- Tipton Cemetery, Tipton, DY4 7NP: records from 1873  
(note: some records were lost during the war. If your relations were buried between April 18th 1899 and July 18th 1908 or August 24th 1911 and August 20th 1915 there is an index record that they were buried in Tipton Cemetery but it is not possible to establish their address, date of death, age or the grave were they were actually buried or who they were buried with).
- Thimblemill Cemetery, Smethwick, B67 6LS: records from 2008
- Uplands Cemetery, Smethwick, B67 6EF: records from 1890
- Wednesbury Cemetery (aka Wood Green Cemetery), Wednesbury, WS10 9QS: records from 1888
- Wood Green Cemetery, Wednesbury, WS10 9QS: records from 1868.
- The records that are currently on Deceased Online are for Heath Lane Cemetery, Oldbury Cemetery and Tipton Cemetery. The rest will be available soon.



- [New South Wales, Dubbo, Old Cemetery Headstone Index, 1863-1994](#)
- [New South Wales, Newcastle, Lost Cemeteries, 1842-1902](#)
- [Over 1.9 million additional UK National School Admission Registers & Log-Books, 1870-1914](#)
- [South Africa Roll of Honour, 1914-1918](#)

Source: Findmypast Friday Update 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

- [New South Wales Government Gazette Indexes, 1832-1863](#)
- [New South Wales Gaol Photographic Description Books - see your ancestor's mugshot!](#)
- [Over 5.3 million new British newspaper articles](#)
- [Wills Beneficiaries Index from Essex, England, 1505-1916](#)

Source: Findmypast Friday Update 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

This [Findmypast Friday](#) marks the release of baptism, marriage and burial index records from the English county of Derbyshire.

#### **Derbyshire Baptism Index 1538-1910**

[Derbyshire Baptism Index 1538-1910](#) contains over 692,000 records taken from Church of England Parish registers. Derbyshire is in the East Midlands of England. The southern extremity of the Pennine range of hills stretches into the north of the county. The county also contains part of the National Forest with Greater Manchester to the northwest, West Yorkshire to the north, South Yorkshire to the northeast, Nottinghamshire to the east and Leicestershire to the southeast. Staffordshire is to the west and southwest and Cheshire is also to the west. Each record contains a transcript of original materials. The amount of information can vary but most records will list the individual's name, date of baptism, parish and the names of their parents.

[Derbyshire Marriage Index 1538-1910](#) contains over 775,000 records taken from Church of England Parish registers. Before Civil Registration began in 1837 key events in a person's life were typically records by the Church rather than the State. Starting in the sixteenth century, parish records are some of the longest running records available. Among the records is the marriage of Erasmus Darwin to Elizabeth Pole in the parish of Radbourne on 6 March 1781. Both bride and groom are listed as widowed. Erasmus Darwin was the grandfather of Charles Darwin. Each record contains a transcript of original records. The amount of information can vary but records will usually list the couple's names, the date of their wedding and the parish in which they were married.

The [Derbyshire Burials Index 1538-1910](#) 1910 contains over 519,000 records. Derbyshire has been a site of human habitation since the Stone Age. During the Industrial Revolution, water mills made use of the fast flowing rivers and brought workers flooding to the county town of Derby. Derbyshire has been said to be the home of the Industrial Revolution and part of the Derwent Valley has been given World Heritage status in acknowledgement of this historic importance. Each record contains a transcript of original records. The amount of information may vary but records will usually list the deceased's name, birth year, burial year and burial place.

Source: Find My Past Friday update 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015

- [Prisoners Of War, 1914-1920](#)
- [Australian Imperial Force, Nominal Roll Of The First Railway Section, 1917-1920](#)
- [New South Wales, Returned Soldier Settlement Miscellaneous Files, 1916-1939](#)
- [Australian Military Forces WW2 Missing and Prisoners Of War](#)

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We are keen to ensure that users are getting the most out **ScotlandsPeople**. Over the coming months, we'll be running a series of tips and tricks for using the website, getting the most out of searching, and hints to help with overcoming those brick walls. First up is "Next Page". We often receive emails from customers who have inadvertently used the "View Page Before" and "View Page After" buttons. Our guide explains why they are there, how they are useful, and when not to use them.

[Read our "Next Page" guide](#)

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<b>NEW</b> Oklahoma, Creek Equalization Records, 1912-1921	363 4
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<b>UPDATED</b> Pennsylvania, Church Records - Adams, Berks, and Lancaster Counties, 1729-1881 ...	1797 73
<b>NEW</b> Minnesota, Indian Allotment Records, 1888-1919	6124
<b>UPDATED</b> 1891 Census of Canada	4790 154
<b>UPDATED</b> UK, Select Cemetery Registers, 1873-2014	5259 6
<b>UPDATED</b> Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012	172 756 3
<b>NEW</b> New Zealand, Teacher and Civil Service Examinations and Licenses, 1880-1920 ...	205 044
<b>NEW</b> New Zealand, Sheep Returns, Owners and Officers, 1879-1889	303 01
<b>UPDATED</b> Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923 ...	165 696 6
<b>UPDATED</b> UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919	703 810
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<b>NEW</b> UK, WWI War Diaries (Gallipoli and Dardanelles), 1914-1916	333 50
<b>UPDATED</b> Texas, Passenger Lists, 1893-1963	102 770 8
<b>UPDATED</b> Georgia, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1904-1962	101 94
<b>NEW</b> Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Records, 1875-1940	295 887 9
<b>NEW</b> Canada, Imperial War Service Gratuities, 1919-1921	17 70 2
<b>NEW</b> Utah, Select Union Pacific Railroad Personnel Records, 1890-1965	49 84
<b>NEW</b> Web: Gloucestershire, England, Gaol Registers, 1815-1879	31 49 7
<b>NEW</b> New Mexico, World War II Records, 1941-1945	118 97 6
<b>UPDATED</b> West Yorkshire, England, Select Rate Books, Accounts and Censuses, 1705-1893 ...	42 22 95
<b>UPDATED</b> U.S., Lists of Men Ordered to Report to Local Board for Military Duty, 1917-1918 ...	61 34 80
<b>UPDATED</b> Puerto Rico, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1901-1962	126 950 5
<b>UPDATED</b> London, England, Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1659-1930 ...	703 560 9
<b>NEW</b> Sweden, Selected Indexed Death Records, 1899-1941 (in Swedish)	225 350 2
<b>UPDATED</b> U.S., Select Crew Lists and Manifests, 1890-1963	215 138 7
<b>UPDATED</b> Web: Preble County, Ohio, Marriage Index, 1808-2000	21 01 80
<b>UPDATED</b> Web: Preble County, Ohio, Death Index, 1835-2010	70 17 7

<b>NEW</b> Cluj, Romania, Kolozsvár Jewish High School Students, 1940-1944	11 44
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