

### Researching Family History Records from UK in Australia

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

### The Wyong Family History Group General Meeting

12th November

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

Our guest this month will be Peter Rea, who will talk about the history of the Hawkesbury and Hunter Regions

### Volunteer Lunch Saturday 5th Nov

A celebration of all the hard work that goes on at WFHG throughout the year. All who have volunteered at the rooms in any capacity this year welcome. Please RSVP at the cottage.

# WFHG e-Branch



## From the President

Hi All Members

The end of the year is fast approaching and our committee members are looking forward to you joining us in some of the last events of the year. Still coming up we have a seminar which will help you progress with your English research, our thank you lunch for volunteers and our Christmas Lunch in December. All details can be found on our website, in our weekly updates from our secretary Kerry Clarke and in our monthly e-Branch.

I have just arrived back from the annual State Conference and a three week break around Victoria. We were lucky to miss the bad weather but could see the aftermath of the floods. It was great visiting the little historic towns such as Rushworth, Echuca, Daylesfield, Yackandah, Beechworth and a few others. I managed to fit in visits to Geelong family history group, and a couple of historical societies - no research but some good ideas and PR came from talking to these likeminded people, and for me it was a well-deserved break from Drs., blood tests, scans and hospitals.

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

There will be more about the Conference in the *Tree of Life*. It was pleasing to see so many take the opportunity to go on the bus trip we arranged and I hope those who went enjoyed the day

See you at the Cottage

Kerrie Metcalfe LM (80)

President, Wyong Family History Group Inc.

## NOTE:

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

**NO MORE MINI-TRAININGS SESSIONS FOR 2016. WATCH THIS SPACE IN FEB 2017.**

More information available on our website [www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au](http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au)

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



## Special Interest Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Inc.

presents

“Researching Records in United Kingdom from Australia”

SEMINAR

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

Guest Speakers: Joy and Allan Murrin

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



Topics to be discussed

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

Is it the Best of Times
Consider what used to be and how technology is making it better for our

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

Researching Family History in UK from Australia
Some case studies in analysing Australian documents to research and trace ancestors in UK.

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

Free tea and coffee available all day

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# FROM THE LIBRARY

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## New Acquisitions for September 2016

### Books

#### **CEM101B** *Ronkana Cemetery Wyong NSW*

This 2016 edition of an earlier Group publication includes monumental inscriptions, photographs and unmarked graves. I have retained the earlier edition on our Library shelves as it has been found that there was some information in the earlier edition that is not included in the newer records. Please remember that it is most important when you are researching that you check all available records, particularly with cemeteries. Often the earlier records will be of more benefit as time takes its toll on the existing headstones. Indexed.

#### **CEM325** *Young Lawn Cemetery*

Published in 2016, this book, produced by the Young & District Family History Group Inc., gives details of the 2,985 interments that took place in this cemetery between 29 October 1977 and 29 February 2016. Indexed.

#### **CEM326** *St. Matthews Church of England – The Little Anglican Slab Church, The Oaks.*

Compiled by members of the Camden Area Family History Society, this book provides details of transcripts and burials in this old graveyard located on Old Oaks Road, The Oaks. The churchyard contains the graves of early settlers; among them Suzannah Mileham and Henry Kable Jr. Photographs of the headstones can be found in our CD collection in the cemetery section. Indexed.

#### **CEM327** *The Field of Mars Cemetery at Ryde NSW*

Published by Ryde District Historical Society in 2016, this book explains the origin of the name, describes the various portions of the cemetery, gives some of the known history of the early years and provides small biographies of many people interred in the various sections of this cemetery. Also included are details of re-interments from Devonshire St Cemetery in Sydney, Balmain

Cemetery in Leichardt, Gladesville Hospital Cemetery, St Ann's Churchyard and Ryde Baptist Cemetery. Indexed.

LHS402 *Timbermen of the Wollondilly 1821 – 1991.*

Researched and compiled by Colin Sproule FAIM for The Oaks Historical Society Inc., this is a record of the timber industry of the Wollondilly Shire. While some of the information contained within has come from Forestry Commission records, newspaper accounts, Library of NSW records and other historical archives, the vast majority of the information has come from oral interviews, which, although cross checked as much as possible, may be subject to scrutiny. Indexed.

**REG127B** *Prospect and Sherwood Pioneer Register Pre 1927*

Compiled by the Holroyd Family History Group, this register covers Merrylands, Guildford, Westmead, Wentworthville, Greystanes, Mays Hill, Prospect Hill, Girraween, Toongabbie, Pendle Hill and some parts of Smithfield, Granville and Yennora. It is indexed and contains a list of contributor's names and addresses.

Most of the books listed above were purchased when I attended the State Conference recently at Camden. Also purchased were a number of CDs such as *St Luke's Anglican Church, Wallsend, Baptism, Marriage & Burial Registers 1862 – 1985, Liverpool General Cemetery NSW, Transcriptions, Burial Registers and Photographs of Headstones 1892 – 2014, Rookwood Columbarium Walls & Gardens Volume 1, 1985 – 1999 and Doctors, Ratcatchers and Quarantine In-Between* (a list of those who worked for the Health department at the time of the plague in Sydney in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century). There have also been a couple of recent donations of CDs which will also be added to our CD Collection.

As Roger Lewis is currently having a well-deserved holiday, these CDs are not available on our computers at the Cottage at this time and will be listed, with a full description of their contents, in next month's edition of *the Branch*.

Glenise Clery. Librarian. LM #284.

## GEMS IN THE LIBRARY #11

After you've done years of research and spent a lot of money on certificates, what are you going to do with the end result?

My first thought was to put all this effort into a book, mostly for the family, but also for others. If you are thinking along these lines, have a look at the **Families (FAM)** Section of the Library where there is a fine selection of various styles of writing and methods of compiling the family history, Borrow a couple to get ideas.

Two very fine examples in the library are **FAM008 *Cornstalks*** by Valerie Ross (Everingham descendants) and **FAM007A** and **FAM007B *Small Family in Australia***. These two books trace families of very early days in the Colony. Have a look at **FAM086 *My Yorkshire & Lancashire Families*** by Ellane Garside, **FAM063 *Perrim, Johnson, Conlon Ancestors – Four Families*** by our late member Beryl Conlon or **FAM055 *The Bates of Sussex Street*** by Marie Heilbrunn. These three are all written in different styles.

In the **Guides (GUI)** Section there are several books which give help in writing your book. See **GUI104 *Writing Family History Made Very Easy*** by Noeline Kyle; **GUI100 *Writing Interesting Family Histories*** by Carol Baxter; **GUI010 *Writing up Your Family History*** by John Titford or **GUI075 *Writing a Family History*** by Dorn Meadley. All full of useful hints.

In our CD collection under **FAMILY TREES**, have a look at **CD368 *Australian Family Histories 5<sup>th</sup> Edition***. This is an index (surname and title) to 9093 family histories and genealogies published in and relevant to Australia. You never know, you might find someone who has already written some of your family history.

And when you've finished writing your wonderful book, don't forget to donate a copy to Wyong Family History Group.

And finally, the Society of Australian Genealogists in Sydney is asking for family history writers to please lodge a copy of their publication with them for use by future researchers.

Esther Dean  
Life Member #23

# IRISH RESEARCH TIPS SEPTEMBER 2016

## The Calendar of Ancients Records of Dublin

On the open shelves in the National Library reading room there are a set of nineteen volumes that I have often looked at, fascinated by the details, but always frustrated that there was no index. The books that I am referring to are The Calendar of Ancients Records of Dublin in the possession of the municipal corporation of that city and cover the period 1171 to 1841. It's a wonderful source for a genealogist or just someone interested in the history of our capital city. Now thanks to The Irish Family History Centre it can be easily accessed as Volumes II to XVIII, which stretch from 1558 to 1831, have been digitised and will be available in the library (Vols II to VII are already there). So we learn that in 1750:

‘Jonnet Shaw, widow of William Shaw, inspector of the city pavements, praying some consideration for services done by her said husband, ordered, that the within named Jonnet Shaw be paid by the treasurer of the city of Dublin the sum of £5, in regard to her poor distressed condition...’

There are numerous references to leases within the city - in 1809 John Hudson was ‘praying for a new lease of the house No. 39 College Green’ and the following year a Maurice Hime, music-seller, was looking for a renewal of ‘premises on the east side of Great George’s lane, whereon James Bamber formerly resided’. And who is Count D’Orsay who along with others was granted in 1831 a renewal for premises in Lazar’s Hill?



**If you would like to view some of our Calendar of Ancients Records of Dublin Volumes they are up on our library which you can view here.**

**By Helen Moss, Research Expert**

**Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, September 10, 2016**

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## IrishGenealogy.ie now offers the civil records

[IrishGenealogy.ie](http://IrishGenealogy.ie) now offers the civil records of births over 100 years ago, marriages over 75 years ago and deaths over 50 years ago of the General Register Office (GRO) to view online. This is a fantastic new resource for all family historians, negating the need for some trips to the GRO and allowing us to greatly speed up our own research. However, the site itself is not as well suited to searching large amounts of records, offering limited options to sort records, search for name variants or to search broad areas (like counties instead of registration districts). When trying to locate the birth, marriage or death record of a particular ancestor it can be a better idea to use other websites to search for a particular record or records and then to use IrishGenealogy.ie to view that specific record once identified.

By Daniel Purcell Expert Researcher

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, September 24, 2016

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member

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## Bunnings BBQ at Tuggerah Saturday 8th October.

What a great day on Saturday, although it was quite windy the rain stayed away. Thank you to our wonderful helpers who made this such a success. It is a long day, and we all go home trailing the aroma of sausages and onions.

Michele did a quick count at the end of the day and we have made a profit of approximately \$1,350.00. A special thanks to Roger for the shopping beforehand, and although we had some sausages and onions left (which can be frozen for our next BBQ at the Cottage), we only had half a loaf of bread left.

Its a tiring day but worth it in the end.

Esther Dean – Fundraising Officer.

## BOOK STALL BARGAIN BIN

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No	Title	ISBN No.	Author	Date
1	<b>The London 1861 Census</b> - This is a box set of 20 CDs of PDF files containing fiche images with street and area indexes. <b>\$10</b>	1 86150 364 4	S&N British Data Archive Ltd	
2	<b>Derbyshire 1851 Census</b> - This is a 9 CD pack which covers the whole of Derbyshire area. Indexed by area and indexed by street for areas of high population. These CDs allow you to view the original page. <b>\$5</b>		S&N British Data Archive Ltd	2006
3	<b>The Road from Coorain</b> - An Australian Memoir. This depicts the story of Jill Ker Conway living an isolated life on 30,000 acres on drought haunted plains with her parents. An interesting read describing the Australian landscape on the Western Plains. Paperback - Used <b>\$3</b>	0 7493 0360 3	Jill Ker Conway	1989
4	<b>Shadow over Tasmania</b> - The whole story of the convicts. This book was the state's best seller when published in 1941. The first purely factual account of Tasmania's convict period and also the first to break away from the horror story tradition and present a balanced, dispassionate, but high readable survey. Original pictures. Paperback - Used <b>\$2</b>	0 9500933 3 5	Coultman Smith	1941
5	<b>My Story - The Rum Rebellion</b> - The Dairy of David Bellamy Sydney Town 1807 - 1809. David is afraid. On Anniversary Day 26 January 1808 the military march on Government House. An interesting read telling the story of David Bellamy living in a new land and about the Governor himself, the swearing, cursing Governor Bligh- Paperback - Used <b>\$2</b>	186504362 1	Libby Gleeson	2001
6	<b>Catherine Cookson Country</b> - Her Pictorial Memoir. Depicting the life of Catherine Cookson in her own words on returning to her homeland. Photos - Paperback - Used <b>\$4</b>	0 552 13126 1	Catherine Cookson	1987
7	<b>Family and Estate Records in the Leicestershire Record Office.</b> This is the second edition and provides an accurate guide to collections as at November 1987, and indicates encouraging progress in the collection, preservation and cataloguing of material since the first editions was published in 1984. Paperback - Used <b>\$2</b>	0 85022 265 6	Heather E Broughton	1991
8	<b>The Dunsdon Family</b> - an incomplete history Part 1 Origins and Dispersion. By 1880 there were no Dunsdons of the male line in Steeple Ashton. Today (1997) there are estimated 964 people with the Dunsdon surname in the world. Family tree, illustrations, Paperback - Used <b>\$2</b>		Julie Goddard	1996
	<b>Dellas Johnston #332</b>			

E newsletter snippets for Sept. 2016

Local content: Caloundra FHG Sept. 2016; Coffs Harbour FHS Sept. 2016 , Ku-Ring-Gai HS Sept. 2016;

**Adelaide & Northern Districts FHG Sept. 2016:** Pgs 2-3 The Rajah quilt.

**Casino & district FHG Aug. 2016: Pgs 5-6 Aboriginal research, Pgs 7- 9 Development of Casino**

**Manning Wallamba FHS Aug. 2016:** Pg.12 St Matthews Windsor Bicentennial Oct 2017- list of First Fleeters buried there.

**Mornington FHS Aug. 2016:** Pg. 15 5 mistakes to avoid, Pgs 16-17 Migrant settlement act 1922 list of land given – Surnames Bir-Bre – to be continued.

**Newcastle FHS Sept. 2016:** lots of immigration stories, Pg. 11- Unrecovered War Casualties, Pg. 12 The WW1 bronze memorial plaque [Dead Man's penny] explained, Pgs 16- 17 AA Co activities, Pg. 17 National Archives online indexes for Immigration, and NA of England, Pg.19 UK Crew list Index project [CLIP], Pg.24 Peninsular Steam navigation Company [P&O] history websites.

**Richmond Tweed FHS Sept. 2016:** Pg. 13 Woolmer's Estate Tasmania celebrates 200 years in 2017. A program of events is planned. Further information is available on their website [www.woolmers.com.au](http://www.woolmers.com.au) , Pgs 22-24 Irish Famine girls sent to Australia to become convict brides.

**Sale & District FHG Aug. 2016:** Pgs 1-4 The Best Family of Tasmania and Victoria, Pg.5 Jorgen Jorgenson, notorious Tasmanian convict.

**Toowoomba July 2016:** Pgs1-2 History of Government action on insolvency and bankruptcy, Pgs 8- 13 Farming around Toowoomba, Pgs 13- 14 Meringandan's early history, Pgs 6, 7 and 20-22 Gran's Diary- a trip from Melbourne to Colombo 1905, via ship 'India'

## SNIPPETS FOR OCTOBER 2016 E-BRANCH CAMDEN JULY 2016

Local content.

### AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS AUGUST 2016

Pgs 34/35 Richard St. Hill of Devon 1470-1540, a mysterious family tree.

### FAMILY TREE (U.K.) SEPTEMBER 2016

Pg 8 Long-lost MIs (memorial inscriptions) yield family history clues online.  
[www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/19/000.htm](http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/19/000.htm).

Pgs 10-15 10 records to take your research further. Pay per view and free records. Good number of websites.

Pgs 26-29 Every picture tells a story. Barnardo's is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Gives details on how to trace a former Barnardo's child.

Pgs 42-47 Your ancestors' homes in Victorian times. How to learn about their houses and the way they lived.

Pgs 72-76 How to date your family photos.

### WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? SUMMER 2016

Pgs 21-25 15 things you didn't know about FamilySearch.

Pgs 49-51 Forgotten taxation. Number of good websites.

Pgs 52-56 Focus On WW1 naval records.

Pgs 60-62 Focus On Inquest records.

Pgs 71-73 My ancestor was an...Engineer.

Pgs 81-86 Around Britain – Shropshire. Websites and other resources to help you with your search.

Pg 94 30-minute genealogist. Cornwall OPC. [www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database](http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database).

Meg Gibson Member 43