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Merry Christmas

The Wyong Family History Group Committee would like to wish all our members & readers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2010 knocking down brick walls, adding branches to your tree, this can be achieved by visiting our rooms and using the resources we provide for you the members. Our rooms will close on Thursday 17th December 2009 and reopen on Tuesday 19th January 2010.



We are running our usual Christmas hamper raffle once again this year, and would accept and appreciate any donations dropped into the Cottage Tuesday to Thursday between 10am & 3pm before the 4th December 09. The prizes will be drawn at our Christmas party.

WFHG Program - 12th November 09

Jumping Convict Hurdles

My thanks for your trust in electing me to the committee, I don't have the depth of experience and local knowledge, that Marilyn could draw on, so will need your suggestions and offers to help me continue to make our General Meetings interesting and enjoyable.

I have suggested a practical night, on a particular subject, aimed at helping jump the hurdles we all find in our research. While being a "Guest Speaker" is daunting to most, I'm sure a lot of you could chat about your research, or even just provide a hurdle which could be the catalyst for some interesting discussion, involving more members, without becoming a full blown workshop. Let's see how it goes.

June Johnston's Convict Trail Group, including Trish, Frank and Bellas, will chat about the Convict Trail Project they completed recently and some of the hurdles they managed to jump. If you would like to send me details of your convict hurdle (by 5/11 please). We'll see, if they can help there too.

We have our Christmas Party in December and a break in January. I am working to get a program together for next year, so let me have your suggestions and offers, please, by the November meeting. Doug Thomas

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You are invited to join the
Wyong Family History Group Inc.
Christmas Party
Thursday the 10th December 2009
At
Wyong R S L (upstairs)
Corner Anzac & Margaret Street
Wyong



6pm start
\$25.00 per. Head



Menu.
 Roast Pork or Roast Beef
 Roast Vegetables
 Bread Roll
 Dessert
 Tea / Coffee

Please RSVP either to Colleen Wood woodhaven@aapt.net.au and drop your payment into the cottage or by mail to PO Box 247 WYONG 2259 with your payment by the 2nd December 2009.

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DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY

November 2009

Sunday	8	Social BBQ - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage'
Wednesday	11	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' 10am.
Thursday	12	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Saturday	21	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	28	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.

December 2009

Wednesday	9	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' 10am.
Thursday	10	Christmas Party - Wyong RSL - 7.00pm.
Thursday	17	Closed for Christmas Break
Saturday	19	Tuggerah Library.

January 2010

Tuesday	19	Reopen after Christmas Break.
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## FROM GRANDMA'S BOOK

Many of us are grandmas so it's a bit late for us but maybe be can hand this down to our grandchildren, as my grandma did to me.....but then when did you last darn a stocking!

What to teach our daughters.

*Teach them self-reliance,*

*To make bread,*

*To make shirts,*

*To wear thick warm shoes,*

*To wash and iron clothes,*

*To make their own dresses,*

*That a pound is only 20 shillings,*

*To darn stockings and sew on buttons,*

*To say no and mean it, or yes and stick to it.*

*Give them a good substantial, common school education.*

*Teach them that a good, rosy romp is worth fifty consumptives,*

*Teach them that God made them in his own image and no amount of tight lacing will improve the model.*

from Jean Macleay 359

## ~~~~~ Called to a Higher Service

Members please remember the following People who have recently passed away:-

Vicki & Michael O'Haire - Vicki's Mother.

Roger Lewis & Kerri Metcalfe - Roger's Mother.

Anne & Gary Lee - Anne's Father.

Frank & Ruth Gero - Ruth's Father.

Dennis & Mary Javes - Son.

The Wife of our Foundation Member the late Keith Shakespeare - Jean.

## THE REEDS WHO BECAME RILEYS

Patrick Reed, the son of James Reed and his wife Ann nee Riley, of County Meath in Ireland was born c 1790. He was convicted of house robbery at Meath and was transported to NSW on the ship "Guildford 3" arriving at Port Jackson on 1 April 1818.

He was sent to Port Macquarie, and later assigned to the Pendergast family, probably James, at Half Moon Farm on a bend of the Hawkesbury River. Here he met Bridget Pendergast, James's sister, she had three children with Patrick, but was unable to marry him until she turned 21. Her father, John Pendergast, himself a former political prisoner, from Dublin had arrived on the "Minerva" in 1800. John objected to a marriage with Patrick, "a former house robber", and probably never changed his mind about the marriage. They married on 31 October 1831 at C/E Chapel, Lower Portland Head..

The marriage finally took place according to the rights of the Church of England, because the Catholic Church at that time had no rights in the colony. Patrick eventually was able to save some money, and purchased land at Cornelia, an area near Lower Portland Head. Here he built a log cabin house and farmed for 13 years when he was advised that he was not the legal owner of it.

John McCann was a real con man, he had sold Government land to Patrick, and it finally came up for sale and was bought by Bridget's brother James. The family remained on it until Patrick's death in 1873, whilst visiting his son Patrick John at Cockfighters Creek, near Wollombi. This is why he is buried at Wollombi with his daughter, Louisa Carroll. The land at Cornelia, Lower Portland Head, was passed on to Bridget and one of their daughters, by James Pendergast. For some time after Patrick died, Bridget is recorded as a farmer at Cockfighters Creek, which indicates that she lived with son Patrick John, before moving to Inverell, to live with daughter Sarah Smith. She is buried near Sarah at Inverell.

Patrick and Bridget had a further 12 children, whilst living at Cornelia, their eldest daughter Ann died aged 20 and was buried on Half Moon Farm. She evidently remained there with James and his family, when Patrick and Bridget went to Cornelia, a later child was named Ann.

Their sons Bernard and William and daughter Margaret took the surname of their grandmother Ann Riley, either when they were grown or at their marriages.

Bernard was known as John Riley when he married Mary Ann Cann at Wingham in 1853. Margaret married George Riley, whose name had been Hewitson and William, married Matilda Searle a half sister of Mary Ann Cann.

William had a problem with the surname when his children were born, some were registered as Riley and some as Reed!

It is from Bernard/John and Mary Ann that my husband is descended.

Submitted by Beryl Whatson member no. 46 Wyong F.H.G.



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**Victorian G.U.M** Sept. 09: Pgs 3-20 Article on Family Tree Maker 2010.

**Orange Aug. 09:** group has a Pioneer Register CD for sale for \$20 [incl P&P]

**Descendants of Convicts** Sept.-Oct. 09: Pgs 17-21 Isaac Nichols, Australia's First Postmaster, Pgs 24-25 HMAS Sheean.

**Singleton Aug. 09:** Pgs 11-13 History of Singleton as written by the Council on their website.

**Forbes Winter 09:** Pgs 1-4 Pubs in Eugowra, Pgs 6-7, 11 petition for municipality status, 1869, Pgs 8-9 Researching your family in Italy, plus map, Pg 10 Australian Probate and Wills on the Internet.

**Casino Sept. 09:** Pg. 3 Dr Tanya Evans wants to hear about the lives of pioneer mothers, especially mothers who became convicts, date range 1750-1850. Contact her at the Dept. of Modern History, Macquarie University, NSW. 2109, Pg. 6 useful website on Griffith's Valuations at [http://griffiths.askaboutireland.ie/gv4/gv\\_family\\_search\\_form.php](http://griffiths.askaboutireland.ie/gv4/gv_family_search_form.php), Pg.7 Useful websites, Pgs 12-13 website addresses for England's County Record offices and Major Repositories., Pg. 14 UK Census maps from 1871 now available online at <http://cassinimaps.co.uk> at a price.

**Fellowship of First Fleeters Sept./Oct. 09:** Pg. 1 William Cowper's Bicentenary, Pgs 4-5 Pt 4 of 5 of the William Parish and Phebe Norton story.

**Australian Family Tree Connections Sept. 09:** Pg. 7 De Paolo Baracchi, Italian Historical Society – CoAsit, 189 Faraday St Carlton, Vic. 3053 is after memorabilia or objects that tell the story of Italian migration for a permanent exhibition, also New Zealand migrants late 1960s to early 1990s, required to share experiences to assist research by Rosemary Baird, History Dept. Room 203, University of Canterbury, Private bag 4800, Christchurch 8140 New Zealand., Pg. 29 Helensburgh NSW celebrates 125 years on Oct. 24 2009. Lots of events happening. See website [www.historichelensburgh.org.au](http://www.historichelensburgh.org.au), Pgs 32-33 Article on using Free BMD more effectively, Pg. 37 Moreton Bay cemetery records are now online at [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/cemeteries](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/cemeteries), Pg. 39 Website called Australian Cemetery Geolocations gives addresses for cemetery locations. See [www.auscem.com/auscemlist.php](http://www.auscem.com/auscemlist.php), also Bute Sons and Daughters [www.butesonsanddaughters.co.uk/](http://www.butesonsanddaughters.co.uk/) Pg. 41 Scotland BDM exchange at [www.sctbdm.com/index.php](http://www.sctbdm.com/index.php)

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railway was completed he erected a saw mill near the station. This was later taken over by Izzard, O'Neill and Goldsmith, who did a big business in sawn timber for many years.

There was a very large heap of sawdust from this mill and one dry time it caught alight and almost smoked the townspeople out – we didn't know whether it was better to shift the town or put the fire out. Eventually a channel was cut through and the fire was cut off. The sawdust heap was later used to build the Wyong Racecourse and also to top-dress the rough corduroy road to Yarralong.

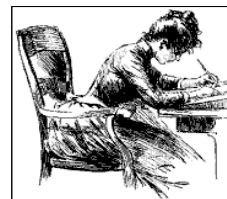
There were plenty of birds in those days; good eating birds – parrots, satin birds, cat birds, ducks, quail and pigeons. The white cockatoos used to play havoc in the cornfields. They would come in small flocks of about 20 and would leave a call bird in a tall tree. When you came too close with your gun, he would give the call and every bird would immediately leave the corn and fly to a high tree and wait until you went back with your gun. To trick them two of us would go under an overcoat – one would plant in the corn and the other go back under the coat. As soon as the coat was out of range the birds would fly into the corn. If one bird was wounded he would make such a noise you would not be troubled with them for some time.'

Marilyn Cridland

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009

Kerrie Metcalfe, (80) President.

2009

### Wyong Family History Group Inc. 2008 – 2009 Annual Report

As the AGM approaches I revisit my diary to give a round up of the year, it amazes me how much we have achieved. Our volunteers make this group the success it is today. I would like to officially thank those who give so freely of their time.

We began the year in September 2008 with several of us attending the State Conference in Dubbo, We end this year with us hosting the very same Conference here in Wyong.

In between we were never idle. The Rotary Raffle was well underway by October 2008 with volunteers excelling themselves selling tickets at shopping centres and overtaking the previous year's funds from \$2,000 to \$3,000. This was a huge effort by all involved led by Esther Dean our Fund Raising Coordinator. The effort given by members was wonderful and very much appreciated.

We enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner at Wyong RSL; while our talented members put on a skit "Bound for Botany Bay" this was the making of a wonderful night. You can view the video at our website. Then we closed shop for three weeks and had a well earned break, but not before we filled out the forward planner for 2009.

January 2009 back we all came with lots of plans for a busy year ahead. Our committee was full of ideas and suggestions and some of them devoted their time to also be on the Conference Planning Committee, so a number of us had three meetings a month to attend but all in good spirit.

Fundraising began in earnest with the Bunnings BBQ kicking off in January, this being a successful fundraiser. Raffles were also a source of income. We attended the Australia Day celebrations at Wyong Race Course, being given the BBQ to run and proceeds went towards the conference planning. A competition was also run on doing your pedigree chart and this was won by John Selwood & Christine Randall. International Women's day at Wyong Council was attended by Marilyn Cridland & Janice Barrett. Also we had an open day for seniors' Week as well as participated in the Biggest Morning Tea.

We planned our usual Beginners Course to begin in February. It was so popular, we did a rerun. When new members join it is always a pleasure to see them making progress? An Advanced Course was held in August. At the end of May Meg Gibson arranged a seminar with graphologist Meryl Bolin and transcription agent Marilyn Rowan this was well received by those who attended.

We also attended other community events at the Council and Tuggerah library. We published the *Wyong Courthouse Death Records*, the *Gravediggers Records of the Shire Cemeteries*. *Central Coast Roll of Honor* and a Guide for Tracing Your Convicts, *Brought in by the tide*. As well as updated our Jiliby Cemetery Book.

We held workshops at least once a month with Marie Heilbrunn, showing us New Zealand resources and websites, Family Tree Maker, using Scotland's People and much more.

Marilyn Cridland & I went to Penrith for their two day fair in March promoting the conference and

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showcasing our publications.

We enjoyed Guest Speakers such as February-Kay Radford – What the NSW & ACT Association does for Family History Groups, April- Tanya Chalker-Holz – Anzac Day on the Somme, May - David Ellis – Norah Head Lighthouse, June - Jill Mather – Waler Horses and other animals in the wars, July - John MacNamara – Irish Heritage, August - Pam McGlinn – Family History Novels, September - Members' Family History Stories Show & Tell.

We held a very successful Open Day in August for Family History Week, this was organised by a fairly new member Susan Briggs, with the help of Janet Simpson, these ladies did a great job. On the same day we launched the long awaited *Central Coast Roll of Honor* book & *Brought in by the Tide*.

A committee of eight had been busy preparing and planning the NSW & ACT State Conference, and then we kept the rooms open to our members three days a week with our very helpful and appreciated volunteers. We also open one Saturday afternoon a month. Trish McDonald and Rosalie Walker give their time every third Saturday at Tuggerah library.

We have managed to buy various resources each month as recommended by Librarian Glenise Glery, and published in our newsletter *The Branch* each month, we have updated two computers, bought two new laptops, as well as a notebook for the Secretary to use, an updated digital projector, a portable screen, as well as having the a computer & software added to the MS800 Microfilm & Microfiche reader. This gives a much better and clearer print out of microfilms. We have installed a water fountain for your convenience. This year has also seen our editor Russell Welham reformat our *TOL* to the easier to handle size of A5.

As I draw to an end, I reflect on how many hours our volunteers give to keep our group proactive. It is these dedicated people who make us what we are. Often this work falls on the same dedicated people year after year. So give some thought to helping out and come in and see what we have to offer you as members, the management committee would benefit from your input.

I offer sincere thoughts and condolences to members who have experienced illness and loss during the past year. May the coming year be brighter and blessed with much happiness, may you all have success with your family research.

Kerrie Metcalfe #80  
President



David Harris Patron WFHG &  
State MP Lighting candles

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Certificates explained, Pg 18 lots of websites, also Maree Solomons is compiling data on those buried at St Peter's Burial Ground Glebe Cemetery Maitland area, used 1829-1900. Contact her on [gramaree@tadaust.org.au](mailto:gramaree@tadaust.org.au), Blayney FHG is doing a Pioneer Register to Federation Closing Jan 26 2010. Forms from [www.geocities.com/blayneyhistory](http://www.geocities.com/blayneyhistory) or from group c/e The Library, 48 Adelaide St Blayney, NSW 2799

**British Family Tree Magazine Aug. 2009:** Pg 6 1911 Census digitising is now complete. Now includes the Channel Isles, and Military bases and Royal Navy ships. Wales is also included, pg 8 Ancestry.com now holds 2000 issues of the Gentleman's magazine 1731-1868, Irish CDs have been reduced in cost see [www.eneclann.ie](http://www.eneclann.ie) for details, download of E book "@ home with your ancestors" for £ 7.99 from [www.howto.co.uk/family/family-genealogy-tree/](http://www.howto.co.uk/family/family-genealogy-tree/), also crew lists of 270,000 merchant seafarers 1860-1913 now available on [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com), pg 14 Solution to problem with vista and 1881 Census CDs, pgs 16-20 The Cotton Factory worker, pgs 22-23 The British Forces POWs, Pgs 25-26 useful websites for convicts etc, Pgs 28-30 Finding WW2 Military ancestors, Pgs 32-34 19<sup>th</sup> century quality of life, Pgs 36-37 Top 10 records at Southampton Archives Services, Pgs 50-53 Probate Inventories, Pgs 56-57 Local resources for Warwickshire, Anglesey, Prestbury, Cheshire, Pgs 58-61 Free FTM records online Anglesey 1841 census, Warwickshire 1891 Volunteer Census index, Pgs 64-65 Scottish resources, Pgs 70-71 Records in Portugal, Pgs 72-75 Followers of fashion in 1911, Pgs 80-83 Poor Law and 18<sup>th</sup> century Rural poverty, Pgs 84-85 The Huskar Pit disaster.

**Old FHS Aug.09 :** Pg 110, Qld State archives has some new online Indexes covering Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1910, Justices of the Peace 1857-1910, Assistant Immigration agent Maryborough 1884-1907, Engagement of Immigrants at the Bowen Immigration Depot 1873-1885, Card Register for applications for rural labour 1825-1936, Card Register for women immigrants employed as domestic servants 1926-1930, inventory of uniforms and Govt. property issued to Qld Police 1916-1954, Pgs 115-116 The Boer War, including useful websites.

**Macleay River Historical Society Aug. 09:** Whole Journal is about All Saints Catholic Church Kempsey.

**Rookwood Sept. 09:** Pg.6 Victoria Cross series cont. John Woods White 1883-1946.

**Bathurst Aug. 09:** Pgs 13-14 State Records additions for NSW Maltese Migration [Archives in Brief No. 117], Copy services for Deceased estate Files, YouTube Video talks by Christine Yeats, Assisted Immigrants index merge now covers 1839-1896, More Probate packets are now available, more Divorce papers are now available and digital cameras are encouraged to be used to photograph original records rather than have them photocopied., Pg. 15 The City of Brisbane is collecting photos and narratives to help tell the history of the city. There are a number of categories which can be viewed. See the website [www.brisbanehistory.com/](http://www.brisbanehistory.com/)

**Port Macquarie Aug. 09:** Pg.8 Check out the National Library of Australia's website for links to early Irish newspapers [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au), Pgs 10-12 Moore's Australian almanac listing for Pt Macquarie 1904, Pgs 12-13 Medieval soldiers 1369-1453 database [www.medievalsoldier.org](http://www.medievalsoldier.org), Pg.18 Convict websites worth a look.

**Lake Macquarie Aug. 09:** Pgs 8-9 Occupation codes for the 1911 England/Wales census, cont., Birthplace codes cont., Pgs 10-17 Article on Irish Resources, specifically irregular marriages in Portpatrick, Wigtownshire, Pgs 20-23 Lake Macquarie Overdue Rates, land to be sold surnames H -W 1937.

**RAHS Magazine Sept. 09:** Pgs 7-9 Sydney - a chemical weapons depot and dumping ground in WW2, Pg 10 Soldier Settlement study, with records being indexed by State Archives.

**New Zealand FHS 2005, Vol 12, No. 2:** Pgs 4-7 Article on a 19<sup>th</sup> century Doctor's rounds [a Dr Dakers], Pgs 17- 16 The *Ralph Bernal*, immigrant ship 1848.

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**JOURNAL NEWSLETTER SNIPPETS SEPTEMBER 2009 *TREE OF LIFE***  
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Local interest: The 1788-1820 Gazette July 09: Gwydir FHS Aug. 09: Newcastle Sept. 09: Sale Aug. 09: South Burnett Aug. 09:

**Australian Family Tree Connections Aug. 09:** pg 5 If you wish to access British newspapers online, obtain a National Library of Australia card online first. Go to [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au) and click on the link, then you can use your card to access their online newspaper database pg. 7 Shoalhaven FHS is compiling a Register of Pioneers 1900-1920. Closing date is Sept. 30. contact group via PO Box 591 Nowra NSW 2541 or their website [www.shoalhaven.net.au/~sfhs/](http://www.shoalhaven.net.au/~sfhs/), pg 31 Suggestion to buy a digital voice recorder to take to interviews with relatives as this is easier than trying to take notes. With their permission, you also end up with a record of their voice that could be used in a DVD at some later stage, pgs 32-4 Holding a family gathering, pg. 37, pg. 39, pg.40, pg. 41

**Central Coast Aug. 09:** Lots of local material, Pgs 37-39 Hinemoa Private Hospital, Gosford Pt. 1

**Liverpool Aug.09:** Pgs 11-14 Redcoats on the Northern Coast cont., Pg. 18 State records are working their way through probate Packets. They are withdrawing 100 boxes at a time and as a result, these items will not be available at the search rooms. Currently unavailable Packet nos. 180003-182499, Pg. 22 Non Parochial BDMs for Non Conformists [Wesleyans, Presbyterians Quakers, Methodists etc] are being transcribed on [www.bmdregisters.co.uk](http://www.bmdregisters.co.uk). You can search for free but downloads require the purchase of credits.

**Cessnock July 09:** All about the railway line north from Sydney , Pgs 32-33 Some reasons for not being able to locate ancestors.

**Descendants of Convicts Group Nov-Dec.08:** Pgs 8-9 Members convict interests.

**Campbelltown July 09:** Pg. 7 St Peter's Anglican Church is creating a DVD of their early registers. Copies can be found at the FHG and Campbelltown & Airds Historical Society.

**Townsville July 09:** Pgs 16-17 Article on co-writing a book, Pgs 26-27 10 Survival tips on successful research plus useful websites, Pgs 34-5 Queensland Slide search. University of Qld is looking for slides that show people, special events, transport, historical buildings, monuments, etc. that can be identified, Contact Julia Fielding on email [j.fielding@uq.edu.au](mailto:j.fielding@uq.edu.au), phone 07 3365 1399 or post to Communications Officer, Queensland Places Project, school of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics, U of Qld. The uni will provide pre paid registered mail envelopes at no cost and the slides will be returned to you by registered post. Pgs 36-37 Manchester's 'Unfilmed' 1851 census. Flooding occurred at some point and some enumeration books were damaged. Manchester and Lancashire FHS has been transcribing the damaged pages at an impressive 82% recovery rate. You can purchase a CD Rom, pay to view online via Findmypast.com, visit the MLFHS Resource Centre or try the free name Index search <http://www.1851-unfilmed.org.uk/1851search.htm> , Pgs 38-40 Mackay Town Hall Honour Board 1914-1918 Names are being researched. Contact Glen Hall Research Officer Mackay Historical Society and Museum Inc. PO Box 1349, Mackay Qld. 4740. Burdekin Branch of FHANQ is working on a project relating to men and women of Home Hill who fought /served in WW1. 3 Honour boards are shown. If you have any information on these people, please contact Glenis Cisowski email [miriglen@austarnet.com.au](mailto:miriglen@austarnet.com.au) or phone 07 4783 3398

**Wodonga Aug. 09:** Pg. 2 Group has 3 new CDs for sale Wodonga Cemetery Burial Registers 1861-1937, 1938-2004, Wodonga Cemetery monumental Inscriptions to 2007, Yackandandah cemetery headstone Inscriptions various prices. Contact Group, PO Box 289 Wodonga 3689.

**Burwood July 09:** Pgs 1-22 German Immigrant ships to eastern Australia. MARBS 1855 voyage. National Archives of Australia Memento Index 1996-2008

**Shoalhaven Aug. 09:** Pgs 11-13 Loss of the Hibernia 1833 Pt.1, Pgs 14-15 Beginner's:

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***NSW & ACT State Conference 2009***

NSW & ACT State Conference of Family History Societies was hosted by Wyong Family History Group on the 18, 19 & 20 September 2009 at Wyong Race Course Function Centre. The event was attended by 237 people from all over NSW as well as Queensland & New Zealand. They began arriving on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> and were met by the smiling faces of Robin Wright, Frank Gero and Lyndall Hall; collecting their conference bag was the first step.

Once inside there was plenty of activity, with sixty stalls set up to browse and buy the latest resources available. Friday night was a meet & greet and we had 200 people join us, as Kerrie Metcalfe, President of WFHG & Conference convener welcomed everyone, all were in high spirits. The group was presented a beautiful patchwork heritage quilt made and presented by member Gwen Bates and this will hang in a place in our cottage with pride.

Saturday morning began with an Acknowledgement to Country by Tracey Howie, supported by her son Kyle on the didgeridoo. Kevin Faulks from the Wyong Chamber of Commerce opened the event, President NSW & ACT Assoc. Pam Valentine welcomed everyone and David Harris MP for Wyong gave the Vincent John Crowe address, he spoke on the History of Wyong.

After morning tea we settled in to listen to Carol Baxter who gave us tips on how to write an exciting family history by using more than just dates. Christine Yeats from NSW State Records talked about documenting your ancestors.

It was time for lunch and to browse the stalls again before an afternoon of more interesting speakers, such as Paul Parton updating Family search.com & Tom Foley National Library of Australia and what you can find on the website as well as visiting. Afternoon tea was served at 3pm then delegates attended the AGM. Four societies put in a bid in to hold the 2011 State Conference and the winner by votes was Inverell NSW. Congratulations, Inverell. Saturday night Dinner was the next thing on the busy agenda.

We had 195 attend the dinner on Saturday night and this was started by a candle lighting ceremony. Five candles were lit: one for our group, two for past members no longer here, three for the success of the conference, four for all our ancestors and five for Shoalhaven 2010 Conference. An Ode was said by Lorna Clayton and dinner was served. We were entertained by Elizabeth Burness who showed us what was worn in times gone by.

Sunday morning we began with a welcome back by Kevin Faulks from Wyong Chamber of Commerce. The President of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies introduced the new committee for 2009 – 2010. Our first guest speaker was Michael Flynn who spoke about the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleets and convict research. Terry Ryan followed with a talk on what could be found for family historians at the National Maritime Museum, making a visit something to be considered in the near future. After morning tea Brad Argent spoke to us about what's coming on ancestry.com.au and that whet the appetite for further research using Ancestry. Kim Phillips showed us a presentation on the Spirits of Gallipoli and there were not many dry eyes in the lecture room after her presentation.

It was then time to thank everyone and have the traditional call to the next hosts, in this case it was the Call to Shoalhaven, and Joy Voyst certainly presented a good reason why we should visit them in 2010 by calling it A Most Suitable Place. It was then time for me to close the 2009 State Conference and look forward to the 2010 Conference. Hope to see you all there.

Kerrie Metcalfe  
2009 Conference Convener





Frank Gero & Robin Wright  
Fri 18th



Eileen Wheway &  
Janet Simpson enjoy the  
conference dinner



Kevin Bradbury WFHG &  
Sean from Wyong  
racecourse

## Were these boys twins?

Stephen PARTRIDGE was away from Sydney Town as a member of John OXLEY's 1817 expedition which had departed on 1 April 1817 when his wife Sarah (nee WILLIAMS), gave birth to Thomas PARTRIDGE on 17 May 1817 and seven days later to Stephen PARTRIDGE on 24 May 1817. However they were baptised four months apart, Stephen on 2 June 1817 and Thomas on 5 October 1817 well after Stephen Snr had returned to Sydney in August. Under normal circumstances one would expect them to have been baptised at the same time.

When Stephen's parents departed to help establish the new penal settlement at Port Macquarie (21 March 1821), Stephen was not with them. They only had Thomas and his later born sister Jane. Some years later when making a compensation claim, his father noted in that claim " ... I have seven children ..."; if Stephen was still alive, this statement would have noted eight children. Both of these facts have been used as evidence to point toward Stephen having died before the family left Sydney.

Although no record of his death has been found, presuming he actually was alive when born, it is suspected that Stephen died some time between his birth and his baptism. Being the second born child in what may have been a difficult labour, he was possibly in a very poor condition at the time of birth. His baptism at only nine days old compared to his brother's four months later, is seen as a probable indication of a crisis which may have been his death. Accordingly, Stephen has been recorded as dying about 2 June 1817.

So, was Sarah in labour for the whole seven days? Well we will probably never know. Enquiries with a midwife about a labour of between five and seven days as suggested by the birth dates, brought the answer that it would not happen today and was probably unlikely, even in 1817. What the midwife suggested as more probable, is for there to have been dual conceptions three or seven days apart with the subsequent births some days apart. She advised that this sort of event, while not common is also not that rare. So the question asked above remains, were these boys twins?

Thomas' baptism was carried out under the name Thomas with no second name. However later records show him as Thomas Stephen. Is this a case where the parents decided to append the second name Stephen in honour of his 'twin' brother's memory? While it can never be known for certain, it's a pleasant thought even if it isn't the case.

John Owen (276)



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CD344 *Newcastle West Burial Grounds.* Presbyterian 1844-1881, Roman Catholic 1842-1881 and Wesleyan Methodist 1858-1881.

CD345 *Index to Convict Road Gangs, Road Parties & Iron'd Gangs 1827-1830.*

CD346 *Iron'd Gangs 1840-1848.* Reports of gangs stationed at Woolloomooloo Stockade, Cockatoo Isl. and Carters Barracks. Also incl. Scone Lockup Book and register of prisoners & stock at Mulgoa Station.

CD347 *Index to Police Returns NSW 1825-1856.* Incl. mounted police, water police & border police. Also includes some records from Brisbane & Port Phillip.

Glenise Clery. Librarian. #284.

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howling of dogs. The dingoes were prevalent at that time. He somehow managed to dry his clothes and proceeded to Gosford, where he lived at Fagan's for some years. Later the shire council erected a monument in his memory, near Kendall's Rock on the Pacific Highway near Gosford.

Our first public school was built in 1878 at Cobb's Hill on the old Gosford-Maitland road. It served Wyong Creek, Tuggerah and Kangy Angy. I was one of the children who had to walk one to four miles to attend. There was also a school right on the spot where the Ourimbah Railway Station now stands; it was pulled down to allow for the station and a new school was built farther north. Until the railway was built, Ourimbah was called Blue Gum Flat.

The next nearest school was at Yarramalong. George Palmer's father was the teacher and Miss Palmer kept the post office. I took the first mail to Yarramalong. I used to go every Sunday morning and return late the same evening, giving the people time to get the mail and reply the same day. Of course, there was only the one mail a week.

The late James Waters, who was King of Yarramalong about this time, erected the first sawmill at Sandy Flat and invented the Dished Circular Saw for cutting felloes for wheels which was his chief trade. The product from his mill went by bullock team to Mangrove Creek, then by sailing boats to Sydney. Later, when the railway line was completed, it was trucked from Wyong station.

Years before this, oak shingles and cedar and rosewood logs were sent from the valley. They were taken up Priests' Ridge to join the Wiseman's Ferry Road through Wollombi and Cessnock to Maitland by bullock dray and wagon. The logs were flattened on the sides to prevent them rolling on the sidlings. In those days there were a few sawmills in the Brisbane Water district, including Scott and Jolly, Ourimbah Creek. Their timber was used chiefly for local house building and some was sent to Sydney by sailing vessels from Narara Creek.

Some 72 years ago, a grazier named William Alison, and his three sons, who had cattle stations at Cobar and Cannonbar, purchase all the land from the point where Tuggerah railway station is now located, to Wyong Creek, thence to Jilliby Creek up to Durren; then taking in Reedy Flat to Wallarah Creek; then to Tuggerah Lakes. The Alisons spent thousands of pounds in ringbarking and fencing with black wire, as galvanised wire was scarcely in use then. But they found conditions vastly different to Cobar. Being right near the coast and with a much heavier rainfall, suckers grew out where trees were ringbarked and seedlings came up between and the cost of keeping it free of both made it unprofitable. The black wire rusted in a very short time, being affected by the salt air. One of the sons, Charles Alison, lived on the property and when the

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## MISSING - JOSIAH WILLIAMS

Josiah Williams arrived in December, 1850. The ship "Narwhal" came from Samoa via Fiji, the account in the Sydney Morning Herald of December 1850, says that the passengers on board were Mr. and Mrs. Williams, three sons and two daughters and a servant. As this is the only Williams family found to arrive at the time estimated by information on the death certificate of our great grandmother Jane Williams O'Connell, and also from the region of Fiji, I have accepted this to be our family, until such time that we find alternative information.

Our Josiah Williams is found on electoral rolls up to 1875, in the region of Austral Eden, see enclosed map.

A friend who did research in the Kempsey area found that Josiah Williams and James O'Connell were both tenant farmers on a property owned by John Verge at Austral Eden. With this information, we can come to the conclusion that, this is where James and Jane first met in 1865/66. In April 2005, I visited Austral Eden and found that it is still farming properties, and it was impossible to locate the actual farm where our relatives had been living.

Sometime between 1867, the date of the Williams/O'Connell marriage and 1877, Jane's mother died, and Josiah married a widow named Johanna Flannagan. The marriage took place in the Registry Office in Kempsey.

It is on this marriage certificate, that Josiah's age is stated, which gives a birth date of about 1812 in Westmoreland. His father is given as William Williams a Glover, unfortunately no parish is given for his birth place, so we are stuck at this era because there is no entry on the IGI and we haven't found a starting place to search for him. We also haven't found a definite death date or place for Josiah or Johanna. Without a Christian name, it hasn't been possible to locate a death for our Fijian 2x great grandmother. Whether their marriage in Fiji was a regular one or just a union of convenience, remains a mystery, perhaps may never to be solved.

The Fijian records start in 1865, which is well past our Williams family's arrival here in 1850, it appears from this fact, we may well find ourselves unable to go any further back on this part of our family. There has been no finding of the other children mentioned in the shipping entry, Williams is such a common name, it could well have been Smith or Brown, we understand how hard it is for people researching these names.

Written for my O'Connell cousins by Beryl Watson.

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## **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS. !!!!!!!!!**

**The committee would like to remind all members, you are required as a member to have your membership card displayed at all times while at the Cottage researching.** This is so we know who members are and who visitors are. Please make sure that you abide by this rule to save any embarrassment to yourself or our volunteer on duty.

**No bags are to go past the foyer, research folders are exempt.** There are secure lockers available and if necessary you may take your purse into the research area but that is all. This rule was reluctantly introduced and must be abided by. And definitely no food or drinks allowed in the research areas of the Cottage, the reasons for this are obvious.


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**Members: Please bring in donations for the Christmas Hamper.**

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

Colleen Wood (Secretary.) 

I have not been involved for the full term of office, so my report will be very brief.

As another year draws to close it is time to reflect on the last 12 months.

We started the year well with a new Secretary, Judy Jones, who is a valuable member of our group, especially as she took on the position. Unfortunately Judy was plagued with ill-health very early into her appointment and was unable to continue. She was sorely missed as this is not an easy position to fill and Judy had some great ideas that she was introducing.

Member Bob Hawkins stepped into the position and it was full steam ahead for him, again taking the responsibility in his stride. He carried on from Judy and was a very capable Secretary, however due to unforeseen circumstances Bob also resigned.

With a lot happening around this time, I took up the mantle again.

We have a tremendous year again, culminating with hosting the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies. I feel very privileged to have been part of the Conference Committee as it was a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.

2009 saw a variety of successful events that were organised by the Group, this success made possible by the willingness of members to become involved in organising and assisting where needed.

The task was made much easier with the forward planning and meticulous attention to detail by our President Kerrie Metcalfe. A hard act to follow!!!!

As our new Committee has been elected, we now look forward to 2010 with excitement and already new ideas and suggestions have been put forward for consideration.

Thanks must go to former Committee Member Eileen Wheway who did not seek re-election, having spent the past 5 years serving, and decided it was time for a break.

Also thanks to those who have remained on the Committee for another term, we can only go forwards with the wealth of experience that we have.

Colleen Wood

Honorary Secretary


Jean Shakespeare was not a member of Wyong Family History Group, but she has been a long time supporter of our efforts. She was a loving wife who always encouraged her husband Keith [our Life member No.1] in his endeavours, be it his work or his passion for family history. In the days when our meagre bank balance struggled to stay in 'the black', Jean was the provider of all manner of saleable goods. We actually held street stalls and garage sales in those days and Jean constantly supplied us with home-baked goodies and craft items. Our raffles prizes and trading table consisted of her padded coat hangers, potted plants and preserves. Whenever Keith attended a WFHG function, Jean always supplied him with a thermos and food to share with other members. She was the ultimate quiet achiever. Most importantly, she gave up her retirement time with Keith to allow him to roam the shire, transcribing cemeteries and honour boards and interviewing descendants of pioneers.

Jean was a beautiful soul and she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Lynda Smith Life Member No. 2



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Glenise Clery, (284) Librarian. 

### From The Library

### New Acquisitions for October 2009

#### Books

- AHS087 *The Australians.* From 1788 to Modern Times (Indexed)
- AHS088 *Australian Convict Sites*
- AHS089 *Old Colonial Buildings of Australia*
- ATL050 Shoalhaven Region Map
- CEM292 *St Jude's Anglican Cemetery Dural.* (Indexed)
- CEM293 *St Pauls Cemetery Emu Plains.* Includes Church of England, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian Records. (Indexed)
- CON039 *The Crimes & Lives of the Convicts Arriving in Sydney on the Salamander 1791.* (Indexed)
- COU014 *Bench Book of Magistrates Port Stephens.* Bench Book May to Dec 1832. Convicts, Indented Servants and Staff of the Australian Agricultural Co. (Indexed)
- DIA012 *On Board the Boussole.* The Diary of Julienne Fulbert
- FAM047 *The Descendants of Patrick & Margaret Maloney.* Burrowa/Marengo area (Indexed)
- LHS215 *Some Ups & Downs of an Old Richmondite.* Recollections of Alfred Smith (Indexed)
- LHS216 *Reminiscences of Australia.* As told by James (Toby) Ryan, MLA. Stories of People & Places in the Sydney Basin area 1788 - 1900. (Indexed)
- LHS217 *Bicentenary of Ebenezer Church 1809 - 2009.* Program/Order of Service
- LHS218 *Beautiful Parramatta.*
- LHS219 *Hawkesbury Sketchbook.*
- LHSA006 *Burra & District - A Pictorial Memoir.* South Australia
- LHT011 *Entally House.* A Short History. Tasmania
- LHT012 *A History of the Parish of Ross 1833 - 1969.* Tasmania
- NSP039A *Extracts from Cloncurry News & Mt Isa Record.* Vol 1. 13 Jan 1930 - 20 Dec 1931 (Indexed)
- NSP039B *Extracts from Cloncurry News & Mt Isa Record.* Vol 2. 3 Jan 1932 - 29 Jan 1933 (Indexed)
- NSP040A *Extracts from Cloncurry Advocate.* Vol. 3. 10 Jan 1931 - 24 Dec 1932 (Indexed)
- NSP040B *Extracts from Cloncurry Advocate.* Vol. 4. 7 Jan 1933 - 22 Dec 1934 (Indexed)
- NSP040C *Extracts from Cloncurry Advocate.* Vol. 5. 5 Jan 1935 - 26 Dec 1936 (Indexed) Birth, Marriage, Death and Funeral Notices are included in the above Newspaper extracts.
- REG129 *Charters Towers & Dalrymple Pioneer Register Pre 1900.*
- REG130 *Charters Towers & Dalrymple Federation Register 1900 - 1920.*
- SHI021 *Migrant Ships to Australia and New Zealand 1900 - 1939.*

#### CD

- CD342 *Blayney & Surrounding Cemeteries.* Transcripts of Headstones
- CD343 *Free Passengers to NSW 1826 - 1837.* 36,000 names of passengers, military & crew on passenger Ships, whalers & trading vessels. Also includes free settlers who arrived on convict ships.

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Lynn JOHNSON Members 432

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Kerry CLARKE Member 433

Researching: CLARKE, TOMLINSON, HUMPHREY, BENDALL & PEGLER.

James FITZ-GERALD Member 434

Researching: HOLMES, KELMAN, MEREDITH & GLENNIE.

Diana WARNER Member 435

Researching: BARRETT, ROTHWELL, LEWIS, DAVIES, WORNER, MACQUIRE & CAHILL.

If you would like to make contact with any of the above members please address your enquiry to:-

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### Wyong History

#### William Woodbury Looks Back On Early Wyong

From an article first printed in the *Wyong Advocate* on 27 December 1951 and reprinted on 14 November 1963 written by pioneer, Matthew Woodbury's second son, William Bernard Woodbury, it gives some interesting snippets of information about the Wyong district in the 1850s and later. The Woodbury family and other families such as Waters, Stinson, Hill, Beaven and Boyd knew the site of Wyong when it was a primitive wilderness of commercially useless scrub inhabited by dingoes, wallabies, wild cattle and brumbies and other creatures, and long before the town was thought of. They saw the coming of the railway which gave birth to the town and they lived through the first, early, formative years of the burgeoning settlement and were among its most distinguished citizens.

'I was born in 1869 at Wyong Creek about two miles from the present town of Wyong – long before Wyong or the Sydney-Newcastle railway had been thought of.

I can remember the last full-blooded aboriginal in our district – Billy Falkiner. Billy used to spear fish and collect honey which he cut from the trees with his tomahawk and brought around in a coolamon (the bark cut from the knuckle of the tree). Although he was a friendly, harmless old fellow, any time he spent at our place, I spent under the bed. Billy drowned in Tuggerah Lakes.

At this time there were also blacks at Black Margaret Swamp (now Swansea) and one at Yarramalong named Bumble from whom Bumble Hill takes its name.

I recollect the first telegraph line from Wallsend to Gosford. It followed the old Gosford-Newcastle road mostly, but the contractor was allowed to deviate where he could shorten the distance or avoid tree felling. It was not long afterwards that Henry Kendall, the poet, was tramping from Maitland to Gosford, following the telegraph line all the way to avoid getting on the wrong road. This led him into Alison's Swamp, near our place, and it was here that he spent the night. While he was in the swamp – and rather wet and dispirited – he composed some lines of verse which I forget now. There were lines I vaguely recall about the croaking of frogs and

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### NEWS ITEMS & COMING EVENTS

**SAG Sept.09:** Pgs 109-113 Victorian BDM's update including the Australia's army War dead DVD, an early Church Records project DVD Rom covering 77,000 baptisms burials and marriages [includes some NSW entries], their website has been redesigned [www.bdm.vic.gov.au and there is a VicHeritage mailing list you can join. Pgs 114-117 Article on the Ryerson Index, its history and future, Pgs 118-121 Baptisms in strange places [Catholic baptisms for Hobart 1820-21], Pg 128 Christmas hours for SAG - Closed from Thurs Dec 24 to Tues 5th Jan 2010. also assistance required with background information on the soldiers buried at Fromelles in France. List given. Please contact [www.army.gov.au/fromelles](http://www.army.gov.au/fromelles) or call 1800 019 090, Pg 132 More Australian Wills held at the Prerogative Court at Canterbury.

**British FamilyTree Magazine Sept. 09:** Pgs 14-18 Operation Pied piper [evacuation of children in WW2] Pgs 20-23 useful WW2 websites, Pgs 32-4 Caring for your photographs, Pgs 36-38 Rescue mission for Jewish children via the *Kindertransport* from 1938, Pgs 40 - 42 Commonwealth War graves, Pgs 48-49 Leicestershire links, Pgs 50-51 Carmarthenshire records, Pgs 52-53 Boughton-under-Blean in Kent and other FTMdata information, Pgs 54-59 WW2, year by year, Pgs 60-61 WW2 Soldier's army book, how to read same, Pgs 68- 70 Home on the kitchen front [dealing with rations, recipes etc.]

#### \*/Future workshops/\*

Do you have something that you would be willing to share with our members for about an hour? If so, please contact one of the committee members.

Irish Roots magazine, the only magazine entirely dedicated to Irish ancestral research within the entire island of Ireland is now on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/irishrootsmagazine) Why not drop by and say hello!

I would be grateful if you could let your members know about Irish Roots magazine and where possible add our website as a link to your site. If you would like any further information on Irish Roots magazine, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Julie Phibbs. [www.irishrootsmagazine.com](http://www.irishrootsmagazine.com)

#### Tree of Life Editor.

We will be retuning to producing four journals next year the first one in February, John OWEN will be the new Editor and I ask you all to support him by sending your stories, hints, websites and any useful information, even poems related to family or even queries as our *Tree of Life* goes to many other areas. We hope to make our journal worth reading and need your input. So sent your John will receive your input by emailing him at [owenjones@tpg.com.au](mailto:owenjones@tpg.com.au) by January 30th, 2010.





## NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to all new members and we look forward to meeting and helping you at the Cottage:-

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| 404. | Peter WATKINS           | Mannering Park   |
| 405. | Margaret SASSE          | Berkeley Vale    |
| 406. | Milton LARVEN           | Summerland Point |
| 407. | Christine KULPER        | Killarney Vale   |
| 408. | Conette WHEATLEY        | Kincumber        |
| 409. | Esther KING             | Budgewoi         |
| 410. | Dianne BAILEY           | Wadalba          |
| 411. | Judy CALDER             | Kanwal           |
| 412. | Eileen ELIASSEN         | Wyang            |
| 413. | Margaret GERRETS        | Tuggerah         |
| 414. | (Gregory) Jack LAWRENCE | Kanwal           |
| 415. | "Jeff" Jeffrey LEE      | Long Jetty       |
| 416. | Helen LEWIS             | South Tacoma     |
| 417. | Delyse BENNETT          | Blue Haven       |
| 418. | Rhonda DEVEREUX         | Tuggerawong      |
| 419. | Geoffrey FLAVEL         | Summerland Point |
| 420. | Robyn DOUGLASS          | Berkeley Vale    |
| 421. | John SCHWEIGER          | Blue Haven       |
| 422. | Donna SCHWEIGER         | Blue Haven       |
| 423. | Cheryl BAILEY           | Buff Point       |
| 424. | Rosemary JOHNS          | Blacksmiths      |
| 425. | Daphne BRADFORD         | Norville         |
| 426. | Joy HOLLINS             | Lake Munmorah    |
| 427. | Richard CLOAKE          | Bateau Bay       |
| 428. | Anthony BENSON          | Warnervale       |
| 429. | Marianne LAMONT         | Bateau Bay       |
| 430. | Elizabeth ROYLE         | Jilliby          |
| 431. | Carolyn NUNN            | Wyang            |
| 432. | Lynn JOHNSON            | Wyang            |
| 433. | Kerry CLARKE            | Kanwal           |
| 434. | James FITZ-GERALD       | Pokolbin         |
| 435. | Diana WARNER            | Watanobbi        |

### MEMBER'S RESEARCH SURNAMES

Peter WATKINS Member 404  
Researching: WATKINS.

Margaret SASSE Member 405  
Researching: TRINDER & HUNNINGS.

Christine KULPER Member 407  
Researching: WHYTE, LEDWIDGE, OSCROFT & KULPER.

Conette WHEATLEY Member 408  
Researching: HARLEY, SHANNON, DONAHUE, DIXON, CROCKER & WHEATLEY.

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Esther KING Member 409  
Researching: BRADSTREET, STANDBRIDGE & DIBDIN.

Dianne BAILEY Member 410  
Researching: GARVEN, WILLIAMS, TRUSSELL/THRUSSELL, FULLFORD, DALE, SMITH, HEATH, GREEN, WORTH, BAILEY, THORNTON, BURT, STAMMERS, HEGGIE, HOWLETT, CURTIN, TESTER & DUFFY.

Judy CALDER Member 411  
Researching: JONES, RUDD, ALVEY, BALDWIN, INNES, CONROY, QUINN, McAVOY, KEATING, CALDER & TELFER.

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