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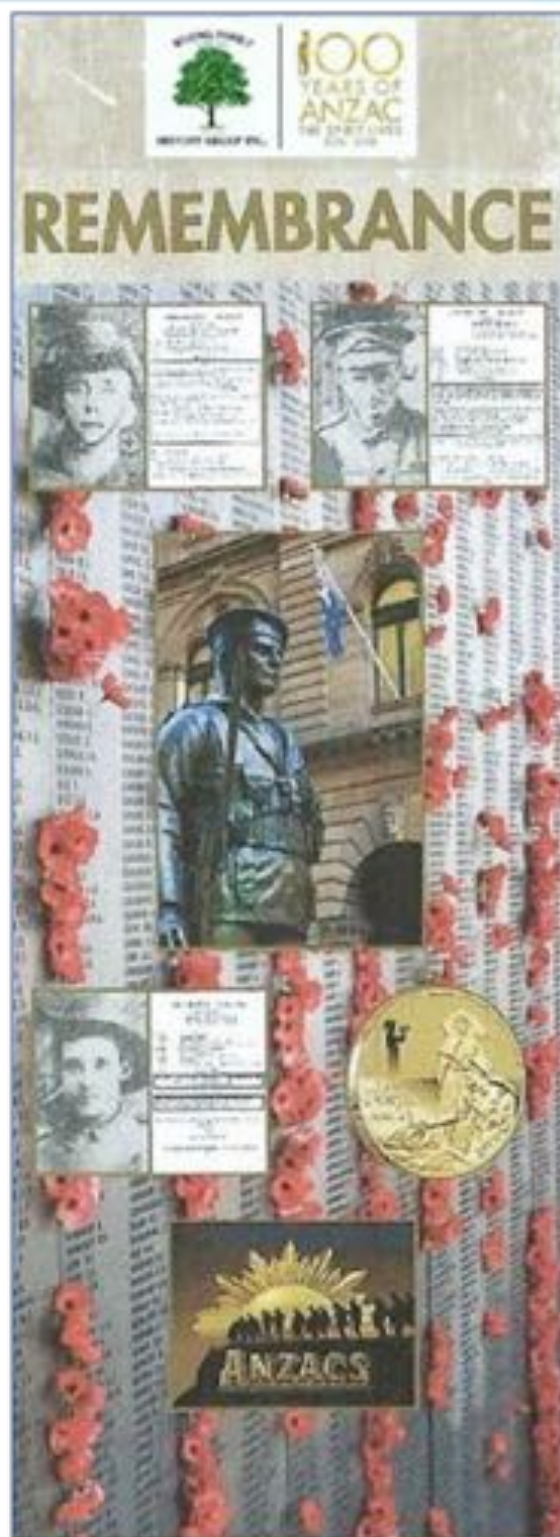
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from the Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505



Another busy year is drawing to an end.

Harry and I were unable to attend the AGM as we were in Tasmania.

There are still some vacancies to be filled in our long list of Office Bearers.

Remember, The Cottage is air conditioned and could be a pleasant refuge from summer's heat. We will be closed from 18

December 2018 until 15 January 2019.

November 11 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of 'The Armistice when we remember so much War History at 11 am.

Have you noticed the Wyong Remembers banners along Tuggerah Straight? John Selwood [memb. 79] please take a bow for another project well executed.

All of us at The Cottage would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

Your stories help to make our publication interesting and the deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 January 2019.... 🌳



Reflections: Diggers@The Entrance, Central Coast History Expo

Carmel Peek member 658



In September, we joined like-minded interest groups for a successful day.

President Wayne Dean with Dellas Johnston, Pam Mansergh & Carmel Peek and two happy customers.



Reflections: Sailing Into History

35th Annual Conference held at Batemans Bay

Kerrie Metcalfe LM 80

The Conference was held at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on the 14 to 16 September 2018. It was an amazing venue to host such an event. The Conference certainly met their aim of providing everyone with opportunities to learn, discover and understand the new developments in the family history world.

There were 48 exhibition tables with all manner of related goods for sale and to browse. Seventeen speakers gave excellent talks on resources and how to find and use them.

On Friday I attended Aboriginal Research session with Donna Anderson who has a Masters Degree in Aboriginal Studies and Culture among other degrees. I found this

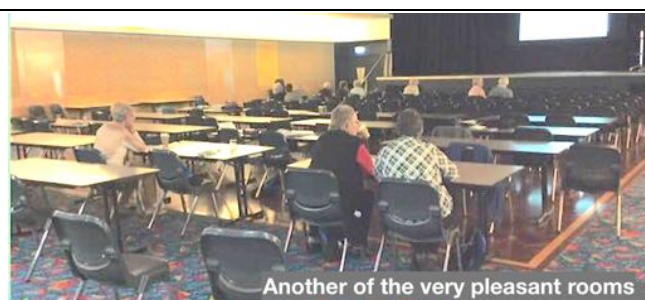
to be a very informative session. I also enjoyed other speakers over the weekend such as Tim Sherratt, Clive Smith, John Cann, Kerry Farmer and Jason Reeves and that's just a few, they all presented wonderful talks.

Topics included mapping your Ancestors, Looking for Gold & Finding Gems in the Archives, Your Estate Papers, DNA Techniques and Do you need that Certificate.

2019 Conference will be held 11 – 13 Oct at Knox Grammar School Pacific Highway, Wahroonga. *Thank you Kerrie for the pictures – ed. ...* 🌳



One of the well attended presentations



Another of the very pleasant rooms



Some of the 'Tables'



More of the 'Tables'



Remembering Anzac.
2018 Yarramalong Valley Scarecrow Competition.
Lorraine Cameron #285

Wyong Family History Group Inc Member Recognition

Kerrie Metcalfe (80) Life Member Past President

As this is the last Tree of Life for 2018, I just want to acknowledge those members who have reached milestones in their membership with Wyong Family History Group Inc. in 2018.

January to June 2018 the following members were presented with Certificates.

For 10 years Membership	For 15 Years Membership	For 30 Years Membership
306 Esther Woodward	105 Tom Duckworth	6 Eileen Wheway
307 June Johnson	113 Patricia Mcphan	
208 Ellane Garside	116 John Haxton	
316 Valerie Williams	127 Roger Lewis	
318 David Barnes	29 Lorna Clayton	
332 Dellas Johnston		
340 Keith Johnston		
336 Betty Benson		
341 Doug Thomas		
342 Helen Burkett		
343 Christine Jones		

Many of the above have already featured in our previous Tree of Life Journal throughout the year, but I still would like to congratulate them on their achievements and support to the group in so many ways.

From June to December 2018 the following people will reach a milestone:

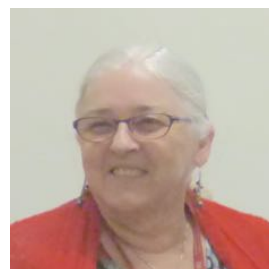
#43 Meg **Gibson** -

20 years - Meg has worked many hours typing cemetery records and keeping our cemetery publications up to date; Meg is also a research room volunteer and has been for a number of years and was a valued committee member in the past; Meg reads the journals and selects items of interest as snippets for the weekly newsletter. The Group has progressed with the help of people like Meg and we thank her very much.



#2 Lynda **Smith** - 35

year's membership. Lynda is member # 2 - a life member of the group. Lynda was given a Gift of Appreciation at our 35th Birthday celebrations in June of this year. We thank and Congratulate Lynda on her long association with the Group.



#357 Margaret **Tomlinson** - 10 year's membership. Thank you for your support.

#358 Mary **Manser** - 10 year's membership. Mary helps in our rooms every month and also conducts the information session on using British Newspapers. We thank Mary for her help and input.

351 & 352 Mal and Robyn **Stewart** - 10 year's membership. Thank you for your support.



#131 Ron **Allen** - 15 year's membership. We thank you for your continued membership and support.

#133 Robin **Wright** - 15 year's

membership. Robin has been an asset to the group during his 15 years with the Group. He has helped many members with his knowledge and know-how in the field of genealogy; he has been a committee member and also helped when we hosted the 2009 State Conference.



He has also been there to lend a hand with the many events and projects we have had over the years. Robin has been research officer and prepared a couple of large family histories that has helped our finances. Robin is a valued life member.



#359 Jean Macleay - 10 year's membership. Jean has been assistant librarian, helped at many events and is at present a committee member. Jean has also helped in the research room and made herself

available to help at many events including Bunnings BBQs, bookstalls, promotion days and social events.

#360 Helen Innes - 10 year's membership. Helen has helped the librarian over the years to keep track of many unrelated certificates and keep a data base and filing system to make access to these easy for members.

#138 Joanne Flack - 15 year's membership. Joanne is a research room assistant whereby she helps members and new members to find helpful resources within our rooms when she is on duty. Joanne also conducts the information session on using Trove.

#44 Janice Barrett - 20 year's Janice has worked tirelessly for the Group over many years until bad health made her slow down. She was President for seven years and was



instrumental in getting permission to transcribe and photograph Palmdale cemetery. She has worked closely with Council to keep the cemetery and gravedigger records up to date until recently; organised many events between 1998 and 2007 which included social BBQ's at her home, fund raising events and Bunnings BBQ's.

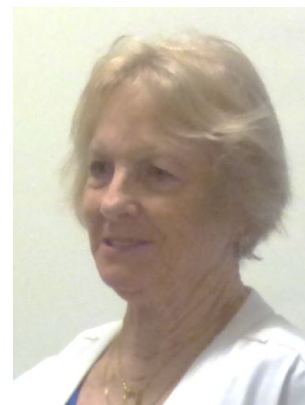
#45 Norm Barrett - 20 year's membership. Norm has been a support to his wife Janice helping out and running many BBQ's at home and at Bunnings. For many years he was our only bus driver making many trips to Rookwood Cemetery and State Records at Kingswood.



#372 Susan Wards - 10 year's Research Room Assistant one day a month helping members find resources to proceed in their research, and recently joined the committee.

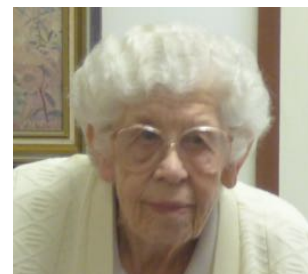
#11 Marilyn Cridland - 25 years -

Marilyn has been a tireless worker for the Group over many years. She was instrumental in producing the Roll of Honor Book and the Pioneer Register as well as working on a number of cemetery books. She was on the committee for many years and involved in many events and functions as well as working on the committee for the 2009 State Conference. Marilyn also gave time at Tuggerah Library to help people with their research before we had rooms of our own as we do now. Marilyn gives every Tuesday overseeing the opening of the Cottage, so members can do their research. Marilyn has always been a willing worker for the good of the Group. She is also a valued life member.



#46 Beryl Watson - 20 years - Beryl came to the Group in 1998 with experience as she had been doing family history for some time. She had knowledge to share.

Beryl began reading other Group's journals and doing snippets; she joined the committee for a couple of terms and was a regular at the Convict special interest group.





afternoon tea to receive their certificates. Lynda Smith, Pam Mansergh [left] and Kerrie Metcalfe [right] made the presentations

Each and every one of you has made our Group a strong and progressive Group as we head into the future. It is important to say thank you to each of you for your hard work and support over a long period of time.... 🌳

Many of those listed were present at a recent

New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to all new members and we look forward to meeting and helping you at 'The Cottage'. Contact any of these members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.

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883	Nanette 'Nan' Colston	895	Shani Fitzgerald
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885	Philip Varney	897	Theresa 'Terry' Joyce
886	Jacqueline Wieringa	898	Betty Rogers
887	Tracy Kirby	899	Linda Feneck
888	David Laffey	900	Gordon Smith
889	Robyn Wilson		

A Reminder For Members

Members are reminded that anytime they are at 'The Cottage' for any purpose, they have to wear their membership card and do so in such a manner that it is clearly displayed.

Bags are not allowed past the foyer. Please use the lockers provided. You may take in research folders and a purse. Food and drink are not allowed in the research areas.

*Books which can be borrowed from the library (i.e. Books without a '**NOT FOR LOAN**' mark), can only be out for two weeks at a time. Please record them in the red 'Loan Book'*

When returning any journals, books or magazines, please note the date returned in the book and then place them in the tray on the Library table. The volunteer on duty will place them back on the shelves that day.... 🌳

Please Note Email

Pam Mansergh #14 LM Membership Secretary.

Members – if you do not receive the Thursday email **NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK** from WFHGIInc. sent out by our new Secretary Wayne Bermingham or any other emails from WFHGIInc. and you have a current email address, please email your email address to the Membership Secretary Pam at < pjhayman-wfhg@bigpond.com > Thank you

Mother's Maiden Name? – FOX

Lynda Cecily Smith #LM 2

One of the security questions one gets asked on websites etc. is the one mentioned above. My mother's full maiden name is Cecily May **Fox** and she was named for her father,



Cecil Wellington **Fox**. My middle name is Cecily, but for many years growing up, I denied having one. I felt Cecily was such an old-fashioned name and I was embarrassed to tell anyone. When our daughter was born, I asked my mother if it was okay not to follow this tradition. As she had spent her lifetime spelling her name, correcting pronunciation and being called Cecile, Cicely and other less flattering versions, she said that she would not be offended in the least. Now that I am a proper grown up, I am proud that I have this link to my heritage.

Cecil Wellington **Fox** was my grandfather. Sadly, he died two years before I was born, but I grew up hearing stories about this man. My grandmother kept this black and white headshot of Cecil under the glass on her bedside table. She always talked of him in very loving terms. We were all thankful though, that we did not inherit his large ears! My mother always told me that her father had boasted that he was the thirteenth and last child of his family. When I started doing my research many years ago, I just accepted this as fact, but more recently, I have found that this is harder to prove. Cecil's parents were John **Fox** and Caroline Louisa **Pascoe**, generally known as Louisa. They married in Singleton, NSW in January, 1875 at All Saints Church of England.

Their Children are as follows:

John William May 1875, George Thomas Dec. 1876, James Percy Sept. 1878, Arthur



Charles Mar. 1880, Ann Henrietta July 1882, Malinda May May 1884, Harold Henry Mar. 1886, Florence Isobel Feb. 1888, Suzie Irene Dec. 16 1889, Amos George Harrington Mar. 1891, Ethel Phoebe Sept 1892 and Cecil Wellington Nov. 1894. That makes 12, not 13. Cecil's birth certificate, filled out by his mother, says 4 males, 4 females living, 2 males, 1 female deceased, which also adds up to 12. Child 2, George, died in 1888. Child 8, Florence also died in 1888 and child No. 10 Amos, died in 1892. Was there an earlier death of another child?

I have a photo of two pages from a Fox family Bible that dates from March 1889. The first page lists details of John and Louisa. The second page lists the names date of birth and sex of the children above, with misspellings of 'mail' and femal' and some of the names. I don't know who wrote this information and there seems to be a number of writing styles.

John senior died from skin cancer [carcinoma of the nose]. He had been a railway worker and obviously did not know about sun safety at the time. He was only 61 when he died. His son Harold filled out his death certificate and he listed 9 living children and 3 deceased. I have a copy of John's Railway records, but they only start in 1885, when he was based at the Murrurundi station as an Oiler.

There is a note that states "Early history to be obtained", so I don't know what he did pre 1885. John progressed to be a carriage and wagon



examiner at Werris Creek by 1897, which was a well paid, and more important position. Werris Creek was a substantial complex that now houses a Railway museum. [\[See photo below\]](#)



John then opted to move back to Sydney in August 1898. By 1900 he was working as a lowly gatekeeper at Eveleigh in Sydney. My dear friend Keith Shakespeare [our Life member No.1, who was an old Railway man himself], explained to me that John's rollercoaster changes in employment and location were an indication of both age and illness. After 32 years with the railways, John retired on Nov.10 1917 and died on Dec. 30th the same year.

When Louisa died in 1935, aged 81, her son in law John **Ferguson**, husband of Ethel, filled out her certificate and listed 9 living children, 2 males deceased and 2 females deceased. Eureka! That makes 13. Could it be that the missing child was an embarrassment during Louisa's lifetime and it was okay now to include her in the family? Was she a stillbirth



that was not registered, but remembered by some in the family? More questions!

Now I had to find this little lost girl. As Louisa's 'first' child was born only a few months after their wedding, I figured that this little girl may have been born before their relationship was legalised.

I searched the NSW BDMs and found this little birth entry:

Fox **Louisa E** No.1873/1872 John Louisa Sydney.

The first name made sense. The second name could be E for Elizabeth, which was both John and Louisa's mother's names. The date seemed to also fit as a possibility.

Next, I looked for deaths:

Fox **Louisa E** No.85/1874 **John Louisa Sydney**. That fitted with the story so far.

I sent away for the Death Certificate and found that this little girl was not 'ours' after all. Her full name was Louisa Ellen and her father John was a carter in Sydney. Her mother Louisa **Norton** was the informant, who signed with a cross. Little Louisa was buried with Roman Catholic rites at Haslem's Creek Cemetery. This shows the importance of purchasing certificates and not just using likely index entries in your records.

So, I am back to square one, as they say. I still think, there is a strong possibility that the missing girl was born and died early in her parents' relationship. There is not really much 'room' for another pregnancy from John to Cecil, unless she was one of twins or a premature birth. As Louisa's name has not been used in the other children's choices, I still think that this choice is also a possibility. Elizabeth is another. I don't have the birth certificates of all of Cecil's siblings, and I probably never will, so at this stage, this mystery remains unsolved. 🌱



Catherine Tomnay

The story of my great-great-grandmother an “Irish Orphan”.

Jean Macleay member 359

Nana told me many stories about her family when I was young, but I cannot remember that she ever told me about her Irish grandmother. I found, on Catherine’s death certificate that she was born in Ireland and had been in the colony for 33 years. This then meant that she left Ireland in the midst of the “Great Irish Famine”. Of course if I think about it, both my mother and sister have red hair and I believe nana’s hair was red in her younger years.

The following story then, failing any photos, is about a raven headed, good looking (if her descendants are any indication) lady who started life in the most destitute, deprived situation and came to this lucky country to live a comfortable and productive life.

In 1841 a census in Ireland shows there was, at that time, a population of 8,175,124 making it the most densely populated country in Europe. As long as the potato crop did not fail, this large population could be easily fed. The population consisted of a majority of tenant farmers on land owned by English or Scottish landlords.

Starting about 1842, a terrible famine struck Ireland due to disease causing the failure of their potato crops. Potatoes were the staple diet of these Irish tenant farmers for whom potatoes were their only source of disposable income. With the failure of their crops they were eating most of the few potatoes that matured and were unable to pay their rent to the owners.

The blight destroyed the food which over half the Irish ate exclusively forcing them to dig in stubble fields looking for undiseased plants.

As a result, they were thrown off their land, their houses were demolished to prevent their return, and they were left totally destitute. Between 1845 and 1849 from a population of over 8

million, one million died and at least another million emigrated. Today there are 5 million people in Ireland and 70 million scattered around the world, mostly due to this event.

Catherine’s father John, a builder, died in 1842. His death would have caused Catherine, who appears to have been an only child, and her mother onto the streets. The book “Barefoot and Pregnant” by Trevor McClaughlin tells us that she and her aging widowed mother, Ellen (recorded as Helena on the ship’s records, were caught in the poverty trap, and were in the Armagh workhouse by 1842. Records also show that they were in and out of the workhouse from that date until Ellen’s death. Ellen is recorded as “aged” but she must have gained some employment, possibly as a domestic from time to time. Catherine was 12 years old when she entered the workhouse for the first time, and possibly learned enough from her mother’s periods of employment to be described as a “housemaid” on her shipping records.

Conditions in Ireland in these years were desperate for the underprivileged class although the grain crops were successful, but the landlords were still insisting on exporting the wheat and corn. When wharf labourers refused to load the produce, British troops were sent to enforce the loadings. By 1847 all edible food in Ireland had been eaten and people were eating prurient and decayed food. Dysentery and fever became endemic and was carried by the Irish to wherever they managed to flee. Catherine therefore spent her teenage years in a country in the depth of despair.

It should be said that the British Association, and the Quakers did endeavour to provide food for the starving population, and it is recorded that in May 1847 2,253,505 rations of soup were made in Irish soup kitchens. However, these charities ran out of funds and closed in August 1848 and June 1849.

In 1848 the British government devised a scheme to send female orphans from Irish



workhouses to Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. The architect of this scheme was Earl Grey, Secretary of State for the Colonies in Lord John Russell's Whig government. The scheme was to invite willing and eligible girls between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, who were in the workhouses, a passage to Australia. It was hoped that they would bring a stabilizing influence to this predominantly male society. The governments of England and Australia saw it as their responsibility to provide these girls with food, a berth and a basic kit of items to start a new life in this country. This kit contained: 6 shifts, 6 pairs of stockings (2 worsted and 4 cotton), 2 pairs of shoes, 2 gowns, one of warm material (woollen plaid), 2 short wrappers, 2 night wrappers, 2 flannel petticoats, 2 cotton petticoats, 1 stout worsted shawl and a cloak, 2 neck and 3 pocket handkerchiefs, 2 linen collars, 2 aprons, 1 pair of stays, 1 pair of mitts, 1 bonnet, day and night caps, 2 towels, 2 lbs of soap (equal to 1 kg), also combs, brushes, needles, thread, tape etc and some other articles (such as a few yards of fabric, needles and thread). They were provided with a bible and prayer book. All of this was contained in a specially built box 2 feet long, 14 inches wide, 14 inches deep.

The Earl Grey scheme lasted from 1848 to

1850. During this time 4,114 girls aged between 14 and 20 were sent in 11 ships, 57 of these girls were from Armagh. The first of these ships was the "Earl Grey" on which Catherine was one of 183 "orphan" girls.

The shipping records show that Catherine was 19, a Roman Catholic, who could read but not write. Both her parents as we know were dead by the time she left Ireland.

It is worth noting here the different spellings of the names by which Catherine is recorded. The ship's records show that she could read but not write, so she was unable to spell her name to the recording official, her Irish accent probably didn't help. She has therefore been shown as follows: on the shipping records **Tomnay**; on the church record of her marriage **Tameney**; on her first son's baptism record **Thormery**; on the memorial at Hyde Park Barracks **Thom**; on her son's death certificate **Thommetry** and in the book "Barefoot and Pregnant" **Tamoney**.

Catherine would have travelled from Armagh to the coast at Belfast and by steamer from there to the port of Plymouth from where the "Earl Grey" sailed. What an adventure for a 19 year old disadvantaged girl! But would she have seen it as an opportunity for a new life or would she have suffered great trepidation travelling into the unknown. 🌿

Local LDS Family History Centre

Akora Rd, Wyoming (near ALDI)

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Generally closed during school holidays. Open at other times on request.

Free access

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Did We Have Anyone on the First Fleet? concludes

Lynda Smith LM2

Concluding Lynda's answer to this question recently posed by her youngest granddaughter, Amelie aged 6.

William **Morgan** married Mary [Molly] **Jones** in 1785 in Shropshire, England. He was a carpenter/wheelwright. Molly had an illegitimate daughter, also called Mary, born in 1783 to another man, William **Gough**. William and Molly had a son James born in 1786. James later joined the Royal Marines. No-one knows what happened to the child Mary after 1795.

There are 2 opinions about William **Morgan's** arrival in Sydney. One group of descendants believe he joined the Army and came here as a soldier. Another group believe he was a convict. Some say he came on the *Neptune* as part of the Second Fleet. Others say he arrived on the *Gorgon* in 1791. There was more than one William **Morgan** in Sydney at this time and it is very difficult to sort out which one is 'ours'. At this time, criminals were sometimes given the chance of joining the Army or the Navy instead of going to prison, so he could have been both!

Molly came to Australia on the *Neptune*, as part of the Second Fleet in 1790. She had received 7 years transportation for stealing hempen yarn. She met up with William and they set up a small shop. Their son James stayed in England with relatives. Molly decided to illegally leave Sydney in 1794/5. She 'married' another man in England and stayed there until 1803 when

she was accused of burning their house down. Her 'great escape' was discovered and she was transported to Australia again.

By this time, William was living with Ellen so Molly ended up moving north where she eventually became the owner of the Angel Inn near Maitland. There is a shopping centre named after her now. Molly died in 1835. There have been many newspaper stories written about Molly and her adventures.

This information comes from a mixture of my own research and that of Clare Stapleton Concord in Wisconsin USA. Clare generously shared her years of work with me back in 1990. Many others have written about these people as well. I thank some Ancestry researchers for sharing these documents and images with me.

Lynda shares another family story on page 8...ed



Wyong Family History Group Inc.



A Challenging Life: From Convicted Criminal to Colonial Architect to Farmer continues.

Life of Francis and Catherine Lawless [Lawliss] – First Settlers in Gunning NSW

Written by Carmel Peek Member 658 – their 3rd great granddaughter

Conditional Pardon/Absolute Pardon

Much joy would have been experienced by Francis and his young family when he was granted Conditional Pardon on the 2nd March 1819. Whilst it seems he continued in his Overseer role further opportunities to design and build buildings in his own free time were realised. (The following support letter for his Memorial seeking a grant of Land in 1820 indicating he was still an employee of the Government) Source: New South Wales, Australia, Colonial Secretary's papers, 1788-1856 for Francis Lawless

The following is a transcription from the original document titled :

Memorial of Francis Lawless for a Grant of Land 1820

To His Excellency Lachlan Macquarie Esq Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies

- *The humble Memorial of Francis Lawless for a grant of Land. Respectfully Sheweth That your memorialist arrived in this Colony in the Ship Boyd, Thompson Master, in the year 1809 since when your Excellency has been pleased to Grant him the indulgence of a Conditional Pardon.*
- *That memorialist has been in the actual employment of Government Eleven years during which period has faithfully fulfilled the Duties of an overseer of the Brick Layers Gang six years.*
- *That Memorialist married a native of the Colony and has a family and is patonific of Ninety Head of Horned Cattle and is obligated to pay for the pasturage of them which greatly reduces the Benefits arising therefore, not Enjoying Land of his own for that purpose.*
- *That memorialist trusting to the Testimony of the General Good Conduct which he has strived to maintain and the exertions made by him for the Benefit of his Infant family; hopes he may with that confidence look up to your Excellency for such portion of Land which persons in his situation of Life may be deemed by your Excellency Deserving of ...*

- *An I [sic] Memorialist do in Duty bound will ever more I have known petitioner some time and believe him to be a sober industrious man.*

Event Date	1820
Arrival Year	1809
Vessel	Boyd
Event Description	Overseer of Bricklayers Gang for six years. Memorial
Comments	Per "Boyd", 1809; bricklayer
Number	443
Page	633
Francis Lawless	

Page 634 of this same document reads:-

Source: Colonial Secretary Index 1788-1825.

Francis' Absolute Pardon was declared on the 28th Nov 1821. Source: State Records Authority of New South Wales: Copies of Conditional and Absolute Pardons granted. Series 1165. State Records Reel 800 copy 4/4486.

Families Abode in 10 Pitt St. Sydney

In the 1825 Australian Convict Muster and the 1928 Census the family were living in Pitt St Sydney where Francis is noted to be a publican. It is unclear at this point in time as to whether Catherine inherited the Pitt Rd property owned by her deceased father Mathew Kearns. We do know that Mathew Kearns was the first licensee in the Colony. His license was granted in Sept 1799 under the name of the 'The Faithful Irishman'. We also know that this Inn was located in 10 Pitt Row, later to be called 10 Pitt Street. Mathew continued to hold the licence at least up until 1811. Source: The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales General Advertiser pg. 1 Saturday 16 March 1811

It seems that the family remained in Pitt St until they moved to the Gunning area taking up a land grant there on or about 1834.

Frank Lawless Bricklayer / Architect

No doubt as an Overseer of the bricklayer's gang, Francis Lawless had

responsibility for the building of many buildings throughout the Colony during his 'employed' time. It was common practice at the time for convicts to undertake paid employment during their free time. Clearly where he received payment for his work he was doing this work in his free time. The following buildings are publically attributed to Francis Lawless for both design and build:

- *Carter's Barracks*
- *Benevolent Asylum for Sydney*
- *Convict Barracks at Parramatta*
- *St Peter's Church, Campbelltown*

His ability to draw plans is described as "Of those who could draw a plan, there was a brick-layer- cumforeman of the government gangs named Francis (or Frank) Lawless, a young Irish Lifer who had 'amended' a paymaster bill early in his Sydney days and narrowly escaped the hangman. Morton Herman (The Early Australian Architects & Their Work) described Lawless as one who designed buildings 'of by no means contemptible quality', even if they aped Greenway's or sprang from a builder's pattern book" Source: Alasdair McGregor Chapter 23 of FORGERS PROGRESS: THE LIFE OF FRANCIS GREENWAY,

In 1819-1820 Francis (Frank) designed and built the **Carters' Barracks** which was

commissioned by Governor Macquarie to house convict carters and brickmakers. Upon completion in 1820, this building was ready for occupation thus relieving the serious overcrowding situation in the Hyde Park Barracks at the time. Situated on the corner of Pitt Street and what today is known as Eddy Avenue the Barrack's commanded a picturesque view of the town of Sydney in 1820. To the northwest was the Harbour (Darling Harbour); opposite was the new St Laurence Church and adjacent was the recently established burial ground known as the Devonshire St Cemetery.



*Carters' Barracks, Sydney
by Joseph Fowles 1842-5?*

Read more about this family's fortunes in our next issue. – ed. ... 🌿

Census Records Newspaper Photographs

A Tribute to Old Genealogists

Kerrie Metcalfe LM (80)

Composed from snippets of an article in an online Journal from New Zealand.

They were avid indexers who, despite their individual indexing quirks, regularly produced accurate indexes of any material they could find.

Teams of now nameless indexers did the work. Some of them were very ill and only survived because indexing was a regular exercise. Many have now passed on. There are many genealogists who have contributed much to the many indexes that have been produced over the years.

Many Groups and Societies have introduced new resources that needed to be publicized. That was how genealogists learnt. Some unknown genealogist would be ferreting around in the National Archives,

Church Archives etc. and find a new resource. They would quietly inform others and voila, it became common knowledge.






Many modern genealogists don't know how the "stuff on the computer" got found and got made into a useable format". It is all the result of the old indexers and genealogists who went to great length to find, record and index various resources.

Let's take a minute to remember and thank those nameless, probably dead or near dead and forgotten genealogists that developed the data. Let's raise a toast of whatever you want (in my case a good coffee) and silently thank them. ... 🌿


Special Interest Groups

Here at **Wyong Family History Group Inc.** we currently offer a range of Special Interest Groups where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest.

Current Groups are:

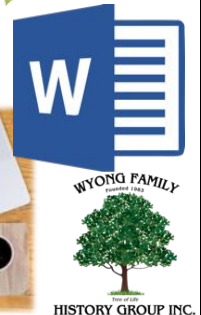
-  Computer/Social Media (bi-monthly)
-  DNA
-  English & Welsh
-  Family Tree Maker
-  Microsoft Word

We also run information sessions. These sessions are usually an hour or so and may just give your research and what you do with it, a boost.

 Done my research, now what to do with it. Thursday 15 November 10:30 am

No Bookings Required

Upcoming dates are included on our Planned Events on page 23.



Did you know:

2018 Remembrance Day in the Hunter

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

If you are interested in such things, at Richmond Vale Rail Museum's Remembrance Day's Ceremony, A FIRST World War vintage steam locomotive will be the centrepiece of a simple act of remembrance at the Richmond Vale Railway Museum on November 11.

This fully restored ROD locomotive was the last of its type sent to the Western Front, operated by Australian troops, 100 years ago, and the last to be returned to the United Kingdom following the repatriation of troops and equipment after the Armistice.

Its historic value didn't end there – in 1967

it shunted the second-last load of coal out of the Richmond Main colliery, and in 1973 it hauled the last coal load of any of those engines in the world, from Stockrington to Hexham.

For more information see:



<https://www.hunternvalleynews.net.au/story/5734823/a-simple-act-of-remembrance/>

Their War They are remembered
 They sleep not in their native land, but
 beneath a foreign sky,
 Far away from those who loved
 them, in hero's graves they lie.



Gulgong NSW.

Do you remember the town on the original paper \$10 note.? Central NSW, Gulgong?

It retains much of its 19th century character, including the Prince of Wales Opera House, a survivor with a rich history, making for an appealing tourist destination. At the 2016 Census, Gulgong had a population of 2,521.

Back in 1916, the good citizens of Gulgong

decided an Anzac memorial in the form of a Band Rotunda should be built. Funded by the efforts of the Gulgong Progress Association and costing £244 to construct, this is the second oldest of it's kind in Australia being built two years before the end of World War One. It was officially unveiled in 1918. The World War One

plaques were added to the rotunda on the official opening of the Memorial Park on Anzac Day 1929.

Poet and Author Henry Lawson lived in

Gulgong in his early years. It is a very long time since we visited this fascinating town and I would like to thank Julie Rusten for the wonderful photos. ... 🌳

Noel Yvon Loftus Welman DSO

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505



*Noel Yvon Loftus
Welman circ. 1908*

Noel Yvon Loftus **Welman** was born at the Barracks, Mullingar, Ireland, October 1889, the son of Lieut.-Colonel Herbert Loftus **Welman** [1860-1932], of Royal Irish Rifles, and Annie Harriet **Burrows** [1866-1915].

He was educated at Charterhouse Preparatory School, Godalming; at the

Grammar School, Wellingborough, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. His strong military ancestry, including many high ranking soldiers, it is no surprise he joined the Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment in February 1909.

UK Forces War Records tell us Noel's siblings included Major Longford Loftus **Welman** [1894-1944] and Lieutenant Commander Herbert Loftus **Welman**.

On the 1911 UK Census, 21 year old Second Lieutenant Noel Yvon Loftus Welman's address in Bengal, India.

Noel served in the European War from 1914; was promoted to Captain in December 1914.

Noel was created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order [London Gazette, 1 Jan. 1915]: "Noel Yvon Loftus Welman, Capt., 1st Battn. The Duke of



Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regt).

For gallant conduct on the 30th October at La Boutillerie, when the heaviest attack was launched by the enemy on the platoon which he commanded. Eleven of the enemy were killed on the parapet and two others in front, Lieut. Welman accounting for three of the number himself." Capt. Welman was mentioned in Despatches 1 Jan. 1915, and was killed in action at Loos 25 Sept. 1915. ... 🌳



Capt. N.Y.L. Welman, D.S.O.
1st Middlesex Regt. Awarded the D.S.O. last January, and was mentioned in despatches in Feb.



*Gravestone in
Departement du
Pas-de-Calais,
Nord-Pas-de-
Calais, France*

Did you know:

Armistice [/'ɑ:mɪstɪs/ *Noun*] an agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce. ... 🌳

Apology from the Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

In our last issue, I mistakenly misspelt Lynda Smith's first name several times in in my item 'Celebrating 35 Years', I am so sorry Lynda. ... 🌳

Reflections: UTAS Graduation – August 2018

Christine Randall member 173 & Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Helen: *'Having competed the University of Tasmania's Diploma in Family History early this year and my personal mobility issues, I had not really thought of attending either the 'Walk Through' presentation in Sydney, in April this year or the full Graduation Ceremony in Hobart in August this year. About a month before graduation date, chatter on the Student's Alumni Facebook page got me thinking perhaps I could find a way.'*

Christine: *'I had actually graduated in December last year, work commitments and proximity to Christmas precluded attending the Hobart ceremony, receiving my Diploma by mail. It was also through the Student's Alumni Facebook page that I found that I could attend the ceremony in August as a 'walk through participant.' All this really means is, that instead of receiving the Diploma from the University Chancellor, I received a letter of congratulations.'*

Helen: *'As a family, we had leisurely camper-vanned our way around Tasmania in 1977, I had also been fortunate enough to accompany a school friend and her family on their car tour of the island state early 1967. Hobart had not drawn us then, as there were so many other places to visit.'*

'Investigating on line, showed mobility assistance available for airline travellers, with the help of family, flights from Sydney were booked and accommodation not far from the venue was found and booked. Thank you accumulated reward points.'

Through Facebook chatter, Chris and Helen found they were staying at the same motel although Chris was departing from Newcastle.

Again, through the same Facebook page, a luncheon in one of the many historic hotels



was arranged on Graduation day. We were able to say g'day to fellow candidates.

The Graduation was at 7 pm on the Friday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Chancellor Hotel. Collection of hired and pre-booked graduation garb was from a dedicated room within the Hotel, they also assisted with donning said items. A pop-up memorabilia stall was also worth a look.

Helen: *'I had notified mobility problems for myself and Harry and their assistance was almost intuitive.'*

About an hour before the appointed time, those who were to graduate were seated in presentation order whilst guests were seated behind. A talk through rehearsal informed us all of what was expected of us.

The Ceremony was relatively quick with other faculties also presented and duly awarded.

Following the Ceremony, official photographs were taken in a dedicated room, the photographer was very professional. For those interested, the entire Ceremony was 'live streamed'. The after-presentation supper was welcome; however we were tired. After returning our hired garments, the three of us caught a taxi back to our motel.

Helen: *'We had visited the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery on Friday after the luncheon, and Harry and I with our walkers, spent Saturday walking to a few of the places we had on our list, ending in Salamanca Markets. Our cameras worked overtime. We had forgotten Hobart was so hilly.'*

'We returned to Sydney the next day, however Christine had another day, joining a group visiting Port Arthur.'

Christine: *'The trip to Port Arthur was organised by a fellow alumni Sue Wyatt who is very passionate about her home state. We started with a short cruise around the waterways which was the only way to reach Port Arthur in convict times. Port Arthur is a very beautiful, desolate, cold place and must have been extremely hard for the poor convicts that had been sent there.'*

'Imagine standing in freezing cold water up to your waist while building small boats and not having a dry change of clothes or warm blanket to wrap round you at the end of the day. It was also considered to be just punishment for the poor souls that died during their time at Port Arthur to be buried in unconsecrated ground. For those that were placed in the silent prison, they weren't allowed to make a sound except to sing in the



chapel on Sundays.

'On the way back to Hobart, Sue showed a few of us some of the other landmarks in the area, it was like have our own personal tour guide.'

If you have the opportunity to go to a Graduation in Hobart, go for it.

The December Graduation in Hobart includes a town and gown procession allowing the two distinct communities in a university town, the "town" being the non-academic population and the "gown" the University community, to join to celebrate the achievements of the regions graduates.

Helen: *'We enjoyed our little adventure to Hobart, all the better for linking up with a fellow Wyong Family History Group member. For me, sharing it with Harry made for a very special occasion*

"We probably could have spent a week just exploring the city and environs.

"Personally, the whole course was at times a struggle, enlightening and enjoyable, capped off by attending the first Graduation ceremony with me being awarded..

"Christine and I can now officially add Dip.Fam.Hist. to our names.'

For her view of the course, read Ellen Sheerin's article in the November 2017 The Tree of Life.



For course details see

<http://www.utas.edu.au/courses/cale/courses/r2h-diploma-of-family-history>

1888

A Week in the Future

First Paragraph

Catherine Helen Spenceⁱ [1825-1910]

First published 1888

"I have often observed that unmarried people, old maids and old bachelors, take a keener interest in old family history, and in the ramifications of the successive generations from the most remote ancestors they can claim, than those who form the actual links in the chain of descent, and leave children behind them to carry on the chronicle. Having lived all my life with a mother who nearly attained the age of a century, and having a strong interest in things past as well as in things present, I have been steeped in memories of old times. I know how middle-

class intelligent people lived and worked, dressed and dined, worshipped God and amused themselves, what they read for pleasure and for profit, not only so far as her own recollections could carry the dear old lady, but two generations farther back. In her youth she had lived much with an intelligent grandmother, who could recollect the rebellion of 1745, and the battle of Prestonpans, and had been of mature years during the American War of Independence."



Publications For Sale

More details at: <http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au/publications>

BOOKS & CDs

Bowden Family Funerals – Wyong. <i>July 1999 – January 2016</i>	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$15.00 – p&h
Brought in by the Tide. <i>[A guide to tracing convict ancestors in one place.]</i>	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Central Coast Roll of Honour. <i>[Includes the full names, rank, type of service & date of death where known of over 12,000 men & women of the Central Coast who were in the Armed Forces. 400 pages fully indexed. Includes 138 stories and photographs.]</i>	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Gosford Times Marriage and Death Notices 1892-1954	Book	\$ 27.00 + p&h
incorporating the Wollombi Express (1892-1906) and Wyong District Advocate (1906-1920) <i>Contains enteries for 5892 Deaths and 1400 Marriages with many relevant details</i>	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Place Names of the Wyong Shire	Book	\$ 8.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 1963 – 2006 – Out of Print – available on combined CD.		
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 2007 - 2011 + Wyong & Toukley	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay Toukley and Wyong 1963 - 2011	CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Erina 1985 – 2013	Book	\$ 30.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Woy Woy 1991 – 2013	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong Agricultural Association <i>[248 pages]. Covers the history of the Wyong Agricultural Association as reported in local newspapers; lists of Office Bearers; photos of founders and first Committee; plus the minutes of all meetings held from 1 May 1913 to 18 June 1930 with fully indexed list of names</i>	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong & District Pioneer Register (Published 2013) <i>[673 pages]. Fully indexed compilation of all previous Pioneer Book entries, extensively updated references to over 13,500 individuals. Contains: Birth, Marriage & Death details; some photos, personal stories, obituaries for some individuals. Includes a brief history of Wyong.</i>	Book	\$ 50.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 40.00 + p&h
Wyong & Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices (1932 – 1995) (available separately- see below)	Two Volume set Book	\$ 45.00 + p&h
Contents Volume One – 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4,790 in memoriam notices & 238 miscellaneous event notices, includes church photographs	Book Volume 1	\$ 25.00 + p&h
	Book Volume 2	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Contents Volume Two - 11,973 deaths, obituary & probate notices includes Church and cemetery photographs	CD	\$ 35.00 + p&h
Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 – 1953	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h

More Publications For Sale

The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area

[Baptisms, Burials and Marriages with notes from Albert Glennie's Diaries and Miscellaneous Entries. Includes Kincumber, Mangrove, Wyong, Tuggerah, Cooranbong, Woy Woy & the Hawkesbury River.]

CD \$ 10.00 + p&h

CEMETERY

Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009]	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Noraville Cemetery, Wyong Shire [1869 - 2012]	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
St Barnabas & Yarramalong Cemeteries, Wyong Shire NSW [1886-2001]	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Ronkana Cemetery, Wyong Shire NSW [1825 - 2016]	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
All 4 Cemetery Books		\$ 50.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016 [220 pages] <i>This index has been compiled from the Wyong Family History Group's cemetery database. It includes burials (and niches) at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas (Yarramalong) and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. We also acknowledge the CC Council Bereavement Officers for their contribution to our records.</i> <i>Contains: Cemetery maps; Deceased details – name, age, date of burial, grave location (section, row, plot), some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all Graves including Unmarked Graves.</i>	Book	\$ 25.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries	CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery [30,000 names, not all from Wyong]	CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Genealogy Recorder		\$ 10.00 + p&h

to the Editor.

This edition of the Tree of life is wonderful reading, as usual. I love the page with the 'special interest groups' times and dates, as I read it I made notations on my calendar which was very helpful.

The articles were fantastic. I particularly enjoyed the one on the fountains, I found that very interesting. Individually I knew all the fountains but seeing them together is amazing, we do not realize how many there are. Thanks - Michele member 174

What a great edition you have put together Helen, congratulations. I am very impressed with the photos you and Harry have been able add to the State Library story; thank you both.

I am also thrilled to see my Francis and Catherine Lawless's story continuing and

thank you for publishing their story. Kind regards, Carmel member # 658

Hi Helen , thank you for placing my small article in tree of life, loved your clip art and interesting other stories you do a great job. Regards Chris Wheeler member #746

Transport

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

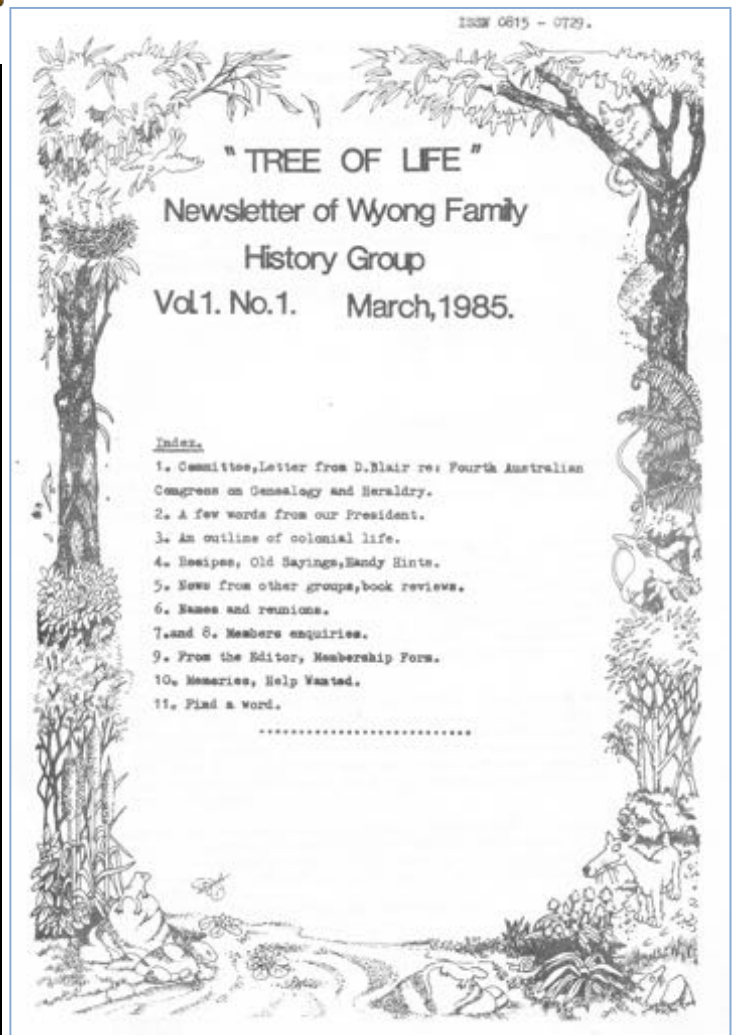
Members – Transport to and from The Cottage is a problem for some of our members.

If you have any ideas, email The Secretary: secwfhg2@westnet.com.au
or phone (02) 4351 2211 🌳

Duplicating machines were the predecessors of modern document-reproduction technology. They have now been replaced by digital duplicators, scanners, laser printers and photocopiers, but for many years they were the primary means of reproducing documents for limited-run distribution.

Like the typewriter, these machines were products of the second phase of the industrial revolution which started near the end of the 19th century. This second phase brought to mass markets technologies like the small electric motors and the products of industrial chemistry without which the duplicating machines would not have been economical. By bringing greatly increased quantities of paperwork to daily life, the duplicating machine and the typewriter gradually changed the forms of the office desk and transformed the nature of office work.

Along with Fordigraph [spirit duplicators] messy duplicators often used in schools, churches, and small organizations, where revolutionarily economical copying was in demand for



the production of newsletters and worksheets. A master was usually typed [no errors], drawings sometime added, mounted on the machine and usually hand cranked to produce copies. ... 🌿

1985

Recipe

This recipe appeared in Volume 1 issue 1 of our *Tree of Life*, March 1985

Recipe from Mrs N Prestcott's 'Early Settlers Household Lore'.

This recipe goes back to 1809.

Take four onions, sliced small, and a head of garlic. Fry them a light brown, then put these in a pan with meat [Fowl or other white meat is best]. Three teaspoons of curry powder and two of flour mixed together, likewise a spoonful of lemon juice and cayenne pepper to your taste.

Pour over it a pint of boiling water and let it simmer slowly for a short time, then add a sufficient quantity of broth made without vegetables to make a tureen of Mulligatawny.

The ingredients must then stew together an hour.

To be served with a dish of rice [if you can get it] as for curry. ... 🌿



WFHG Inc Planned Events **subject to future planning meeting.*

- **Note:** Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, workshops and mini sessions are at 'The Cottage'.
- **Information Sessions:** Detailed list available on website.

	2018	Event
November	Fri 2	2019 Planning Meeting 10:00 am
	Sun 4	Volunteers' Lunch
	Thu 8	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Tue 13	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Thu 15	Done my research, now what to do with it – Kerrie Metcalfe. 10:30 am
	Sat 17	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 20	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 27	December Committee Meeting 10:00 am
Dec	Sun 9	Christmas Party
	Tue 18	Cottage Closes until 15 January 2019
	2019	Event
January	Tue 8	January Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Tue 15	Cottage Open again
	Sat 19	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 22	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 29	February Committee Meeting 10:00 am
February	Sat 9	Wyong Love Lanes Festival 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
	Tue 12	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Wed 13	NSW Seniors' Festival Commences
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 16	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
	Sat 23	Computer/Tablet/Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Sun 24	NSW Seniors' Festival Concludes
	Tue 26	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
March	Tue 5	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Fri 8	Beginners Course – week 1
	Tue 12	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Fri 15	Beginners Course – week 2
	Sat 16	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Wed 19	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Fri 22	Beginners Course – week 3
	Tue 26	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Fri 29	Beginners Course – week 4
	Sun 31	Vic Gum Seminar

NSW Seniors' Festival

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

Research Centre

'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre,
6 Rankens Court, Wyong (entrance via the old school grounds)

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm.
At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3rd Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon
(WFHG members available to help)

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To promote and encourage the research and preservation of family and local history, to assist members and others in family history research. To develop and maintain a Public Library and research, collect, preserve and maintain its resources in its Library.