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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

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.

Member contributions are always welcome

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

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Resources and research assistance at 'The Cottage' is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

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from the President

Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM, President WFHG Inc.

February was an exciting month for me when I embarked on the 4th 'Unlock the Past Cruise' and my first cruise, accompanied by my daughter Melissa. I thought I was going to learn lots of genealogy ideas and enjoy the cruise as well. I was mistaken and found I had far too many choices to make and just couldn't fit it all in, so a compromise had to be made. The high standard of speakers and topics being offered made this a hard task however since I use 'Historian' for my genealogy

data, England's Jane Taubman's expert talk on this software was a must for me.



Also I couldn't miss another two overseas presenters: Thomas MacEntee's work as a genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and to interact with others in the family history community; and Chris Paton a professional Scottish based genealogist, writer, lecturer and tutor. Both these presenters were well received. I also attended a question session on the future of genealogy. This was really very good and scary at the same time as we move more into the social media and technical era. There is no stopping it and we have to embrace it or be left behind. Shauna Hicks, one of our Australian speakers, was the other presenter on my list of must hear speakers. She is a wonderful speaker and full of knowledge. I hope I can share some of the ideas and knowledge with members either at The Cottage or at meetings and workshops. Genealogy is certainly changing in the 21st century but I can still say '**It can't all be done on the internet.**' If you think it can you are sadly mistaken.

Now it was time for me to explore the enormous ship *Voyager of the Seas* with its 14 decks. Our stateroom was on deck 10, the conference was in the bowels of the ship on deck 1. There were a number of bars where a cocktail was enjoyed occasionally! The décor of the ship was beautiful and I was in awe of its size. Over the nine days we had five sea days and four shore days, being Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart and yes Adelaide to Hobart was a bit of rock and roll..... TOL



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Group Business

Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM, President WFHG Inc

A plea to members

As members of the WFHG you have a vast resource centre to make use of, and with growing membership we have kept up with providing up to date equipment and resources. In doing this it takes a lot of work and responsibility which is not evenly shared. Some of our continuous volunteers get tired as well as older, so the Committee needs you to consider taking on or learning some of the roles to lighten the load. As has already been announced Kerry Clarke is stepping down from Secretary in September after two years. The group has to have a Secretary to function so it's time to start thinking ahead so that you get to take over with some training. Also knowing what is ahead

makes it easier for you and the Committee.

We are thinking of opening our rooms to suit people who work and are too busy to come in at our present times. We hope those members will take advantage of this opening as it takes a volunteer to do this.

This year we have deferred the Beginner's course and will run a workshop each month on a particular subject. If you have a subject you would like to present yourself let us know and we will be more than happy to help you arrange it. Helen Burkett kicked this off with a workshop on Shipping and Esther Dean will run a workshop in May on English research.

We have to raise funds to keep going so a \$5 dollar fee for workshop tutorials will be enforced from now on and it will be \$10 for non-members. Interest groups such as the Convict group and Scottish and Irish group will be free but there is a charge for *all* photo copying.

Survey Monkey

We conducted our very first electronic survey and it was quite a success. I thank those who took the few minutes to fill it in. We had 85 responses and hope to action some of the suggestions. Just as a summary, the following resulted.

- Overwhelming vote for Thursday afternoon General Meetings 60%.
- An English Interest group also had a high rating of 44%.
- Family Tree Maker was the highest rating with 80%.
- The committee is working on providing both these interest groups. Marie will start the Family Tree Maker one off on the 15th May and we will start an English one after the workshop, hopefully by June.
- Workshops, mainly using resources on the internet, also received a good response and we will arrange a workshop on that topic for the second part of 2014.
- German research also had a high mention so if someone in the group or if you know someone who is good at this type of research please come forward and maybe do a workshop for us.

That was mainly the outcome but it is so good to know what members might want. We will prepare another survey for next year. Many thanks..... TOL

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from the Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

After a slow start with stories for last issue, I am pleased to report the inbox is working nicely with many of you keen to share your stories.

With the centenary of The Great War, it seems timely to publish stories about your family's experiences grouped under the heading Their War. We will not be restricting these to WWI stories as explained under that heading. As this conflict lasted four years, we hope will have time for many stories.

Harry and I have been taking photographs since we were children and I was fascinated to find the number of photos of War Memorials and Cenotaphs in our collection. We would like to add a few of these each issue and if you have any you would like to include please forward them to me.

The response to the Brickwalls section has been heartening and we hope you will continue with your submissions for this interesting feature.

Thank you Martin Fisher for all your efforts and please keep your articles and ideas coming and remember the deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 July 2014..... TOL



to the Editor

Nice Story but not true

Helen,

Just read the Fleming-Churchill story in your latest journal via the exchange with Toowoomba and Darling Downs FHS.

Nice story, but not true - and even less true with the typo in the 3rd last line which names the son as Lord Randolph rather than Winston. Lord Randolph died in 1895, when Fleming was 13

years old See

<http://www.snopes.com/glurge/fleming.asp> -

Snopes is a good site for checking up stories which appear to be just too good <g>

Best wishes,

John Graham

Many thanks John. I should have checked, unfortunately I had so few stories for that edition and thought I would go with that one.ed..... TOL

Correction

On reading through the story that I wrote for the last TOL, about the German family who had connections to Mudgee, I realized that where I wrote Riverstone, it should have been Rylstone.

Perhaps you could put a correction into the

next TOL, so that anyone searching for those families, won't get thrown off the track. It's so easy to slip up, when researching the amount of people that I am doing.

Beryl Watson member 46..... TOL

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Kathryn Coughran

Guest Speaker at March 2014 General Meeting.

Kathryn is an experienced writer, educator and educator currently based at The Entrance, NSW. Please can we ask Kathryn back for either a workshop or another talk.

At this meeting, Kathryn spoke on Bring Your Family History Alive. Her pointers on how and what to record in family stories, how to make the stories readable whilst keeping them accurate. Deciding the best way to publish family stories was of particular interest to me.

Kathryn offers Writer's workshops through Central Coast Community College as well as courses privately.

Again I ask can Kathryn return? TOL

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from the Secretary.

Kerry Clarke, Secretary, member 433

Well, we have some good news and some bad news.

The Entrance Rotary Raffle has been drawn (good news), and unfortunately, none of our members were winners (bad news)

Esther and Denis Deane attended the raffle draw at Mingara Club. The winners are listed below.

First - Jacob Armitage Ticket number 23529.

Second - Marlene Davidson Ticket number 3675 (yes, Marlene from CCFHS who sold her the ticket).

Third - Linda Donaldson Ticket number 24691.

Fourth - Christine McConnell Ticket number 18464.

This was the 30th year that Rotary has run this raffle. This year 43 Groups participated raising \$40,860 which of course all went back to the **Groups**.TOL

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Helen Johnston-Lord member 505



Agreement with Ancestry.com

The National Archives announces that it has entered an agreement with the major family history website Ancestry.com.au to make digital copies of all the inward passenger manifests for ships and aircraft arriving at Fremantle, Perth Airport and Western Australian outports from 1897 to 1963. This exciting project will result in the images of these documents being available to the public to view online through the websites both of Ancestry.com and the National Archives. In addition to the images a complete searchable index of all passengers listed in these records will be available through both the Archives and Ancestry.com.au websites. Through this agreement the National Archives is able to make accessible to the public for the first time a complete index and complete copy of this group of records which has proven so vital for the family history research of many thousands of Australians. We expect the images and index to be available by December 2013.

The National Archives is keen to enter arrangements with organisations which will result in making important parts of its collection directly available online for family history and other research.....TOL

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from The Social Secretary

Martin Fisher, member 653

What a great start to the year we've had. Firstly in early February there was a bus trip to the NSW State Records. This was followed with a cruise on the Riverboat Postman in March. Whilst these events were happening we had guest speakers to find and book for our upcoming seminar and our general meetings; help to design, build & launch our new website; organise a trip to Rookwood cemetery and start planning a return trip to State Records. Very busy but also very productive and rewarding

The trip to State Records was a resounding success with all those members who went on the trip receiving outstanding service from the staff and coming away with folders loaded full of new information to work with.

The Riverboat Postman cruise and the Elusive Ancestors seminar were both thoroughly enjoyed by large groups of our members and I urge you to read the reviews of these two events elsewhere in this journal.

Our guest speakers for the next few months' general meetings have been selected and booked. May brings us Terry Wand who will be speaking on the early history of Wyong and how it was the only settlement north of Sydney to be settled from the land, all other settlements along the coastal strip being settled from the sea.

For our June meeting we have obtained the services of Liz Parkinson. Liz will be giving us an insight into the History of The Rocks in Sydney.

July finally brings back Ann Howard who, through unforeseen circumstances, has had to postpone twice this year. Ann will be telling us about the evacuation of the children in WWII from the coastal areas of Australia.

What's happening in the next few months?

Put these dates into your calendar for some of the upcoming events during the remainder of the year:-

Friday 13th (June) – Rookwood Cemetery Bus Trip

Sat 5th July – State Records Bus Trip

Sat 23rd August. – All day Workshop with Jill Ball – the use of social media in Family History research.

Wed 3th December – Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Bus Tour

More events will be added as they become available

You can also find all this information on our new website www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au Please visit our website often and we look forward to receiving your comments (via the 'CONTACT' page)

Happy and successful researching.TOL

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A Great Day On The River

Riverboat Postman Outing

Susan Fisher member 654

We weren't sure how the day would be as it had been raining the night before and the sky was grey in the morning, but it turned out to be perfect weather for the cruise. Some of our members met on Wyong station, travelling down by train while others chose to drive to Brooklyn. All 26 of our group arrived in plenty of time for the 10am departure on the Riverboat Postman.

Not long after we left the jetty, we were given morning tea, with a choice of either coffee or tea and the best Anzac biscuit we've had, so thin and crunchy with everyone wanting more and happy to pay a dollar for the recipe. On the reverse side of the recipe was a map of the route we would be taking.

The first mail drop off was Dangar Island. Last November our group had visited here and learnt about the history, so it was good to see the island again.

Once we left Dangar Island the skipper, Justin, turned the boat westward and we headed off up-river to deliver mail, supplies and river locals who don't have their own boats, to the water access only settlements of Danger Island, Kangaroo Point, Milson's Island, Bar Point, Marlow Creek, Fisherman's Point and Milson's Passage.

We passed under the railway bridge and then the road bridge, all the while being given a running commentary from Justin on the history of how the bridges were built.

The sandstone formations on the shores of the river are really beautiful. The actions of the wind, rain and tide over time carving the most unusual and colourful shapes into the Hawkesbury sandstone.

In the distance we could see an old hulk in the mud on the bank of the river. Justin informed us that this was the hull of the first HMAS Parramatta which was commissioned in 1911 and was decommissioned in 1928. After being stripped at Cockatoo Island Dockyard the hull was sold to NSW Penal Department who used it to house prison labourers whilst they were building roads along the river. When being towed down the river in gale conditions the tow rope broke and the hull ran aground in the mangroves where it remains to this day.

Some of the jetties on the river have public phone boxes. Justin explained that once a month a man from Telstra cleans all the phone boxes, whilst the mail is being delivered to the settlements. As it's a fairly easy day he relaxes with a beer or two on the way, as the day goes on more drinking is done and less cleaning.

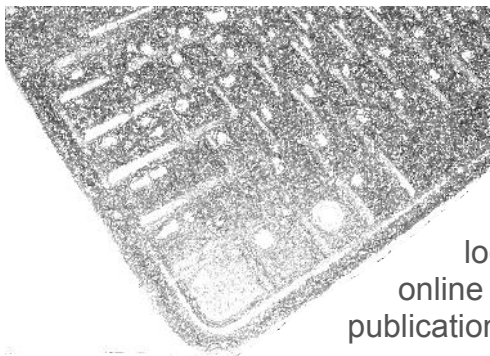
We passed by Bar Island where there is a cemetery, ruins of the church, an old cottage and a memorial.

The Ploughman's Lunch was delicious, add to that a beer or two, a glass of wine, tea or coffee, talking with friends, watching the beautiful scenery go by, the day was perfect.

Justin was friendly, very informative keeping us amused along the way with stories of things that happened over the years. As he lives on the river Justin is well versed with all the daily happenings that go on along the river. Justin really brought the river alive with his stories of homes having names such as "Tumbledown" and "Blotto Grotto". You'll have to go on the trip to find out where those names came from.

We arrived back at Brooklyn at 1.15pm with ½ an hour to spare for the train, enough time to climb all the steps at the station and board the train for home. We were so lucky that the rain had stayed away and everyone agreed that it was a great day out..... TOL





Computer Talk

A Note from the Management Committee

Dear members,

We have decided that the time has come to offer some extra services to our members through the website. We are looking to offer online bookings and payments for events, online membership subscriptions and online ordering of publications.

We are also looking at attracting sponsorship to help fund our centre. It's expensive keeping up to date in this technological world! As such - we want to be able to offer sponsors online advertising through our website.

Going through the process of transferring the data over from the current site, to this new site has opened our eyes to the vast amount of work that goes into a website - creating, maintaining and keeping a website alive and useful is an enormous task. We would like to formally thank **John Owen** for taking this task on over many years. The website has been kept up-to-date and full of useful information. Our current website committee (Kate Walter, Pam Mansergh and Martin Fisher) have wondered what they have got themselves into.

It is our aim to have an easy to use website with lots of information to assist our members, and members of the wider community, in their family history research. Your feedback will be crucial in achieving this goal.

Your feedback can be submitted through our [contact](#) page, using the online form.

Kind regards,

The Management Committee..... TOL

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WFHG is on FaceBook!

Kate Walter, web support and member 657

To find our group you can visit <https://www.facebook.com/WyongFamilyHistory> or go to our website and click on the FaceBook icon at the top right hand corner of our home page.



What's so great about FaceBook?

FaceBook is a really good way to connect with all the things you are interested in.

You can get up to date information about what is happening in a particular field/group of friends all over the world.

When you visit our FaceBook page – make sure you “like” it and then you will received our updates in your own news feed.

Or stop by and have a look at some of the other family history pages we have “liked” - you might find other sites that interest you too..... TOL

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Say Goodbye to Windows XP

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By Terry Stockdale , www.TerrysComputerTips.com

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It's time to say goodbye to Windows XP. Get rid of it.

We loved it when it was released because it was so much more logical and powerful than its predecessors (and especially when compared to Windows Me).

But, that was then and this is fourteen years later. Three major Service Packs were issued to provide bug fixes and security fixes, rolling in all the updates through those points. The last one was released in August, 2008, almost six years ago.

The "End of Mainstream Support" for Windows XP was August 14, 2009. That date came and went with little real impact. I didn't even notice any difference, and I doubt you did either.

However, now, we are coming up on the End of Extended Support. That was to happen on 8th April, 2014.

What happens now?

Microsoft stops doing security updates for XP, or any other kind of bug fixes.

Malware writers and cyber criminals are waiting for the day — why would they attack newly discovered vulnerabilities now, when Microsoft has a chance to fix them?

The world changed on 8th April, though, and anyone running Windows XP computers connected to the Internet are going to be vulnerable to these new attacks.

Why can't I just let my antivirus program handle them?

The first problem is that antivirus programs are reactive and usually identify problems by the unique signatures of known malware.

The second problem is that antivirus programs, and other software, too, are likely to stop supporting Windows XP also, when Microsoft stops. Further, they haven't been writing fixes for Windows XP problems. If the past is any predictor of the future, the support will die because the OS is no longer supported.

If you're using Windows XP for any Internet activity, it's time to change your operating system. I'd suggest that you upgrade to Windows 7.

You may have to upgrade your computer (check to see what your local computer shop can do to provide a minimal upgrade) or even buy a new one.

Either is far preferable to having your system successfully attacked and losing all your data. Or, losing your credit card and other financial information. Or spewing spam to the world. Or having your Internet Service Provider shut down your connection because you're spewing spam.

Remember, too, that lack of support can mean that the current Windows Updates are no longer available.

Restoring your computer from your Recovery CDs/DVDs may be your only choice, and then that will put you far more outdated in terms of the security updates.

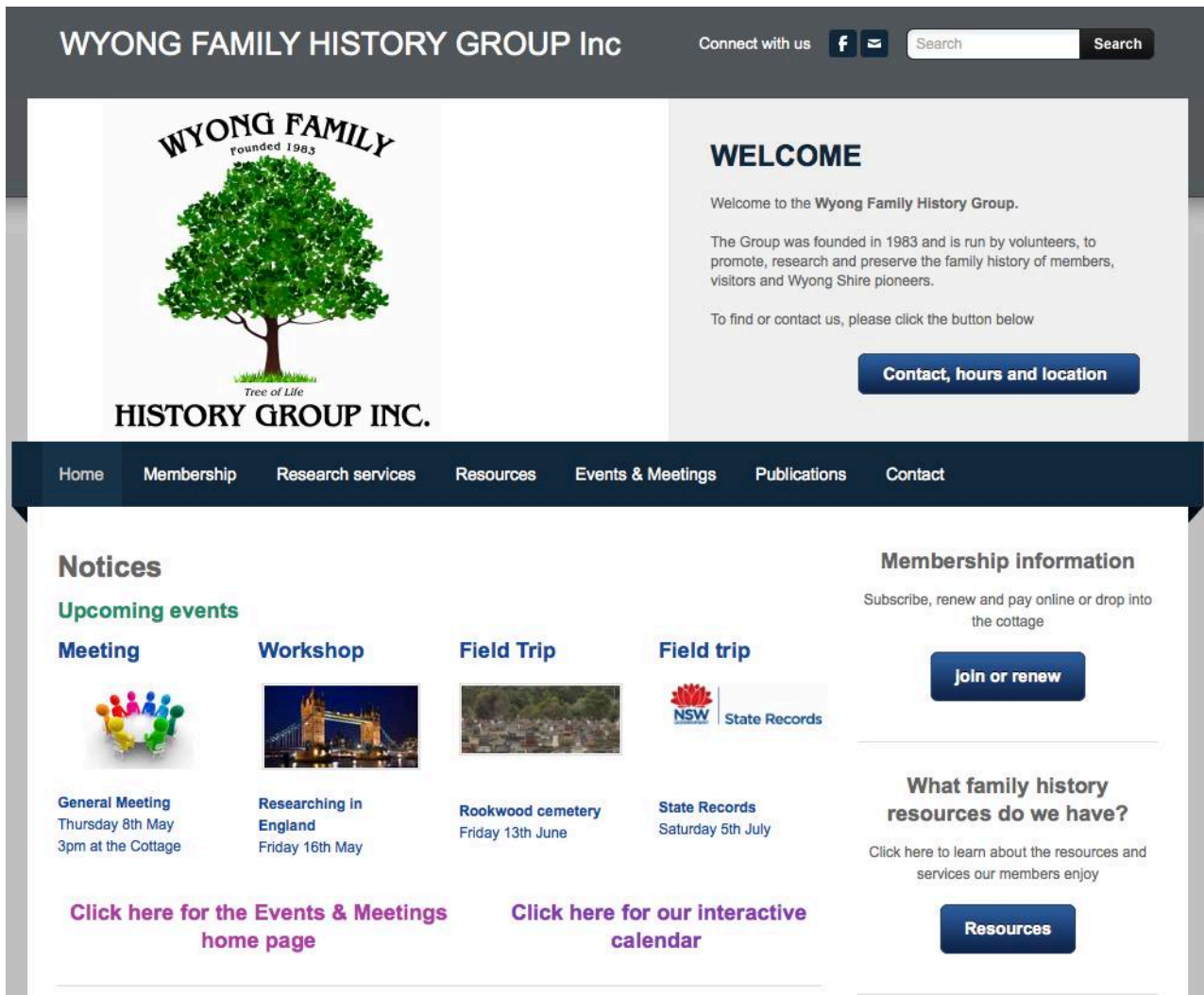
Note, also, that Windows XP in a virtual computer mode has exactly the same issues — just because it's running on a virtual machine doesn't make it any more protected, just easier to start over from the virtual image.

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Tips on using the New Website

Kate Walter, web support and member 657



Book and pay for events

1. Go to the Events and Meetings Page (find it in the menu bar running across the top of each page).
2. Select the event you are interested in.

Please note: Not all of the events have extra information yet. As the date gets closer, information will be made available.

3. Read the information about the event and scroll down to the bottom of the page for the booking form.
4. Fill in the form. A red asterix means you **MUST** complete that section.
5. When you hit submit you will be taken to a page where you can use PayPal to pay for the event via credit or debit card.

You **DO NOT** need a PayPal account to use this service.

Please note: All other payment methods are still available – if you want to take cash/cheque down to the cottage, or pay by direct deposit, please ignore this page. Just click out of it, or close it.

It is really important to remember that you can't do anything "wrong" with the website. All of the forms/submissions are read by our cottage coordinators and if they have any questions – they will contact you.

I'm always happy to take direct questions about the website – email me at kate@2foot.com.au
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The New Zealand Herald from 1863-1945 now available in Papers Past

Submitted by Roger Lewis member 127, LM



The headlines on page five of the New Zealand Herald on 16 August, 1945.

The final stage of a collaborative project to fully digitise 82 years of the New Zealand Herald from 1863-1945 is complete and is now available through Papers, a newspaper database run by the National Library.

This mammoth project started in 2012 with the digitisation of the newspaper from 1863 to

1885 and all issues of the *New Zealand Herald* from 1925 to 1945 were recently added to the database.

"The period from 1925 to 1945 was one of worldwide economic depression that saw the creation of the welfare state in New Zealand and the advent of the Second World War," says David Verran, Auckland Libraries Central Auckland Research Team Leader.

"Issues of the newspaper for 1945 identify a world that had just come through a devastating World War and its hope for the future."

Papers Past contains more than 3 million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals from between 1839 and 1945, including 83 separate newspaper titles.

The project has been a collaboration between Auckland Council, the National Library of New Zealand and APN (publishers of the *New Zealand Herald*).

"Access to the *New Zealand Herald* up to 1945 is a landmark event for family history and local history researchers in Auckland and in terms of content coverage for the Auckland region," says Jane Wild, Research Centres Manager for Auckland Libraries.

"The success of this project is thanks to the National Library's Papers Past website, which hosts the content, as well as APN and Auckland Libraries, who preserved the fragile newspaper volumes that were first microfilmed before being digitised."

For the Auckland region, Papers Past now contains the archived issues of eight newspaper titles. The essential morning and evening papers are digitised up to 1945, with the *New Zealand Herald* starting in 1863 and the *Auckland Star* in 1870. The oldest title is the *Daily Southern Cross*, with coverage from 1843-1876.

Explore historic issues of the *New Zealand Herald* on Papers Past.TOL

Convict Interest Group

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10am to 12. If you have a convict or think you may have a convict in you family then come along. We will assist you in any way we can with your research. At present we have a small compact group and would love for you to join us.

June Johnston

Convict Interest Group..... TOL

Their War

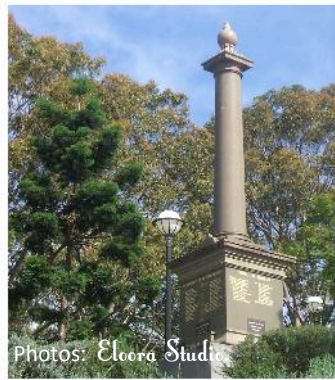
Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Their Stories are worth recording and telling.

Did someone in your family serve or have a wartime story? Some of my family enlisted, a cousin was in the Air Force and served in the 1950s in Malaya, other English family members served in WWI and WWII, an uncle worked on the Darwin to Alice Springs road another was in the AIF during WWII. My own father was classed as working a 'protected industry' and was told to keep doing what he was doing. A cousin served in the Australian Women's Army, her later husband served in the hush-hush Z Special Force and her father served in both World Wars. My father, late in his life, said his father had gone to the Boer War although I have not been able to find anything about this.

With current events the Crimean War comes to mind, the Korean situation, Vietnam, East Timor, Peace Keepers, the French Revolution, the American War of Independence, the English Civil War and the Napoleonic Wars not to forget the recent actions in the Middle East. All must hold stories about some of our Groups collective family. The Eureka Stockade and the Rum Rebellion also come to mind.

The Centenary of World War One, has prompted many of you to want to share your stories and information. We will be including a series of these stories in the next few issues so keep the stories coming. TOL



Left: Gwandalan War Memorial with pine trees propagated from Lone Pine, Gallipoli.
Right: Wyong War Memorial, Wyong Park, Rankens Court,

Photos: Eloera Studio

A Family Story From WW1

Helen Burkett 342

My Great Uncle Eric Milton Edwards wrote a memoir of his time in the 10th Australian Infantry during WW1 and the following are a few of the happenings he mentioned.

In October 1917 he was wounded while out in No Man's Land in France and had three bullets in his left leg. He managed to crawl back to his own lines and then, with the help of other wounded soldiers, walked 5 miles to Ypres and then went by train to hospital. He said that the train trip away from the battle and towards the coast was one of his most wonderful experiences during the war. He also described the hospital as having about 100 buildings broken into wards, each ward accommodating 45 or more wounded soldiers and that was just one hospital of a great many in the area. Whilst in the hospital he was in a bed next to a Scottish man who died following an operation and my Great Uncle wrote to the family and fiancé as the two had spoken at length. A correspondence ensued and later he visited these people in Scotland whilst on leave.

After 14 months in France, Eric was granted leave in 'Blighty' and had to report to Australian Headquarters in Horseferry Road. How I wish I could have told him that his great grandfather, my 3xgrandfather, had been the publican of the Unicorn Tavern in Horseferry Road between 1839 and 1850. At the end of his leave he described returning to Victoria Station to travel back to France and how difficult it was to get on the train. Many men stayed outside the gates for days before they

got up the courage to return and face the consequences.

Eric makes no mention of the fact that he received a Military Medal for an operation in June 1918 where he crossed into enemy territory several times to carry wounded men back and then stayed there with a very badly wounded man until after dark when stretcher bearers arrived. All this under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

In August 1918 Eric was badly wounded for a second time. He was a stretcher case and was shipped back to England where he was hospitalised until October and knew that the end of the war was in sight.

In March 1919 he returned home to South Australia and married his fiancé in June of that year and went back to farming which was probably the very best thing he could have done. As a very small child I visited his farm with my mother and have memories of a lovely green place with lambs.

Interestingly Eric's fiancé and the Scottish fiancé of the young man who had died in the bed next to Eric had started a correspondence during the war and kept this up for many years. Eventually the Scottish lass went out to South Australia to visit the family and then, some years later, Eric and his wife went to Scotland to return the visit. Such was the friendship that had been created from tragic circumstances. TOL

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William John Gamble And David Henry Zerk

Esther Dean LM 23



They were first cousins, born in the same year 1892, raised on farms in Grasstree/Muscle Creek near Muswellbrook in the Upper Hunter of NSW. Both left their families behind on the farms and answered the call to arms in 1916.

William John GAMBLE left first. He enlisted on 17 Feb 1916 and was assigned to D Company in the 34th Battalion.

David Henry ZERK followed him 2 months later when he enlisted in the 36th Battalion, 3rd Reinforcement on 25 Apr 1916.

Less than three months after enlisting William boarded the HMAT A20 *Hororata* on 2 May 1916. His "adventure" had begun. David had four months training before he boarded the HMAT A68 *Anchises* on 24 Aug 1916.

William's 34th Battalion spent five months training in England before going to France on 22 Nov and straight into the trenches of the Western Front, just



in time for the onset of the terrible winter of 1916-17. Their first major battle was at Messines in Belgium, which was launched on 7 Jun 1917. William wrote home "*Well Dad have you heard anything of Dave lately. I have been looking up all the casualty list but I have not seen his name so I hope he is still going strong. Our division was cut up in this last stunt at Messines.*"

Home was not far from his mind when he wrote "I suppose the Old Grey is still going strong. I suppose she will soon be foaling that Melbourne Cup winner. Well Dad this is the place where you ought to have your cows to sell. I saw one sale here there was an old cow and calf something like old Judie put up and passed out at thirty eight pounds ten. I don't know if he had a station to throw in with her." Then "Dear Dad, Just a few lines in answer to your ever welcome letter I received a few days ago. I was very sorry to hear about poor old Dave being killed. That was the first I had heard about it, but I have met a chap that was in the trench the same time as him and was wounded with

the same shell. He says he was killed outright.”

Then his final letter written on 15th Sep 1917 “I suppose you have heard about Jim from Denman winning the DCM. I was in the fire bay with him the night he won it He is a Lewis gunner. I am glad to see the old Brook has one hero. The only thing about it, it should have been a VC. He held up about a hundred Fritz after all the rest were knocked me included and Charlie Hunt from Merriwa the chap that I went into Camp with has a Military Medal. But old Jim will do me for a soldier every time. Well I suppose there are not too many boys left about the Creek now. Old Sid Budden joined the batt up in France about a week after I got here. I hope he turns out better than as he turned out a real blob absolutely useless. But you can't blame him. It is enough to put the wind up anyone. Anybody that has not been there has no idea what it is like where we were last we had over a thousand big guns behind the line so God knows what Fritz had. So you can imagine what it is like when they are all trained into the front line besides the trench mortars and Christ knows how many small ones.”

Private William John GAMBLE, Regimental No 1134, D Company, 34th Battalion AIF, son of Duncan Charles and Martha Ann (GILL) GAMBLE, of Grasstree, near Muswellbrook NSW was killed in action on 12st October 1917 in the slaughter that was Passchendaele. He was 25 years old. Resting place unknown. Commemorated on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial Panel 23.

David ZERK's 36th Battalion was raised at Broadmeadow Newcastle NSW. They became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. On arriving in England in early July 1916 the Battalion spent four months training before crossing to France in late November where they also moved into the trenches of the Western Front. He endured the terrible winter before being killed on 30 April 1917.

Private David Henry ZERK, Regimental Number 2184, 36th Battalion, 3rd Reinforcement, AIF, son of Martin Zerk and Kate Elizabeth (GAMBLE) ZERK, from Muscle Creek near Muswellbrook NSW. Killed in Action 30 April 1917 age 25. Buried in London Rifle Brigade Cemetery Plot II Row E Grave No 5, Ploegsteert, Belgium.

William John Gamble was my Grandmother's brother. TOL

*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.*

More articles in this series next issue...ed.

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A Little History of The Associated Battle At St.Quentin

Submitted by Murray Hill member 530

The **Battle of Mont Saint-Quentin** was a battle on the Western Front during World War I. As part of the Allied counteroffensives on the Western Front in the late summer of 1918, the Australian Corps crossed the Somme River on the night of 31st August, and broke the German lines at Mont Saint-Quentin and Péronne. The British Fourth Army's commander, General Henry Rawlinson, described the Australian advances of 31st August – 4th September as the greatest military achievement of the war.[2] During the battle Australian troops stormed, seized and held the key height of Mont Saint-Quentin (overlooking Péronne), a pivotal German defensive position on the line of the Somme.

The Allies were pursuing the Germans, and the greatest obstacle to crossing the Somme River in pursuit was Mont Saint-Quentin which, situated in a bend of the river, dominated the whole position. The *Mont* was only 100 metres high but was a key to the German defence of the Somme line, and the last German stronghold. It overlooked the Somme River approximately 1.5 kilometres north of Péronne. Its location made it an ideal observation point, and strategically, the hill's defences guarded the north and western approaches to the town.[3]

The offensive was planned by General John Monash; Monash planned a high-risk frontal assault

which required the Australian 2nd Division to cross a series of marshes to attack the heights. This plan failed when the assaulting troops could not cross the marshes. After this initial setback, Monash manœuvred his divisions in the only free manœuvre battle of any consequence undertaken by the Australians on the Western Front. "The gaps in the wire near Anvil Wood were death traps", reads the caption of a contemporary photograph of the battlefield.

Australians of the Second Division crossed to the north bank of the Somme River on the evening of 30th August. At 5 am on 31st August 1918, supported by artillery, two significantly undermanned Australian battalions, charged up Mont St Quentin ordered by Monash to 'scream like bushrangers'. The Germans quickly surrendered and the Australians continued to the main German trench-line. In the rear, other Australians crossed the Somme by a bridge which Australian engineers had saved and repaired. The Australians were unable to hold their gains on Mont St Quentin and German reserves regained the crest. However, the Australians held on just below the summit and next day it was recaptured and firmly held. On that day also, 1st September 1918, Australian forces broke into Péronne and took most of the town. The next day it completely fell into Australian hands. In three days the Australians endured 3000 casualties but ensured a general German withdrawal eastwards back to the Hindenburg Line.[6] TOL

Helen. I just found some info on my grandfather from WW1 (Cyrus Richard Kimball). It relates to skirmishes at St.Quentin near Venelles, France, on the river Somme in 1918. Please feel free to use this, Cheers – Murray.

B.S. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 3606.
In all communications regimental number, rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred to, are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, 19th November, 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement, No. 31405, to the "London Gazette," dated 17th June, 1919, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian Imperial Force.

AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned:—

No. 1935 Sapper C. R. KIMBALL. "

The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," No. 115, dated 10th October, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Kimball,
Peak Hill,
Via Narromine,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

Captain,
Major, *agf*
for Officer i/c Base Records.

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Thank you Murray, more articles in this series next issue...ed.

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As we tour around the **Largest** necropolis in the Southern Hemisphere, we will be guided by our own Harry Johnston-Lord who was a guide at Rookwood Necropolis for over 12 years. We can expect to see mausolea, tombs, archaeological remnants, a chapel or two, a shrine, fountains and ponds, oh yes, we might even see a couple of headstones.

There will be time allocated during the day to look for any of your family graves, if you wish. Do your homework!!! Bring a folder with the names and locations of the graves. This can be done beforehand on the internet for the Independent, Catholic and Anglican Sections. The offices can sometime tell you the names of others in the graves as well.

What to take? We suggest a brush, water and soft cloth (for cleaning headstones), hand clippers to clear overgrown graves, umbrella (rain or shine), raincoat, warm clothing, sunscreen and hat. And of course a camera. Also bring *plenty* of drinking water and your packed lunch

The bus (Central Coast Car Rentals) will leave from outside the Toukley car park in Yaralla Road (back of Coles) at 7.20 am SHARP. As there is a time limit on parking in the car park, I suggest you leave your vehicles in Beachcomber Parade directly opposite the car park. The bus will then travel along Wallarah Road, on to the Pacific Highway and on to Tuggerah Westfield where it will pick up outside the Post Office at approximately 7.45 am.

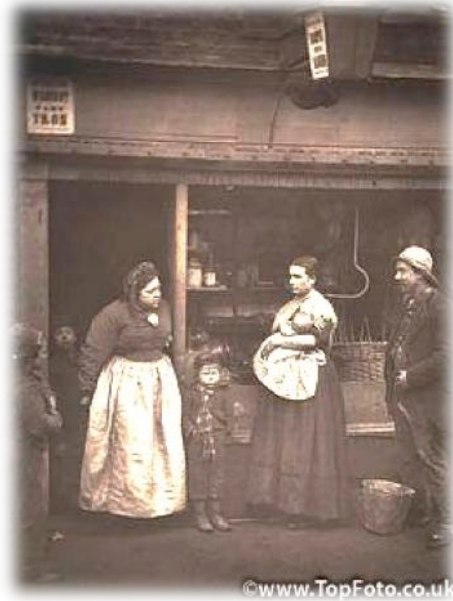
We plan on leaving Rookwood for home about 3.30 pm.

Contact The Cottage to make your booking Cost: \$25.00 per person.



Why Did They Leave Their Homeland?

Beryl Watson member 46

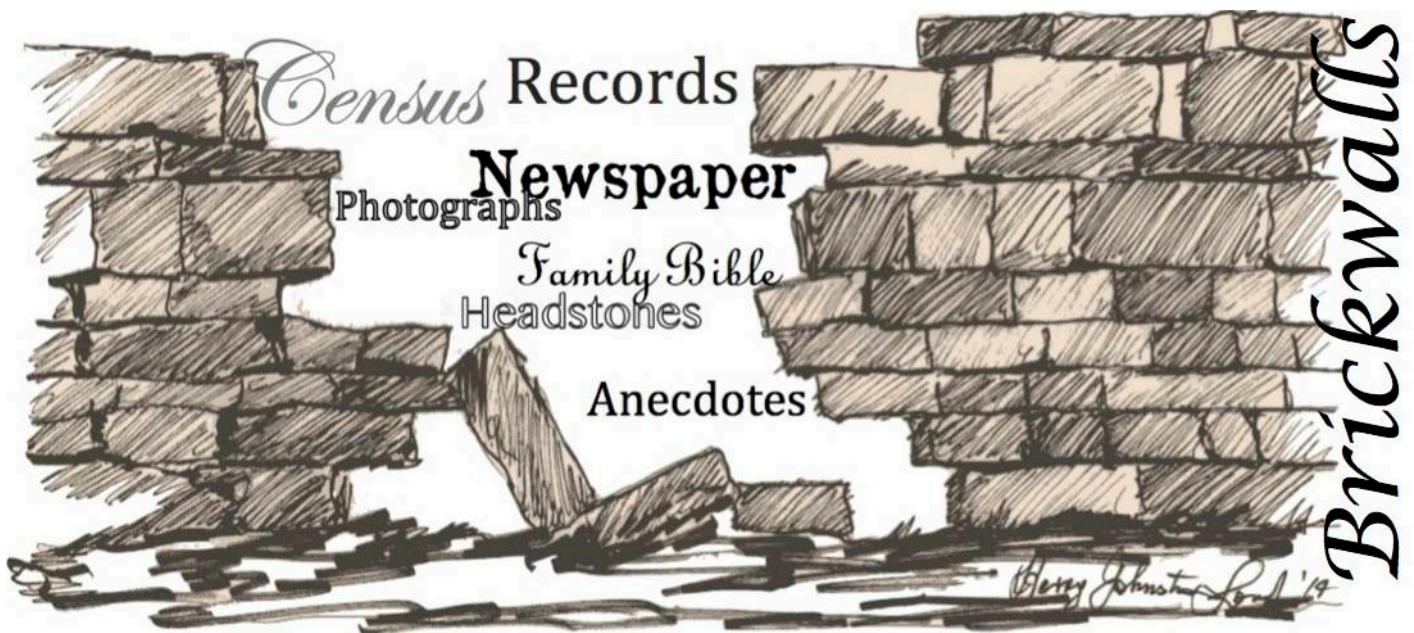


I hadn't wondered why my ancestors had come to Australia, until one day I typed in the name of the town in London, where my grandfather was born. It was Lambeth, a village which is bordered by the river Thames, just across the river from St. Paul's Cathedral. The road where they lived is still there, but one side is a green embankment now, Belvadere Road, Lambeth.

When I read an article about London floods it became clear, it was written in the year that they came to Australia, and described the state of the houses, where the water had come halfway up the walls. Their furniture and clothing was saturated every time the river rose, children became sick and died, no wonder out of ten children that my great grandparents had, only four survived to come to Australia.

This article was so graphic, because the man who wrote it, went from house to house. He interviewed the people, he described in detail their utter despair, their constant anxiety and poverty, he even photographed some of them, so that I could see quite clearly the people of my great grandparents time To get a greater perspective, of your ancestors lives before coming to Australia, type in the village of their birth, and the year they left, you just may be surprised what is available, and hopefully their employment and history of the region/town, will open up a lot more information to add to their story. This photograph, was with the article which described the condition in the street where my great grandparents lived in 1877.TOL

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Brick Wall Breached (1)

20 Year Search Comes To An End

John Selwood member 79

In 1991 when I commenced my family history research I was handed a piece of paper by my mother's cousin on which, among other names and dates was the name of my great, great grandfather, Thomas Richard Kendall, as well as his date of birth (17.10.1828 , Canterbury, Kent). Over the years I was able to validate all the other details on this paper but could not find any reference to Thomas other than his name on the 1841 English Census living with his mother and his



siblings, Frederick, Mary and James in London. On the 1851 Census he is living with his wife, her parents and his brother is a boarder in the same house. There is no reference to his sister or younger brother.

Moving forward to December 2013 and while on duty in The Cottage, I noticed another member had the Find My Past website open and written in red was the word 'Updated' beside the London Baptisms heading. As the other member was talking to someone else I went into the updated site and typed in *Thomas Richard Kendall* and up came the entry that had eluded me for 22 years. The baptism entry also had the correct parents and there was even the date of birth. I also found baptisms for his sister and younger brother, also with birthdates. Although 'Thomas' birth year was one year out and he was baptised in London, he is the right person.

The moral of this story is that it pays to revisit sites as more and more records are constantly being added to them. You also need to go to as many different sites as possible. If I had only used for example, Ancestry records, I would be still trying to find my missing Thomas.

Thomas Richard Kendall (below) came to Victoria in 1856 and died in 1893 having fathered 14 children.

The search goes on for more information on 'Thomas' parents who both died prior to the 1851 Census. Maybe in another 20 or so years I'll have the answer!.....TOL

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Brick Wall Breached (2)

Convict John Downing/Downey

Gail Cowie nee Downie (another change to the surname) Member 579

John Downing/Downey is my 2 x Great-grandfather and although he had humble beginnings and ending his descendants have all made him proud. He has taken me many many hours of research along with two fellow researchers to "find" him, however recently, at 3 a.m. he woke me up saying "Ha Ha. You got me!" I woke my husband up and relayed the message to him. It was so, so vivid!!

John Downing/ey was born about 1810 in County Kerry, Ireland to Bartholomew and Bridget Downing (nee Burns).

At the age of 18 John and his brother, Robert (17) were convicted of stealing money in the Tralee Assizes on 18th Mar 1830 and his occupation was described on convict indents as ploughman, reaper and milkman. They were both sentenced to 7 years transportation.

After sailing for nearly 4 months on the "*Andromeda II*" 1830, a ship of 408 tonnes built in Sunderland England in 1819, they arrived in Sydney NSW on 18th December, 1830. 180 male convicts had embarked.

John was assigned to Cornelius O'Brien of "Adjunbilly" near Gundagai to work as a labourer/shepherd on his large property on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River.

(Robert was assigned to Mr. Richard Trefs/Tress of Appin, then a few years later worked for Mr. Broughton of the "Borrowlee Run" near Tumut NSW).

John received his Ticket of Leave (ToFL) 35/522 to remain in the Goulburn District. He received his Certificate of Freedom on 23rd May 1843.

John was described on his conviction as 18 years old 5 foot 7" tall, dark hair, hazel eyes, sallow complexion.

On the Convict Indents 1788 - 1842 he was described as 5 foot 7" tall, Ruddy freckled and pockpitted, brown hair, hazel eyes.

Later on he was described as 5 foot 8 ½" Ruddy freckled and pockpitted, brown hair, hazel eyes, small scar on outer part of Left eye convict no 2702

He met and married Irish Famine Orphan Bridget Reynolds, who had come from the Ennistymon Workhouse in Ireland on the "Thomas Arbuthnot" in 1850 (and was employed by Mr. Peter Ross "Jamballa" Sandy Falls near Gundagai NSW for 1 year from 26th Mar 1850 for £8 as a house-servant).

John and Bridget were married 1st November 1850 at Sandy Falls by Father Patrick Magennis of the Yass Roman Catholic Church. John and Bridget both noted their abode as "Adjenbilly" with witnesses John Downey of "Darbalara" and Anne Stacey of Tumut. None could read or write.

John and Bridget used the surname Downey and worked together on many large properties around the Murrumbidgee area including "Kimo", Sandy Falls, Yass, "Wantabadgery", "Mittagang", "Pomingalarna" Wagga Wagga, and together produced a family of 11 children.

John was 39 years old when he married 16 year old Bridget and therefore when the twins were born in 1872 he was 62 years old. He had fallen on hard times (most likely from being a "Happy" drinking Irishman, and in 1875 found himself unemployed. John travelled to Tumut to visit his brother Robert (more than likely for a helping hand) whom, by that time had become a successful businessman and substantial land owner owning the property "Rosebank". John contracted dysentery and within the week passed away aged 65 years. Brother Robert had him buried in the Roman Catholic section of the Old Tumut Cemetery in the Downing family plot the next day. Bridget by this time was in dire straits and became a charwoman in Wagga Wagga to earn an income.

She never remarried and eventually died at her twin daughter Emma Ball's place in Wagga Wagga on 11th Feb 1915 of heart problems. She was 80 years old. Apparently her family didn't know of John's origins or where his grave was as the newspaper article about Bridget's funeral stated that she was buried alongside her long predeceased husband in the Roman Catholic section of Wagga Wagga Cemetery. Church burial records didn't exist until after Bridget's death.

John left no estate.

Robert Downing (John's brother) "Kerry Bob" left an estate worth £5725 when he died on 13th October 1891 at "Gadara" Tumut aged 80. One of his male descendants Robert "Reginald" Downing became a QC, Leader of the NSW Government in the Legislative Council and Vice-President of the Executive Council for 24 years, Minister for Justice for 15 years, Attorney-General for 9 years, and Leader of the Opposition of NSW in the Legislative Council for 7 years before he retired to his sheep property in Goulburn where he died 9th September 1994 aged 88.

- The Downing District Court Centre in Sydney is named after him.TOL

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The Bakers – Brick Wall

Jack Eglon member 384

My great, great grandparents, William and Anne Baker and their two sons arrived in Australia onboard "Glenswilly" in March 1841. William was born in Fivechill, Wellington, Somerset (father John and mother Ann) on 8th January, 1802

Anne was born in Devonshire (father Lewis Dascombe mother Margaret) on 21st November, 1798.



She had several siblings, John, Gregory, William, Lewis, Mary and Grace

Re the two sons William Henry was born on 24th February, 1827 and John on 29th September 1828 – both were born in Devonshire.

Anne died on 25th January, 1866 and William on 28th September, 1876. One son, John, died but have not discovered when. William Henry married Ann Rowley (daughter of convicts William Rowley and Ellen Dinahy) in Sydney in 1852.

And they had nine children with their youngest daughter (Emily Jane) married William Mizen Wilson in 1894 (in Sydney), she was my grandmother and only passed away in 1950 – so I knew her well as well as many facets concerning the family..

But we come to the Brick Walls :-

#1 Anne Baker was buried on 26th January, 1866 at the Baptist Burial Ground – but where is the Baptist Burial Ground ?? The Independent Section of Rookwood advise that she is not with them as burials at Rookwood only commenced in 1867.

I have taken this matter up with a Mr. John Stanhope an Archivist with the Baptist Church (archives@morling.edu.au) but, he was unable to solve this mystery The only possible clue I have is that on her death certificate 1866/2400 she died at St. Mary Street, Kingston, Parish Petersham NSW.

#2 On the death certificate for William Baker (1876/3695), he died at Elizabeth Street, Municipality of Redfern, NSW and from information supplied by his son, William Henry, his spouse is named as Mary Ann Stone of whom I have never heard.

William was buried on 30th September, 1876 at Baptist Cemetery Necropolis, Rookwood. This is correct and also in that, rather large grave are William Henry Baker and his wife Ann (nee Rowley) together with their daughter Mary Ann (Wilkie nee Baker).

So my Baker Brick walls are:

- where is Anne Baker (nee Dascombe) actually buried and
- where does Mary Ann Stone come into the picture. ??? Was William Baker remarried between 1866 and 1876 this I have not been able to uncover.....TOL

More articles in this series next issue...ed.

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Elusive Ancestors Seminar March 2014

Martin Fisher member 653

On 22 March 2014 we held our first seminar for the year. The seminar 'Elusive Ancestors' was well attended and we enjoyed the presentations of three wonderful speakers. Each spoke with some authority about their chosen subject and supported this with a variety of electronic media. The topics were well varied with talks about the ANZACS, the railways and accessing the State Records. All in all a great day was had by everyone who attended.



Our first speaker was Kim Phillips – Spirits-of-Gallipoli-Project

With the centenary of the Anzac landing rapidly approaching it was appropriate (fortuitous) that our first speaker at our March seminar was Kim Phillips from the Spirit-of-Gallipoli Project. Via the medium of a power point presentation Kim gave us a guided tour of the Gallipoli and the Western Front and a good introduction to many of the 7249 men of the AIF who are either buried or commemorated at Gallipoli. Kim has spent the past 13 years gathering information and photos of these men and we could see the results of this labour of love in the fine presentation she gave to us at the seminar. Her presentation was interesting, informative and at times emotional and was well received by the attending members.



Bill Phippen – Australian Railways Historical Society

Following a delicious buffet lunch the pace changed with Bill Phippen of the Australian Railways Historical Society giving us an in depth look at the construction of the second railway bridge over the Hawkesbury River. Photos and video footage was used to highlight the problems which had beset the first bridge soon after it was opened. These problems necessitated in a replacement bridge being built within such a short space of time. Much of Bill's details could be seen in real life the following Friday, after the seminar, when many of us toured on the Riverboat Postman which cruised under the Hawkesbury River rail bridge



The last session of the day brought to the stage John Cann from NSW State Records.

We were told beforehand that John brought with him a vast wealth of knowledge and he proved it that afternoon. His light-hearted but extremely informative presentation was enlightening as he described the intricacies of searching through the records held at Kingswood and the sometimes surprising and unexpected results which could arise. TOL



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FAMILY HISTORY IN THE MODERN ERA. WORKSHOP

Coming up on 23rd August Jill Ball will conduct an all day workshop at The Cottage on the use of Social Media in your Family History research.

Jill Ball (the person)

This connected Granny is well known in genealogical circles for her use of social media to communicate with genealogists and family members around the

world. In 2013 she was named as The Gold Medallist Rockstar Genealogist for Australia and New Zealand.

She shares her passion for integrating technology with genealogy through her blog, Geniaus (<http://geniaus.blogspot.com>), and with speaking engagements in Australia, at sea and abroad. She has written several articles for Inside History Magazine and Family Tree Tracker Magazine and is currently writing her first genealogy book. GeniAUS' Hangouts on Air in which she conducts online learning activities for switched on family historians are Jill's latest endeavour in the world of Social Media.

The Workshop

First Session Social Media for Genealogy 10:30 - 12 Noon. In this session Jill will answer the question 'What is Social Media', demonstrate some popular social media sites and explain how they can be used in family history. We will learn how to join the most popular sites, Facebook, Google+, Twitter and have a quick tour of several other sites.

Lunch

Second Session 1:00pm - 2:00pm Sharing your stories via Social Media. In this session we will examine ways to share your stories online via blogs, shared documents, wikis and other social media tools. We will look at examples of sharing by genealogists in Australia and overseas.

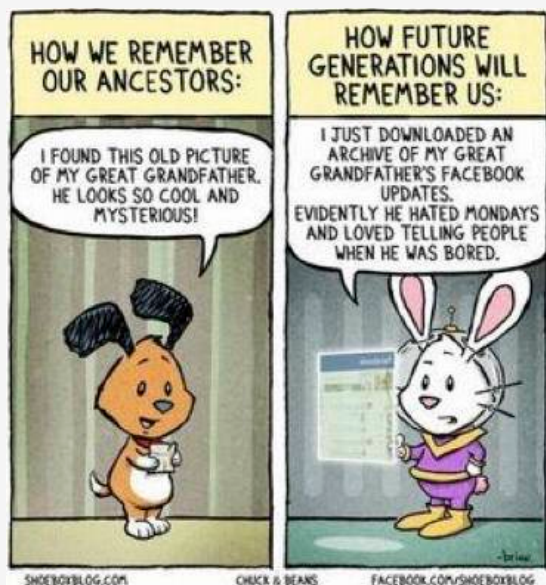
Afternoon Tea

Third Session 2:30 - 3:30pm Geneagoogling - it's more than just search. Whilst many genealogists use Google's Search Engine they are unaware of the other free tools in Google's stable that can help them with their research. In this presentation Jill will show how the Google products she uses regularly in her genealogy day help her with her research and organisation.

Cost Members \$5.00 Non Members \$10.00

Bookings at The Cottage or online.

www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au



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New Publication

On Monday the 24th March 2014 we launched a new publication Wyong & Lakes District Advocate Notices 1932 – 1995 (Deaths, Burials, Marriages, Anniversaries) at Tuggerah library, this event was attended by Doug Eaton Mayor of Wyong, Errol Smith who has worked in publicity and radio in the area for many years. The publication was transcribed by member John Selwood and typed by a team of dedicated members Book or CD Rom is available from our rooms or by contacting the secretary secwfhg2@westnewt.com.auTOL



from the Membership Secretary

Pam Mansergh LM 14

2014/2015 Membership Renewal Notice

Dear Members

It is coming up to Membership renewal time 1st July 2014 for all members.

As most of you now receive your quarterly journal *Tree of Life* electronically, your 2014/2015 membership renewal form will be attached to this email, for the members who still receive theirs by post it is included in the journal.

How you can renew for 2014-2015

1. Form can be printed off and bought into the Cottage and paid.
2. Form can be sent in with your cheque or money order payment to the Secretary.
3. You can Direct Deposit and bring your form in or post to the Secretary.
4. For online renewals & payments visit < www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au/membership > go to this page - **Click here for membership renewals 2014 - 2015** - and follow the instructions.

Postal Address:- The Secretary, Wyong Family History Group Inc, P.O. Box 247, WYONG NSW 2259.

For Single members the cost is #35.00 and for Family members it is \$45.00. per year.

There will be new 2014/2015 renewal forms (on green paper) in the Cottage from Tuesday 6 May 2015.

If you have any questions please ring the *Cottage* on 4351 2211.TOL

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.... TOL

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.

C/- Wyong Family History Group Inc.

P O Box 247, Wyong NSW 2259

No	Member	Research Interest
674 675	Greg Hockey & Heather Hockey	Parfoot, Devine, Hocking/Rice, Fulop & Jenkins
676 677	Jeff Boniface & Carol Boniface	Turner, Ritchie, Cullen, O'Hara & Boniface
678	Helen Goodworth	Johnson, Ingerson, Thomas, Brown, Gray & Goodworth
679	Karen Foley	Foley, Oneda, Bennell, Mullane, McCann, McDonald & Adams.
680	Linda Kirk	Grey & Sherrock
681	Lillian Wallace	Cooper, Wilson, Hall, Bowes, Gibson, Woolley, Wallace, Cove, Graham, Rigby, Wade & Moore
682	Lilli Deennan	Beahan, Holland, McDonald, Pratt & Mavin
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688	Jim Hoppit	Hoppitt, Holloway & Westington
689	Ruth Sewell	Sewell & Hallett.
690	Kathy Preston	Preston, Walker, O'Donnell, Lees & Clarke
691	Jenifer Dalton Thom	Thom, Heaydon, Putney, Jones, Harvey, Mckay, Baird, Murray, Holland, Price, Talbot, Adams, Mead, Connel/Jones
692	Shiela Cox	Schofield, Alves
693 694	Leslie Bennett Patricia Bennett	Bennett
695	Robyn Barwell	Barewell, Millen, Berghofer, Wilkie & Burfield
696	Yvonne Fletcher	Brown, Fletcher & Kruss/Kriss

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WFHG INC Planned Events

	2014	Event
May	Thu 8	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm.
	Wed 14	Australian Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 15	Family Tree Maker 1 pm
	Fri 16	Researching Your English Ancestors 10am – 12 noon
	Sat 17	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2pm.
	Thu 22	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Fri 30	Fundraising: BBQ at Tuggerah Bunnings. 8:00am - 4:00pm. To help, contact Esther or 'The Cottage'
June	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10 am.
	Thu 12	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm.
	Wed 11	Australian Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
	Fri 13	Rookwood Cemetery Bus Trip Bookings required
	Wed 18	WFHG Workshop
	Sat 21	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2pm.
	Tue 24	English Special Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon
	Thu 26	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
July	Tue 1	Committee Meeting 10 am.
	Sat 5	State Records Bus Trip Bookings required
	Wed 9	Australian Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 13	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm.
	Sat 19	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2pm.
	Tue 22	English Special Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon
	Thu 24	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Tue 20	Tree of Life Deadline.
August	Sat 2	WFHG Open Day 'The Cottage' 10am – 3pm.
	Tue 5	Committee Meeting 10 am.
	Wed 13	Australian Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
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	Thu 28	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Sat 23	WFHG Seminar speaker will be Jill Ball further details coming

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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

CDs

Wyong and District Pioneer Register	\$ 40.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery [30,000 names, not all from Wyong]	\$ 10.00 + p&h
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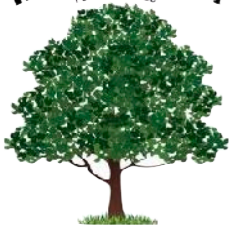
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