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(WFHG Members available to help)

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DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY

June 2009

Wednesday	10	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' 10am.
Thursday	11	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Saturday	20	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	27	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.

July 2009

Saturday	4	Bus Trip to State Records Kingswood.
Wednesday	8	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' 10am.
Thursday	9	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Saturday	18	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	25	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.
Monday	27	Train Trip to Mitchell Library.

August 2009

Saturday	1	Family History Week.
Friday	7	Advanced Course 10am.
Saturday	8	Open Day
Wednesday	12	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' 10am.
Thursday	13	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Friday	14	Advanced Course 10am.
Saturday	15	Tuggerah Library.
Friday	21	Advanced Course 10am.
Saturday	22	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.
Friday	28	Advanced Course 10am.

September 2009

Wednesday	9	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' 10am.
Thursday	10	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm. (Show & Tell)
Friday	18	State Conference, Wyong Race Club.
Saturday	19	State Conference, Wyong Race Club.
Sunday	20	State Conference, Wyong Race Club.
Saturday	26	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.
Sunday	27	BBQ Bunnings Tuggerah.

October 2009

Thursday	8	Annual General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Wednesday	14	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' 10am.
Saturday	17	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	24	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.



New Book and CD

Wyong Court House Death Records 1930-1953. Book \$25.00 + \$3.00 postage,
CD \$20.00 + \$2.00 postage.

Also available 7 Generation pedigree charts. \$4.50

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**ESTHER AND DENIS DEAN  
HAPPY 50TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY 27TH JUNE 09**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009

Kerrie Metcalfe, (80) President.



I am astonished that we are already half way through the year, but I am pleased to have the opportunity to share with you all that the group has archived in the past few months. Tuggerah library has been well attended and the committee would like to thank Rosalie Walker & Trish McDonald for being on hand each month to help those who come in to look at the various records held by Tuggerah Library. I would also like to wish the Shire libraries Happy Birthday. It is 50 years since the first library opened its doors in Wyong and continued to grow with branches throughout the Shire.

We have run two successful Family History beginners' courses both running over a four week period, with approximately 38 people attending over the two courses. I hope those who have joined our group continue to grow their tree as they learn more along the way.

Bunnings BBQs have been well supported by volunteer workers and this is very much appreciated by the committee & Esther who puts out the call for helpers. These BBQs are a large part of our fund raising.

For seniors week we had an open day with guest speakers which was attended by interested people. The following week we entertained the ladies from Rose Cottage for morning tea and a tour of our rooms. We held a social BBQ at the Cottage which was enjoyed by those who attended. There have been two trips to State Records Kingswood with another coming up. We attended Central Coast Family History group for the Lady Teviot seminar and the workshop day held recently.

We attended and had a stall at a fair held by Nepean Family History Group. A couple of functions held by the Wyong Shire Council were also attended, one being the birthday celebrations for the shire libraries. We have held workshops on FTM 2009, Irish Research & New Zealand Research, on top of all that we keep our rooms opened three days a week and the fourth Saturday. Various raffles have been run and won. And we have a great seminar coming up on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Some very good speakers have been heard at our meetings.

As we are hosting the NSW & ACT State Conference this year a number of us meet once a month to keep track and plan for the big occasion. So from the above you can see the group is never idle and I thank you all for your time and dedication.

To help you get the most from your membership we have managed to install two new computers, and have subscribed to findmypast.com as well as had software installed to enable you to print your microfilm copy from an attached computer making for a much clearer print.


We will soon have our own pull up Banner so we can be seen by all at fairs and other functions we attend to promote the group.

We have published the *Wyong Courthouse Death Records* and the long awaited *Central Coast Roll of Honor* book is almost ready for printing.

The coming months are full of interesting events as well, more workshops, an advanced course covering England Scotland and Ireland coming up in August. We will hold another social BBQ at the cottage, more guest speakers and of course the biggest event of the year THE NSW & ACT STATE CONFERENCE at the Wyong Race Course in September.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

Esther Dean (Acting Secretary.) 

### Attention Members

The group depends on volunteers to function; we have quite a large membership, but so few volunteers. I implore you to consider helping us to keep our group going and to keep our doors open. We all lead a busy life and we are all getting older but if you can give just one day a month in our rooms it would be a help.

We are desperate for a Secretary, this position is vital to the group functioning and I can only plead our case and hope someone will contact me or The Cottage to find out more. You will need to be committed and have the time as it is one of the busiest jobs, however, it could be rewarding as well so if you want to take on a challenge come on board.

We also need a Grants Officer. We miss out on applying for various Grants as we need some one to keep up to date with when Grants become available and apply for them. Can anyone offer to take this task on? It does not require a lot of your time as it might only be four or five times a year that we can apply. Library & Cottage helpers. There are times when our roster is hard to fill so if you can devote one day a month please let us know.

A list of duties for the above positions is available in the office so come in and ask Marilyn or Frank if you can have a look at it. **We need your help!!!**

Even if you only have a few hours at a time to commit you can be a volunteer with WFHG. We are making a list of members that we can contact on an as needed basis, This way we can get some tasks accomplished and you don't have to commit yourself for a long term project, Here are some ways you can be involved: Typing, Library duty, Bunnings BBQs help out, Open days (setting up and dismantling at end of day) And Clean up days.

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NSW & ACT Conference. Trading Tables.

Has your group booked a trading table for the upcoming Conference?
If not and you wish to do so, please contact the trading table organizer at WFHG Inc.

Details available on website : < <http://rootsweb.com/~nswwfhg/> >
or by phone (02) 4351 7373 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10am and 3.00pm.



NEWS ITEMS & COMING EVENTS

Newcastle Family History Society will be holding a Seminar entitled "Remembrance 2009, Those Who Served" on Saturday 7th November 2009 at Wallsend Diggers Club, Tyrrell St, Wallsend.

Topics include Spirits of Gallipoli, Military Resources, Vietnam and "GCW".

Further information: nfhsinc@gmail.com or Telephone: 02-49578296.

1. Pastfinders.net is an English research organisation based in London who specialise in researching convicts transported to Australia. They have easy access to the National Archives and the British Library Newspaper Library. They have a searchable and browsable database at:

www.pastfinders.net/unclaimedconvicts.htm

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Perhaps it's time to go "Back to School"

Over the past couple of years, a number of my grandchildren have been contacting me and asking questions about their Family History. It seems as though many Schools these days are promoting an interest in this subject by encouraging their students to contact members of their extended families for interesting facts and stories. These are then presented to the class, either in written form, or, as in the case of some of the older children, recorded on a DVD together with photographs and appropriate music. After the last call from my 11 year old grand-daughter, I contacted my old Primary School and inquired as to whether they had instigated such a program. I was told that they had and that they would be very happy to have a visit from a former student and a suitable time and date were arranged for my visit.

Imagine my surprise when, on arrival, I was presented with a book which had been produced 4 years ago to celebrate this School's Centenary. There were class photographs of both my sister and myself who had attended in the 1950's as well as class groups and staff photographs from around 1920 to when the book was produced. There were also some lovely photos of the school buildings over the past 100 years. I was asked if I would like to talk to the School Librarian, who was happy to show me many more old photographs. She also provided me with details of other family members who had attended the school in the very early days. Her help enabled me to identify relatives in the old school photos and she was happy to copy what interested me to my USB. The only difficulty that I encountered during the visit was when I was asked to identify as many of my fellow students as I was able from my class photos. Although I could remember their faces, I'm afraid that I have a terrible memory for names.

If, like me, you have not been able to find childhood photos for some of your relatives – especially in those years between the First and Second World Wars when money could not always be spared for luxuries such as photographs – perhaps contacting their local school could prove as lucky for you as it did for me.

If you intend visiting a school to look at their archives, please, contact them first by phone, letter or email and arrange a suitable time for your visit. It would also be nice to take copies of any photos or records that you may have for that particular school as I have found that they are usually willing to accept copies of items (especially photographs) that they may not have.

Glenise Clery. #284.



NEW MEMBERS

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

377	Lynette SPIES	Bateau Bay
378	Maureen ROBERTS	Morisset
379	Mildred HEGARTY	Toukley
380	Lorna PARNELL	Blue Haven
381	Garry PRINCE	Lake Munmorah
382	Pauline CAMERON	Brightwaters
383	Margaret BEATSON	Bateau Bay
384	Jack EGLON	Lake Haven
385	Sandra EGLON	Lake Haven
386	Shirley LARVEN	Summerland Point
387	Arthur HUTCHINSON	Lake Haven
388	Patricia RIDES	Lake Haven
389	Bruce MORRIS	Hamlyn Terrace
390	Vera MORRIS	Hamlyn Terrace
391	Margaret BAIRD	Kanwal
392	Anne SEVILLE	Budgewoi
393	Gary BLACKMORE	Budgewoi
394	Helen MAY	Toukley
395	Jeanette PHILLIPS	Tumbi Umbi
396	Carol JOHANSSON	Charmhaven
397	Margaret BLUNDELL	Toukley
398	June BRAINE	Lake Munmorah
399	Trevor WRIGHTSON	Mannering Park
400	Helen WRIGHTSON	Mannering Park
401	Elizabeth WORBOYS	Woongarra
402	Bob RITCHINGS	Chain Valley Bay North
403	Fay RITCHINGS	Chain Valley Bay North

MEMBER'S RESEARCH SURNAMES

Lynette SPIES, Member 377: Researching:- SPIES.

Maureen ROBERTS, Member 378: Researching:-PERROTT, CUMMINS, GEER, SIMMONS, REYNOLDS, NEIL, McKENZIE, CRONIN, O'CONNOR & HOAD.

Mildred HEGARTY, Member 379: Researching:- NEWTON & HEGARTY.

Lorna PARNELL, Member 380: Researching:-HARVEY & HAYES.

Garry PRINCE, Member 381: Researching:-PRINCE & TAYLOR.

Pauline CAMERON, Member 382: Researching:-SAVAGE & WOODLEY.

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Margaret BEATSON, Member 383: Researching:- JAMIESON.

Jack & Sandra EGLON, Members 384/385: Researching:- WILSON, ROWLEY, BAKER, MIZEN, GOODACRE, EGLON, VIDLER, WILLIAMS & DAVISON.

Shirley LARVEN, Member 386: Researching:- WILKINSON & DAVISON.

Arthur HUTCHINSON, Member 387: Researching:- HUTCHINSON, CHEW, FLETCHER, GIBBONS, SMITH & COBLE.

Patricia RIDES, Member 388: Researching:- BOUGHTON & KNAPP.

Bruce & Vera MORRIS, Members 389/390: Researching:-MORRIS & PESCU

Margaret BAIRD, Member 391: Researching:-BAIRD & ARTIS.

Anne SEVILLE, Member 392: Researching:-HAMILTON, McCROW & CAIRNCROSS.

Gary BLACKMORE, Member 393: Researching:-BLACKMORE & BRENNAN.

Helen MAY, Member 394: Researching:-DUNNICLIFF, HAMILTON & KING.

Jeanette PHILLIPS, Member 395: Researching:-PHILLIPS-BLAKE, MORAN-MOOREHEAD, MORAN & CROSS.

Carol JOHANSSON, Member 396: Researching:-JOHANSSON.

Margaret BLUNDELL, Member 397: Researching:- BLUNDELL.

June BRAINE, Member 398: Researching:-COOPER, SPENCE & WILLIAMS.

Trevor & Helen WRIGHTSON, Members 399/400: Researching:-WARN, FLINT, CUPITT, WRIGHTSON & ROACH.

Elizabeth WORBOYS, Member 401: Researching:-SIMPSON..

Bob & Fay RITCHINGS, Members 402/403: Researching:-RITCHINGS & YEO.

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

Members Name and No.
c/- Wyong Family History Group Inc.
PO Box 247
WYONG NSW 2259 “

New Zealand Old Newspapers

I have been doing some New Zealand research and was directed to a site that has old newspapers that are searchable or just able to be viewed.


It is like the SMH Archives but only goes up to 1900 or thereabouts.

The address is <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz> It is free to search and you can search under the different Regions of New Zealand's both islands.

Regards John



LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Glenise Clery, (284) Librarian. 

New Acquisitions for May 2009

Books

- AHS053 *An Amateur Tramp* Rambles with Pen and Camera
CEN005 *1788 Muster Victualling List*
COU013 *Wyong Court House Death Records 1930 – 1953* (New Publication by WFHG)
DIR039 *Post Office Directory of NSW 1867.* County of Argyle (Goulburn)
ENG055 *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles*
FAM030 *The Robinson Family* From Fermanagh, Northern Ireland.
FAM031 *The Palmer/Pearce Connection* by Rhonda Kroehnert
FAM032 *Richard & Ann (Langley) Mills.* Bathurst Pioneers 1818: A family history
FAM033 *The Family History.* Price, Martin, Crisford, Chapman and others
FAM034 *A Personal Collection of Genealogical Records.* Ancestors of Julie & David Field
FAM035 *"If Only".* The story of Thomas Clarkson.
FAM036 *Faithfulls Of Omeo.* William & Louisa Faithfull 1883 – 1983
FAM037 *They Deserve To Be Remembered.* Ancestors of the wife of Robert B Ellis
FAM038 *You Look Like A Nash.* The family of Stephen & Anne Nash
FAM039 *The Story of Joseph Tuso and Rebecca Golsby*
GUI039 *Hawkesbury City Council* Guide to the Local Studies Collection
IRL054 *Are You Irish or Normal*
LHNI009 *Historic Buildings of Norfolk Island*
LHQ015 *Campbellville – Cedar Days*
LHQ016 *Yandina.* 125 Years 1871 – 1996
LHQ017 *Growth of Caloundra*
LHQ018 *Sunshine Coast Heritage*
LHS205 *What Happened When.* Eastwood's History 1794 – 2003
LHS206 *The Glenreagh to Dorrigo Branch Railway*
LHS207 *The Ferry, The Branch, The Creek.* Hawkesbury History
LHS208 *The Rockley Manner* Bathurst District
LHV017 *Tapestries.* Family Histories from Presbyterian Ladies College Vic.
MIL052 *500 Australians Who Died In Vietnam* (includes photographs)
REG101 *They Shaped A Town Called Cowra*
REG102 *The Pioneer Register.* Spouse Supplement to Vols. VI – X (Smee)
REG103 *The 1788 – 1820 Assoc. Pioneer Register.* Volume III (Smee)
REG104 *The Pioneer Register.* Volume VIII (Smee)
REG105 *The Pioneer Register.* Volume IX (Smee)
REG106 *The Pioneer Register.* Volume X (Smee)
REG107 *The Pioneer Register.* Volume XII (Smee)
REG108 *The Pitcairn Island Register Book 1790 – 1854*
REG109 *The 1788 – 1820 Assoc. Pioneer Register.* Volume V (Smee)
REG110 *The Pioneer Register.* Volume VI (Smee)
SHI020 *The Sirius Letters*

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CD326 *Tasmanian Federation Index.* Births 1900 – 1919, Deaths & Marriages 1900 – 1930.

Journals

Canada

American-Canadian Genealogist

British Columbia Genealogist

Ontario Genealogical Society *Families*

Ontario Genealogical Society *Newsleaf*

Quebec Family History Society *Connections*

These are just a few of the many new overseas journals which will appear on the library shelves in the coming weeks.

Unrelated Certificates

Approximately 20 Birth, Death, Burial and Marriage certificates relating to the SMITH family in the Sydney region will soon be added to the folders. They cover the period 1810 – 1910. Well worth a look if you have any SMITH ancestors in the early years of the colony.

Internet Sites

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hcastle/index.htm>

Greville's 1872 NSW Postal Directory. Other links also available on this site.

<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswwfhg/>

There are links to Cemeteries, Family History Societies, Libraries, Newspapers, Military and many other interesting sites on our own Web Site. Our Web Master is continually adding to the list. Just scroll down to the Site Map on the Home Page, click on Articles and you will find links to many interesting and helpful sites. The group's Web Site is much more than a notice board for current events and an up to date listing of our resources. Our continual use of this excellent resource is a thank you to John for all of the effort he puts in to maintain the WFHG Web Site.

Many thanks to all who continue to donate resources to the library. Don't forget to keep those suggestions for the "Wish List" coming in.

JURD REUNION



Under grey skies on Sunday 19/4/2009 the *JURD* reunion was held at Yarramalong. One of our WFHG. members and Jurd descendant, Rosalie Walker invited our group to join them all for the day and run a stall, a very pleasant and profitable day was had by Jan Barrett and Trish McDonald who attended.

The gathering of about 75 began their day at Jilliby Cemetery where memorial plaques were unveiled at the graves of William and Louisa Jurd and Daniel and Susannah Walters. The group then moved to Yarramalong Cemetery where another unveiling for Ephraim and Vida Jurd, took place then moved to Yarramalong Hall for a mix, mag and mingle over lunch.

The Jurd Association symbol [above] was unveiled and considered very appropriate by all, as the Jurds in Australia had their beginning with First Fleeters William Douglas and Mary Groves' daughter

Elizabeth becoming the wife of Daniel Jurd who arrived in 1802. 2012 will mark the 200th wedding anniversary of Daniel and Elizabeth.

At last count Peter Stewart author and president of the Jurd Association has recorded 12,400 family members and many of these have been part of the earliest Wyong history. See the Jurd Jottings for more details and photos.

Wyong History

William Cape and the First Bridge

A series of articles appeared in the *Wyong Advocate* from the 10 October 1973 written by Edward Hamilton Stinson co-founder of the Wyong Shire Historical Society following the opening of the new Woodbury's Bridge in the Yarramalong Valley. His articles tell about the first settler of Yarramalong and the first bridge.

‘William Cape, as the first settler, was granted a large area of land in that area near the junction of Wyong Creek and Jilliby Creek, just upstream from the present bridge. He called it ‘Treelands’. His two sons, William Timothy and Richard were also given grants of about 500 acres each.

Cape came onto the property about 1825. In a letter to the Colonial Secretary dated January 1829, he said that he had put a bridge across the creek. He used the word ‘bridge’. He was a highly educated man – in fact he was the headmaster of the Sydney Public School; a man who would not be given to misusing words. We have no knowledge of it (the bridge) and there is no visible evidence that it ever existed there. Perhaps it was later washed away by flood or destroyed by fire. Definitely there was a ford there for many years – and there is still evidence of it but when and by whom it was constructed is not known.

After William Cape built the first bridge across the creek an inn was established, and in the paddock just south of the inn was the very first cricket field (with its dirt pitch) in the Wyong district and about fifty metres upstream from the bridge and near the western bank was committed the only murder ever known in the long history of the Yarramalong Valley when Mrs Woolley was brutally killed allegedly by the bushranger Coyne, more than 100 years ago. And there and upstream grew the great forest of cedar and blue gum and turpentine and rosewood and blackbutt and mahogany and ironbark and spotted gum and forest oak, and many other timbers. The name ‘Treelands’ that Cape gave to his property was a most appropriate one. It was a fertile area of dense undergrowth and tall timbers, and koalas which were very numerous and more than 100 species of birds.

In the 1840s the people of the area had started agitating for a bridge, and a bridge was subsequently opened in 1867. It was a low-level bridge, only about three feet above water level. The piers on the eastern bank are still visible after more than 100 years.

In these days the people of Yarramalong Valley used to take their timber and other products along Priests Ridge to Wollombi and the Hunter; or alternatively up Bumble Hill and down to Mangrove Creek where there was a wharf. Later they came down the Yarramalong Valley, through Kangi Angi and Ourimbah to Gosford.

Woodbury's Inn near the bridge was opened in 1868 by Matthew Woodbury (after whom the bridge was named) to serve the teamsters and others journeying to distant points beyond. It was about 12 miles from Gosford – about a day's journey in those times.

The coming of the railway to Wyong in 1887 altered the whole position, with Wyong becoming the transport and trading area for the people of both Yarramalong and Dooralong Valleys. The old low-level bridge now became inadequate, mainly because, being low, it was subject to flooding. Even minor floods cut people off for long periods. It became necessary to build a bigger bridge and this accounts for the construction of the bigger wooden structure said to have been built in 1898.

Marilyn Cridland
Life Member 11

A memorable Holiday: Lynda Smith Life Member No. 2.

I recently spent some time with my younger sister when she was ill. Kathy now lives with our elderly mother, in the family home at Umina. Mum had pre-booked a trip away and asked me to help out in her absence. My sister needed rest and Easter TV was not the best, so we needed something to amuse us indoors. We decided to check out what she had stored under her bed and in her wardrobe. We discovered that she still had a number of those dreaded 'magnetic' photo albums, full of photos dating from her [our] childhood. We decided to remove the photos, identify the subjects and hopefully date the event captured on film. Then we would place them in more suitable albums or photo boxes.

It was a lengthy process, as some of the photos had been in these albums for 35 years, and Kathy had also been an avid photographer in her youth. She had LOTS of photos! We managed to remove most photos intact, but some early attempts were damaged through impatience and poor technique. Long fingernails helped, but an old fashioned flat butter knife proved to be a useful tool. I am told that waxed flossing thread is also effective. Some photos had been damaged from the glue used in these albums and had developed unsightly orange and brown spots.

I took this opportunity to encourage my sister to reminisce about her teenage years and early married life. She is three years younger than me and was only 15 when I left home for University in 1974. I married the same year and stayed in Newcastle for the next few years. As a result, she spent from 1974-80 at home with our parents and she also shared some holidays with them that I had forgotten even occurred. She also had a different circle of friends and different interests than me, even though we attended the same high school. Three years is a big gap when you are teenagers! At the time, I was caught up in my own adventures, so I was not really a part of her life.

In helping her identify the images in these old photos, I was able to gain insight into this time of her life and it also allowed me to see some family events through her eyes. Kathy married in 1980 and quickly moved to the far north coast with her husband. Their first child was born up there and again, I missed out on these day to day experiences of my sister and her family. By this time, I had a 3 year old son and was expecting our daughter, so I was engrossed in my own trials and tribulations. We had communicated by letter, and I had kept some of these, but the story is much more interesting 'in person'.

There is also a long history of members of my father's family living around Tweed Heads and some of the aunts, uncles and cousins were still there at this time. Kathy had photos and stories about these people that I had not seen or heard before. Eventually, Kathy and her family returned to the Central Coast and I had a few years of shared experiences with her before she moved away again. This time, she went further north, to Innisfail in Queensland and it was many years before I saw her again. By this time, her three children were teenagers.

I really enjoyed travelling 'down memory lane' with my sister and I encourage all of you with siblings to do the same. When my mother came home after her Easter trip, I asked her about her old albums. We discovered that she also had about 10 of these dreaded 'peel and stick' versions still in use. I managed to remove the photos from a few of them before I came home. My mother has generously allowed me to borrow some of the photos and scan them. She had some real treasures. I feel this will be a 'work in progress' for some time!

I leave you with some words of warning to us all: Have you dated and labelled all your photos? Do you have them stored safely? Have you backed up your digital photos and used different formats? What about slides, film and video versions? With the rapid changes in technology, will future generations be able to view such formats? Think of the angst your ancestors have caused you by leaving unidentified photos for you to deal with. Don't leave the same legacy.

Now that the cooler weather is upon us, this may be a great fireside activity.

You never know what additional information you may uncover. Enjoy!

We are planning a Conference to remember.

A Conference brings together people from all over the state with an interest in researching their family history. Don't miss a change to make new friends and catch up on old friends .



Have you registered? Early bird registrations close 31st July 2009.

Stalls to browse including Ancestry.com, Joy and Alan Murrin and reference material available from other associations.

Guest Speakers to enthral, workshops to learn, displays to surprise.

Make a holiday of it and stay on our beautiful coast.

Venue: Wyong Racecourse Function Rooms, Howarth Street, Wyong.

The venue has plenty of parking and is also within walking distance of the railway station.

The dinner on Saturday night will be delightful.

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Guest Speakers

- Brad Manera from the Historic Houses Trust (also Hyde Park Barracks) Topic: *'Hyde Park Barracks and the Transportation of the Empire's Convicts'*
- Kim Phillips Topic: *'The Spirits of Gallipoli'*
- David Harris: State Member for Wyong Topic: *'Vincent John Crowe Memorial Address'*
- Carol Baxter: Editor of the early Convict Musters and Australian History Author Topic: *'Turning dry facts into exciting narrative'*
- Michael Flynn: Author of books on the First and Second Fleets and other Australian History Topic: *'Researching the people of the First, Second and Third Fleets 1788-1791'*
- Tom Foley: National Library of Australia Topic: Services at the National Library
- Christine Yeats: State Records of New South Wales Topic: *'Documenting your ancestors as they slip in and out of the official records'*.
- Terry Ryan: National Maritime Museum Topic: *'The Australian National Maritime Museum's place in family history'*.

Details are available of our website:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswwfhg/>

or by phoning 02 4351 7373 during office hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am—3pm) or PO Box 247, Wyong, NSW, 2259.

My Research

Working on the Rossetti family history has had its surprises and many frustrations and has extended beyond just finding birth, death and marriage information.

One surprise appeared early on when I learned that my father in law's (**Santo Rossetti**) grandmother, **Jane Gardner**, came to Australia with her aunt and uncle, **Elizabeth and Henry Hope Hunter**, from Scotland after her mother and father (**Mary and Michael Gardner**) had died. Both Jane and her sister were adopted by her aunt and uncle, Elizabeth and Henry Hope Hunter, and they both then used the surname '**Hunter**'. Looking back at research my father, **Geoff Simpson** (formerly from Grenfell, NSW), and his cousin, **Mary Phillipa Hunter** (who still lives in Grenfell), had done into the Simpson and Hunter family history, I realised that my grandfather's (**James Simpson**) sister (**Margaret Ann Simpson**) married **William Hunter** who was the son of Henry Hope Hunter and cousin of Jane Gardner / Hunter.

Researching information about the Rossetti family has been difficult with family members, particularly my father in law, **Santo Rossetti**, and his sisters, **Queenie Partington** and **Edie Smith**, extremely reluctant to divulge any information. My husband's cousin, **Gloria Pearson** (nee Smith), and I knew that **Vincent Ros(s)etti** and **Selina Price (nee Johnson)** were her mother's and my father in law's parents.

We have found it hard to find information on Selina's children from her first marriage to **Henry Somerset Price (n/a 'Harry' Price)** who was a New Zealander and what happened to them, but now find that they had five children (not four as indicated in the second edition of Wyong and Tuggerah Lakes 'Pioneer Register') prior to Selina living with Vincent and having his three children.

Selina's and Henry's children were:

- **Frederick William Price** (17/10/1905 – 17/9/1993)
- **James Alfred Price** (25/06/1910 – 2/08/1944)
- **Gladys Isabel Price** (1/05/1912 – 13/05/2004)
- **Patrick Price** (28/10/1914 – April, 2006)
- **Henry Price** (March, 1918 – 22/01/1920)

There has never been any mention of these older children living with Selina Price and Vincent Ros(s)etti and, when asked about them, Dad (Santo) used to go quiet and tell me 'not to ask questions and that every family had its skeletons'. We have now found that Frederick and James (n/a "Jimmy") lived on the Central Coast for a while and both joined the Army and then moved to other areas. This information came from electoral rolls and service records.

I do remember meeting two young ladies in the late 1970's when we were packing fish at Gorokan Fishermens' Co operative and 'Jib,' who worked at the Co operative, introduced them to us as both his and Dad's cousins, Jeanette and Gloria, from Sydney. I now realise that these ladies were James Price's daughters and regret that no further contact has been kept with them as I'm sure they would be able to answer many of our questions.

Henry (Jun) died aged 1 year and 10months in 1920 in Camperdown Children's Hospital while Gladys and Patrick were fostered together with various families on the south coast prior to their final placement with the Hills family at Woonona, also on the south coast of NSW. Harold ('Jibley') Spiers, who was Mary Jane Spiers' (nee Johnson) son and Dad's cousin has been able to help with some information from his memories of the Johnson sisters and their families, but cannot remember what happened to any of his aunt's (Selina) children other than a vague memory that 'two may have been cared for by someone out of the area, maybe a cousin.' It would be good to find some information regarding who cared for Gladys and Patrick, where they worked and some reasons why they didn't stay with their mother and Vincent Ros(s)etti at Norah Head.

After writing and sending numerous letters and emails, I have found and obtained some feedback from
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two of **Gladys McGuckin's (nee Price)** children, (**Ted and Patrick**) who now live in South Australia but this has been hampered by an angry response from their other brother, **Robert**, who verbally berated me over the phone despite having been given his contact details by his brother, Ted, for trying to get any information about his mother. He has refused to pass on any information or photos of their mother, Gladys, and Uncle Patrick. His reason is based on his belief that Selina didn't want any contact with his mother and uncle as they grew up. His influence has been so great that **Ted**, with whom I had been sharing information, has now apologetically ceased doing so. It is interesting, yet sad, to think that Dad's step brother, Patrick Price, spent his later years prior to his death in Davistown and had no contact with Dad or his step sisters. This property was passed on to Robert after his Uncle Patrick's death.

Neither Gloria nor I have been able to find any reference to the death of Henry ('Harry') Somerset Price with the NSW BDM or in newspapers from 1915 – 1925 to support the view that 'Harry' died at sea while fishing, possibly near Newcastle, or the fact that he is indeed dead.

Another stumbling block has been in trying to get information on Vincent Ros(s)etti's child, **Pierina Rossetti**, who is also my father in law's step sister. One problem was that information on Vincent's death certificate listed his first 'wife's' name as '**Edith McKay**' and again any attempt at a reference in NSW BDM was not successful.

A chance reply to an ad placed in the Sydney Morning Herald, gave us the correct name and spelling of Vincent's 'wife' and Pierina's mother. She was **Mary Edith Woodward nee McCay**. This has enabled more information to be gathered regarding 'Edith' but not Pierina. In 1897 Edith, aged 17, married **William Henry Woodward**, whose first wife had died in 1896. This left him with two daughters, **Stella May Woodward** (born 25/10/1886) and **Amy Ann Woodward** (born 29/04/1884), to raise. Edith and William then had a son, **William Charles Woodward**. A few years later, Edith and William separated and William moved back to Forster to live and work as an oyster farmer.

Edith and Vincent had Pierina in 1908. Unfortunately, Edith died in 1912 during childbirth at The Coast Hospital when **Pierina** was 4 years old and **William Charles Woodward** was only 12. Again, we can find no records for a stillborn child with NSW BDM using the surnames Rossetti, McCay or Woodward. Her first husband, **William Woodward**, also died during this year. Their son, **William Charles Woodward**, went to live with his uncle, **Charles Woodward**, until he joined the Army at the age of 18.

From information on Vincent's Naturalisation records, we assume Pierina was in the care of a Convent at Leichhardt, but have not been able to get any records to verify this. References are available from extracts of Elizabeth Hargraves' diary used in the booklet produced as part of Toukley Public School's centenary, stating that '**Perrina Rossetti**' was in Norah Head from time to time.

Pierina has become our biggest challenge and frustration as there are no marriage or death records with NSW BDM using Pierina Ros(s)etti / Woodward / McCay / Macay. It is interesting that her birth record is listed under each of these surnames with the NSW BDM but all use the same reference number with Vincent, only listed as the father under the surname 'Rossetti'.

It is only this year that I was able to get a copy of her birth certificate despite trying to get it in 2004 prior to Dad's death. As NSW BDM couldn't find a record of her death or marriage, they were unable to process a copy of her birth certificate for me as we couldn't show that there were no children. As a result I had to wait the 100 year time frame for a historical birth certificate. Sighting this certificate yielded yet another surprise with her middle name listed as 'Madge' and not 'Mary' or 'Maria' which we had assumed the 'M' to stand for as her mother and grandmother were both named 'Mary.' The original birth certificate does not give a surname but surprisingly a transcription agent we used gave the surname as

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'Woodward or Rossetti' on their transcription certificate and lists her as 'illegitimate' even though this does not appear anywhere on the birth certificate I received. It is pleasing to see that Both Edith Woodward and Vincent Rossetti are listed as Pierina's mother and father on her birth certificate from NSW BDM.

We have also checked NSW BDM records using the name '*Queenie*', as this was one of two children's names listed on Edith's death certificate. It is also a coincidence that Vincent and Selina's first daughter, who was born in 1920, was named '*Queenie*.'

Another point of interest is that Pierina was not acknowledged as a step sister by either the Woodward or McCay families when they tried to acquire the war medals received by her step brother, **William Charles Woodward** after he was killed in action in France in 1916. Edith's parents, **William Robert and Mary McCay**, as well as his step sisters, **Stella and Amy Woodward**, applied for these medals from the War Office. The medals were finally sent to Stella, even though she was younger than Amy as Amy was living in England.

I would be most appreciative of any other information or possible references that anyone may be able to pass on regarding Pierina Rossetti / Woodward / McCay, or the Rossetti family, and I am happy to share any other information I have regarding Selina (nee Johnson) Price's family. Please contact me by email on rhondarossetti@bigpond.com

Rhonda Rossetti (Member No 185)

Chance Meeting

I was introduced to WFHG some 3 odd years ago by Denis & Esther Dean; since then I have established 386 persons and 118 marriages in my Family Tree. I found a cousin whom I had not seen for 60 years and discovered he lived at Gwandalan. We have been in touch since then.

One day, two ladies were attending a VIEW club meeting and following the general assembly the ladies were invited to be seated. Upon taking a place, two strangers sat next to each other and cordially introduced themselves.

One lady addressed the other "My name is Pam Berry."

Second lady said. "do you know a Max Berry?"

First lady, "Yes he is my husband's cousin but we have not seen him for years."

Second lady. "Well, I am from his Mother's side of the family, I am Elizabeth Pettit. he is My husband's cousin and he has been in touch with us, here is his telephone number."

My cousin telephoned me that evening. I had not seen him for around 65 years. he has visited us and he now is included in my Family Tree.

The intriguing part of the story. Both cousins are approximately 15 kilometers from me and both living in the same suburb.

Max Berry (Member No 207)

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2. Ancestry.com.au has now included the New South Wales Calendar and Post Office Directory 1832 on their website.

3. The State Library of Queensland has re-released the British Convict Transportation Registers Database at : <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts>

4. Trish McDonald is producing special Family Tree Certificates for individual family members e.g.

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How surprised she would be now! Early telephones in South Australia.

The first tests of telephones in Australia were developed in Adelaide and the first telephone exchange opened in Sydney in 1881. On 14 May 1883 Adelaide's first exchange opened. Government House received phone number 1, followed by officials, the observatory, detective office and hospital. Rates were £12 per year within ½ a mile of the exchange and an extra 25 shillings for every additional ¼ mile but subscribers could talk all day and all night if they so desired. Having found that young females "had more pleasing voices and, if carefully chosen, better manners than youths" the exchange was in the charge of two young ladies between 9.00am and 8.00pm and the man who had assisted at the first installation was in charge at night. Telephone concerts became popular with one performer singing to piano accompaniment at one venue and another to violin elsewhere with the audience listening in by telephone in Adelaide. At the end of 7 months there were 300 subscribers but penny postcards continued to be a very popular form of communication for many years. Collecting these postcards was a hobby for a great many people including my husband's grandmother.

Her name was Florence Hilda Flowers Fry and she lived from 1875 to 1978. Among her treasured possessions was a book of postcards which we have inherited and I thought I would share this little gem with you. It is dated 1909 and is sent to her by her sister Edie.

"I could not make Petersons' hear on the telephone yesterday. They are awful things down this way (Alberton - not far from Adelaide!). Very few seem to speak with ease on them. They are supposed to be the latest too."

How far we have come since then, but occasionally I would love to receive a letterbox full of attractive postcards instead of phone calls.

Helen Burkett 342



Plans For Smith Family Reunion.

There will be a reunion of the Smith family for the descendants of Martha Arch/Smith, convict arriving on the *Wanstead* 9-1-1814. She spent most of her life in the Hawkesbury River area. She had two sons, Robert born 1814 and Michael born 1819-20. Robert's wife was Elizabeth Morris and Michael's wife was Elizabeth Armstrong.

Robert's children were Robert, Martha, Elizabeth, Jane, Hannah, Thomas, Maria, John, James, Henry, Harriet, Ellen, George and Joseph.

Michael's children were Elanor, John, George, Michael C, William, Martha, Hannah, Robert, Eliza, James and Edward.

1859 saw the arrival of Michael Smith and some of Robert's children to Tuggerah, where they took up land, become involved in Farming, the timber industry, businesses and had many more descendants who dispersed throughout the Wyong District and beyond.

The reunion will be held at Dooralong Hall, 10.00am Sunday 18th October 2009. Please bring a picnic lunch, photos and memorabilia to be used in an historical display.

For enquiries and to advise of your attendance, please contact: Fay Maloney 02-43921926

Or E-mail: faymaloney@tadaus.org.au

R.S.V.P. Sunday 11th October 2009.

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Pgs 33-37 On Inland Waters – written in 1900. Orchards & cornfields of the Hawkesbury & Colo Rivers with a number of local landowners mentioned.

HOLROYD FAMILY HISTORY GROUP 'HOLROYD HAPPENINGS' DEC '08

Centre List of internet sites relating to convict records.

SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS 'DESCENT' DEC '08

Pgs 182-9 Family Legends – Legendary History of the BEST family.

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Pgs 196/7 What is the South Asia Special Interest Group? For those with an interest in family history research in South Asia.

Pgs 198-204 Convicts Lost & Found in the East Indies – of interest to those with convict ancestry.

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Pgs 225/6 Reunion – Daniel CANVIN – 150 years since his death 12th September '09 at

Braidwood. Ms R Burke (02)4446 6041 or email rgburke@bigpond.net.au.

Reunion – EBENEZER CHURCH – Bicentenary 20th June '09 at Ebenezer.

Contact Greg Hearne via church website – www.ebenezerchurch.org.au.

Website has map & clear directions.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS JAN '09

Pgs 12/13 Australia Day 1788 – 2008. Descendants of First and Second Fleet convicts George GUEST & Mary BATEMAN.

Pgs 18-20 Bill & Kath (Owen) PEARCE.

Pg 33 Granville Historical Society – www.granvillehistorical.org.au. Latest project 'Snapshots', a social history of Granville 1900 – 2007.

(BRITISH) FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE CHRISTMAS '08

Pgs 18-20 The Value of Early Sources – Military surveys, subsidy returns, apprenticeships etc.

Pgs 28-30 Between a Rock and a Hard Place, the life & times of Charlotte BENNETT. Includes websites for locating military ancestors and their children.

Pgs 34-36 Innocents Abroad. An estimated 150,000 children were relocated overseas in the period from 1618 to the 1960's in an attempt to 'rescue' children from a life of destitution. Books & websites to help trace those migrant forebears.

Pgs 50-56 Which Website Should I Pay a Subscription to? An analysis of four major websites – Ancestry.co.UK, FamilyRelatives.com, Findmypast.com and TheGenealogist.co.uk. Essential reading for anyone thinking about subscribing or purchasing pay-per-view vouchers. There is a full description of available records on each website.

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- Pg 60 Russian Genealogy – www.petergen.com – click on ‘English version’ in heading.
Pgs 70/1 Top 10 Records.....PRONI (Public Record Office of Northern Ireland). Online guides to documents relating chiefly to northern Ireland from 1600 to the present day. www.proni.gov.uk.

THE CONVICT TRAIL PROJECT ‘ROAD WORKS IN PROGRESS’ DEC ‘08

Convict Trail News.

THE CONVICT TRAIL PROJECT 2007/2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Very interesting report with photos of sections of the Great North Road.

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS INC. ‘FOUNDERS’ MARCH/APRIL ‘09

First Fleeters News.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ‘HISTORY’ MARCH ‘09

- Pg 17 Wanted Women – wealth of material found in Police Gazettes.

CAMPBELLTOWN DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. ‘GHOSTBUSTER’ NOV ‘08

- Pg 5 Ahnentafel Charts – German “ancestor table”.
Pgs 6/7 Rottneist Island Cemetery – list of names of those interred there.

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ‘THE HAWKESBURY CRIER’ DEC ‘08

- Pgs 5-10 Three Generations of Women – and the men in their lives. A story which begins with the First Fleet.

- Pg 13 JURD Reunion – The Countdown Has Begun to Reunion 2012.

- Pg 24 William BAKER (*Neptune* 1790) Family Inaugural Reunion on the 26th June 2010 at St. Matthews Church, Windsor.

Website: WilliamBaker_Neptune1790@yahoogroups.com

CENTRAL COAST M. A. C. NEWS SHEET DEC ‘08/JAN ‘09 AND FEB ‘09

Local Cultural Events.

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- Pgs 3-5 Pioneers of Blayney.

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- Pgs 14-16 LARKIN of Silanchia, an Erenagh Family. Irish family history.
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Pgs 24/25 Thornborough Cemetery, Qld. Graves in names as follows, photos supplied, CLARK/GIBBINS/WHITE/SMITH/CUMMINGS.
Pgs 26-29 Peter FLEMING – early pioneer of Newcastle.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS APRIL ‘09

Number of articles relating to veterans of the Boer War, WW1 & WW2.

HURSTVILLE FHS INC. ‘HURSTVILLE GENEALOGIST’ FEB/MARCH ‘09

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WINGHAM FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. JOURNAL JAN ‘09

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FORBES FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. ‘LACHLAN VALLEY GOLD’ SUMMER 2009

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Pgs 3-8 Family Tree Maker 2009 – SPI.

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Pgs 13-16 Legacy Family Tree.

Pgs 17/18 The Master Genealogist (TMG) V7.04 is now available.

QUEENSLAND FHS INC. 'QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORIAN' FEB '09

Pg 29 The "Lost" 1851 Manchester, England Census Name Index is now online at <http://www.1851-unfilmed.org.uk/>

Pgs 31/32 Jewish Records – websites.

Pg 32 Irish Records Collection – list of indexes, guides etc. at Family Relatives website www.familyrelatives.com

Pgs 33/34 Index to Persons Called Before Queensland Government Committees – State Library of Queensland website.

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Pg 6 1911 Census now online – 27 million people in England – pay 10 credits per view of transcript. Further records to be added as they're digitised.

Pgs 20-23 Don't Neglect the Corrected Entries – entries in the Register of Corrected Entries in Scottish statutory records for Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Pgs 28-31 The Legacy of the Highland Clearances.

Pgs 38-41 Irish Roots – your next steps. Details of available records and where to find them – large number of websites.

Pgs 48/49 Righting Wrongs – correcting mistakes on certificates.

Pgs 50-55 Finding Your Way Around London – Resources for tracing ancestors' addresses in London.

Pgs 56/57 They Seek Him Here...spies and intelligence services.

Pgs 68/69 Top 10 Records...NAL. How to search for records at the National Archives of Ireland site.

Pgs 82-85 South Australia Bound.

Pg 91 Relatives in Norway. How to search for those Norwegian ancestors.

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Pgs 42/43 Top 10 Records...National Archives of Scotland.

Pgs 46-48 Royal Navy Ships in the Censuses – how to search.

Pg 54 Relatives in Denmark – genealogical sources.

IPSWICH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. 'BREMER ECHOES' MARCH '09

Pgs 16/17 Roses From the Heart – Blessing of Queensland made bonnets.

WYONG DIST. MUSEUM AND HIST. SOCIETY 'UNEARTH WYONG' FEB '09

Pg 3 A Story for Anzac Day – Silk maps.

FRIENDS OF ROOKWOOD 'ROOKWOOD IN PROFILE' MARCH '09

Pgs 4/5 Grave News – Joseph T. COFFILL Part 1.

Pg 6 New website www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au is being developed and the Anglican & General Sections will soon be online.

Pg 6 Catholic Records have been online since 2007 at www.catholiccemeteriesboard.org.au An interactive touch screen has been

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installed at Rookwood.

CASINO AND DIST. FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. 'THE CROSSING PLACE' MARCH '09

Pg 10 Henry LYDEKER 1830-1883. Case against Ned KELLY.

Pg 11 Longwarry State School No. 2505 – School Register. List of pupils from 1900/01/02/03/08.

Pgs 12/13 The LLEWELLYN Family from Ponytpool, Monmouthshire, Wales. A new book has been written about the family – contact address supplied.

Pg 14 Deaths not included in the West Street Cemetery Book.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP OF BATHURST INC. 'CARILLON CHIMES' DEC '08

Pg 11 The Long Swamp Cemetery – A recently rehabilitated cemetery 10 kilometres north of Trunkey Creek, the resting place of approximately 80 people.

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Online News appears in both journals and provides detailed information on major family history websites.

HISTORIC HOUSES TRUST 'INSITES' AUTUMN '09

Various events & exhibitions in Sydney.

COLAC & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. 'COLADJINS' AUTUMN 2009

Pg 4 Australia: Giant Genealogy Project to Trace Nation's Convict Bloodlines.

Back pg Piecing Together the Past. Records of WW1 found in Red Cross Headquarters in Geneva.

TOOWOOMBA & DARLING DOWNS FHS INC. 'THE GAZETTE' MARCH '09

Pgs 4/5 Separation of Queensland from NSW – 1859.

Pgs 6-13 Fascinating accounts of the WW2 bombing and evacuation of civilians from Darwin.

Pgs 14-17 People With a Scottish Connection in Drayton & Toowoomba Cemetery.

MAITLAND FAMILY HISTORY CIRCLE 'MAITLAND REMINISCENCES' MARCH '09

Pg 13 Re-union of HARTUP descendents & related families on 6th December '09.

BURWOOD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP 'ANCES-TREE' MARCH '09

Pgs 1-26 German Immigrant Ships to Eastern Australia – Resources & Problems – Part 13 'Caesar' 1855.

PORT STEPHENS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. 'LEMON TREE' APRIL '09

Pg 12 Those with ancestors connected to the Australian Agricultural Co. can contact the society for details or to match up with other researchers on psfhs@yahoo.com.au.

THE BAILEY BANNER FEB '09

Bailey Family News.

1788-1820 PIONEER ASSOCIATION INC. 'THE 1788-1820 PIONEER GAZETTE' JAN '09

Pg 11 Early Pioneer Families – James BADGERY

SHOALHAVEN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. 'TIME TRAVELLER' APRIL '09

Pg 5 SHOALHAVEN FAMILY, LOCAL and CULTURAL HISTORY FAIR will take place on the 19th and 20th June 2009 at Nowra School of Arts, Berry Street, Nowra. Contact: Phone 02 4421 6055 or Email jcvost@people.net.au.

Pg 18 Reunion of SHEATHER descendents on 7th & 8th November 2009.
Reunion of CONDIE descendents on 7th June 2009.

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grandchildren, showing their direct ancestors. Samples of these are on show in The Cottage. The cost is \$10 each which includes laminating. If posted add another \$2. They are beautifully done and we're sure grandchildren will treasure them.

Using Census Returns

What is a census?

The dictionary defines census as a survey and, for the purpose of this article, it is absolutely correct. The census returns that are of use to family historians and genealogists are surveys of the population of the United Kingdom. Although there are census returns available for Scotland & Ireland, this article will address those pertaining to Wales & England and in particular to Glamorgan.

Census returns have been taken every 10 years in England & Wales since 1801. 'Brilliant!' I hear you shout, 'that means I can trace my family straight back for 200 years right?' Err - before you race down to the archives or local library, read on. Unfortunately for us, census returns before 1841 did not record names, but were simply headcounts and rarely do they survive. Occasionally, if we are very fortunate, we may find that an incumbent, such as the vicar of Preston, near Wington in Kent, recorded the names of everyone in his parish, but we cannot rely on the survival of such a document, should it exist in the first place! The rest of us will have to rely on the population census returns from 1841 onward.

How was the information collected?

The information was collected on a Sunday night as it was supposed that everyone would be at home. The forms were distributed a few weeks before and collected the day after. The head of each household was obliged to list everyone staying with them that night. The enumerator was responsible for transferring all the information into enumerator's books and once they were checked, they were sent to London where the statistical information was extracted. It is these enumerator's books which have survived, the individual forms were destroyed once the information from them had been transferred.

The dates of the census taking

1841 6 June **1851** 30 March **1861** 7 March
1871 2 April **1881** 3 April **1891** 5 April **1901** 31 March

What information can the census give me?

1841: This census is very basic and just shows names, addresses, ages, occupations and whether they were born in the resident county or not. Ages for everyone over 15 years was rounded down to the nearest 5 and you will need to keep this in mind when estimating year of birth.

1851: This census collected more information and shows relationship to the head of household, marital status, exact age, occupation and place of birth. It also recorded medical disabilities.

1861, 1871 & 1881 recorded the same information.

1891: This census in Wales had an extra column to record whether they spoke Welsh, English or both.

1901 contained the same information as 1891

What if my ancestors were away from their homes on census night?

If you ancestor worked nights and was working on the night the 1841 census was taken, then he/she will not be recorded on the census returns; enumerators were asked to estimate the number of people working in the mines and to enter this number on the statistics sheets. The census returns of 1851, and onward record, night workers at home, if they returned there the next day.

What happened to people who were in hospitals, gaols, etc?

Small institutions were enumerated in the normal census returns, but arrangements were made to record people, who may have been living outside a normal household, i.e. gaols, workhouses, etc. Masters or keepers of public or charitable institutions, were obliged to act as enumerators for the building/s in their care, and therefore were responsible for recording everyone on their premises on census night. Special books were provided in which they recorded the inmates. These books were passed straight to the Census Office in London. As with all enumerators, the quality of information recorded lies, with the thoroughness of the master/keeper.

Where can I see the census returns?

The L.D.S. have the whole of England, Scotland & Wales for 1881 census indexed and available on their website: www.familysearch.org

The census for England, Wales & Scotland are available on a subscription basis at: www.ancestry.co.uk **You can view the census in our rooms**

findmypast .com is a subscription site and has 1841 to 1901 & 1911 on their site **we also have access to findmypast.com in our rooms**

Source: Glamorgan Family History Society, Wales <http://www.glamfhs.org>

Women's Suffrage and the 1911 Census

This is the part of the email about the 1911 census that the Committee thought might go in the Tree of Life. It was on the Middlesex Rootsweb site.

"Don't forget that the 1911 census was one where Women's Suffrage took action by boycotting the census in protest against being refused the right to vote - quote from the Times.

The public protest was reported in The Times on April 2, 1911, but its full extent remained hidden to the public. The report, headlined "A suffragist 'campaign' of resistance", observed that almost all of those present at the Trafalgar Square protest were men. Women were granted the right to vote seven years later, although they were not given equal voting rights until 1928."

This was forwarded on to us by Peter and Gwen Bates

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to introduce myself. I am the "**Library Sleuth**", and let me tell you, what a great Library we have set up in "The Shakespeare Room" at the Cottage. So many of our Ancestors are hidden away amongst the pages waiting to be found.

I was in the Library the other day sleuthing around as I do and I came across a "Family Tree" section, it is only a small section, that is set up on the right hand side (corridor wall), when you enter the Library. Curious as I am, I took a book from the shelf and started to read, the title was *A Nation within Australia* this book had given me no indication it was about someone's family, however, turning to the back where the index is (do some of you do that, turn to the back page), well, in this instance it payed off. It gave a long list of names of people featured somewhere within the pages. Upon turning the pages, people can start to come alive, telling you of the bygone years, of joy and sorrow, hardships and rewards.

Then take for instance another read, *The Daniel and Mary Meehan Story* now that one looked like it was in the right spot. Upon browsing the index, this book also gave a listing of people other than the Meehans.

You never know where your family could be lurking, maybe right here, under your nose in our own library, tucked away on a shelf, awaiting you to come in and discover them and the tales that they have to tell. Till next time, happy reading, Yours truly, "**The Library Sleuth**"

JOHN PENDERGAST and JANE WILLIAMS

John Pendergast was born c1760, in Ireland, some researchers say possibly Wales. It is thought that he married Catherine before he was arrested in a group of people involved in political unrest in Dublin.

He and others were sentenced to transportation for life. "Minerva" with John and other political prisoners, sailed from Cork on 24th August 1799 and arrived at Port Jackson on 11th January 1800. It is thought that his wife Catherine and their son John came on another ship, but nothing has been discovered about Catherine.

Jane Williams, was convicted and tried in Gloucester on 12 January 1801. The "Nile" sailed from Spithead on 21 June 1801 and arrived at Port Jackson on 14th December 1801, with Jane on board. John chose her as housekeeper and carer for John junior and she became his common law wife and mother of his children, born in Australia.

John was industrious; he became the owner of several portions of land in and further north of Windsor. He is recorded as giving land for the erection of St. Mathews Catholic Church in Windsor and perhaps the ground for the Catholic cemetery, where the Pendergast family vault stands.

John died in 1834 and Jane died in 1838. They are buried with many descendants, in the Pendergast vault in Windsor. They are ancestors of my husband, George Whatson



Beryl Whatson (46)

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH

My husband and I were both born in Adelaide and all our ancestors arrived there as immigrants between 1838 and 1879 from England, Scotland, Ireland and Germany. I reached the stage in my research where I needed to visit South Australia to access records and had a trip recently. It was a huge success and, for anyone doing the same thing, I hope this will encourage you. What made my trip really easy was the fact that I was able to do the preliminary research from here via the record searches available at both the State Library and State Records. As I had limited time to stay, this was really useful but could have been done there as well. So, I went armed with loads of tantalizing snippets and their reference numbers and which collection they were in, in the case of the State Library, and started tracking them down.

The result is that from the library I now have family photos never before seen, excerpts and photos from books, articles from newspapers and evidence of where my gggrandfather was living in 1841 when he was missed from the census. This has been a long time puzzle. State Records was a bonanza. They had an original photo of my great uncle in his WW1 army uniform accompanied by a letter written by my ggrandmother. There were Coroners and police reports on my gggrandfather's death and a fire at his home. They also had original school attendance records which proved what I had been hard pressed to believe anecdotally – that my grandfather and his siblings walked a huge distance to school and back each day. That's just a sample of what I found in one day at State Records and two at the Library. Unfortunately the State Library was very expensive to have copies made – I would have got more but at \$5.50 an A4 sheet and \$17 photo quality paper for what they classed as old records I was up to \$60 before drawing breath! On the other hand State Records were more than happy to photocopy anything I wanted, no matter how old, for 40cents.

The Maritime Museum didn't have anything I didn't already know but they have a database if you have the name of a person and don't know what ship they arrived on which goes beyond what is available on the internet. I also visited gravesites and local councils, found a long lost cousin and had a ball. If anyone is thinking of going over or would like any more information, please get in touch with me through WFHG – it's my favorite topic of conversation!

Helen Burkett (342)

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Members Please Note: Books that can be borrowed from our library (ones that are not marked “*NOT FOR LOAN*”) can only be out for ***TWO WEEKS*** at a time.

Please write them up in the Borrowing Book and when returning please ***make sure*** you mark them off as returned. 😊

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