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from the President

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

May 2013



I hope everyone is making progress with their family history research as we move further into 2013. Are we all sticking by our New Year Resolutions or are you like me with just so many other things getting in the way. I did however take time to go on our last bus trip to State Records in March and was excited and a little daunted with my finds. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to take your research that bit further with a visit to State Records you are missing out on adding some interesting facts to you family stories. Our next trip is in July so start now to get a list of records like probate, intestate, divorce and so much more ready to pursue on a visit as you will be well rewarded.

We were honored to be asked to co-host a family history expo with the LDS church, which took place on the 27th April. It was an exciting day with Guest Speakers, workshops and displays on all things genealogy. What better way to spend a Saturday!

Our group has been busy with one Bunning's fundraiser BBQ behind us and another one coming up in June. We rely on our members to help on these days and we only have two a year. They bring in much needed funds to keep our group going.

One of our major events this year will be our thirty-year birthday celebration and the launch of the Pioneer Register. This will take place on 1st June at



Club Wyong where we will enjoy a two-course lunch and have displays to show the achievements of the past thirty years. The launch will take place after lunch. Members will receive a flyer inviting them to attend the celebration.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who help to keep the wheels turning so our Group continues to serve its members and the community. We have a number of people working on projects, recording information, proof reading, those who give time to running workshops, interest groups and courses, fundraising, administration, roster duty and more. These volunteers

are important to the operation of the group and we can always use more.

Unfortunately it's a fact of life some of our older hard workers, who are committed to the world of genealogy and keeping our doors open for members to use the latest technology in comfort, are getting older and can't keep up the pace or are facing illness, so it would be wonderful for some younger or fitter people to step up and start learning what goes on behind the scenes. I invite you to attend, as a guest, one of our committee meetings or let someone know if you would be interested in training for one of the executive positions. These positions can often be difficult to fill ... TOL

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from the Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Autumn is perhaps my favourite season. It is a joy to be living on the NSW Central Coast. We have both made baby steps with our research and Harry is keen for the Rookwood trip on Saturday, 25th May. When I mentioned Max Farley's article including Jimmy Governor to Harry, his comment was "He's at Rookwood". He produced a photograph of the area where Jimmy Governor and other bushrangers are buried. Harry knows so much about Rookwood.


There have been good attendances to the General Meetings at the early 3pm start. This will continue for the winter.

Darren Webber attended the February meeting to present Kerrie Metcalfe and Marilyn Cridland with the cheque for \$1260, which was granted by RAHS for the production of the Pioneers Register. Later invitation was extended to the Group to visit Darren at Parliament House Thursday 20th June 2013.

Harry and I attended Marie Heilbrunn's photo workshop in April. There is so much to learn about handling and storing photographs, whether you have prints, slides or digital photos. In this photo taken with my iPod 5, Marie is explaining some of the uses of a tablet or iPad.

We have both been taking photographs since we were children and over the years have used a variety of cameras, from box brownies to modern compact digital cameras. We still have many of these and use our film SLR cameras.



I bought my first digital in 1996 to record my Aunt's 100th birthday. It was an Apple QuickTake 150 (pictured). The QuickTake 150 featured 1 MB of flash EPROM that could store 16 high-resolution images or 32 standard resolution images. a close-up lens, plus a serial cable. I could get down to 10 cm away for close ups. I still have this camera and whilst my current Mac's do not have serial ports, I can use it on my old [HP](#) laptop running Windows~~XP~~, it does not work with my newer [HP](#) laptop running Windows 7.



I think changes in technology may be a problem in the future and worth thinking about. How long will Flash Drives, CDs, DVDs, hard drives and Memory Cards be viable? Can data be recovered?



This is a photograph taken with that camera of my aunt, Adela May Bowyer (nee Birtwistle) with my mother Alma on 26 January 1996. Mum was 83. Aunty died on 30 January 2008, her 102nd birthday.

We also made a brief visit to the Family History Expo at the Kanwal LDS Chapel. They had a beautiful day and attendance appeared to be good. Just in the front entrance was a map where

visitors were invited to pin their place of origin.

When our Secretary, Kerry Clarke alerted me to the item about Western Australian headstones, I contacted Sandra Playle from Vision Research Services in W. A. She is a skilled military, family history and social researcher passionate about her subject.

After a very slow beginning with submissions of items to include, I find I have had quite a lot in the last few days, with a start for next issue. The deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 27 July 2013.....TOL

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The Breelong Blacks

Max Farley member 73

My ggggrandfather, John Farley, came to Port Stephens in 1842 as a contracted shepherd for the Australian Agricultural Company. He was accompanied by his wife Sarah and three children including my gggrandfather William aged 5. The family had come from Totnes in Devon and settled in Stroud. William was to marry Jane McAskill in 1861. Jane had been born in

1837 on the *William Nicol* en route to Australia from the Isle of Skye. In 1878, when Jane was 41, her parents, Alan and Mary, were brutally murdered at their nearby Booral home. Alan was a wharfinger for the AA Company at its Booral wharf and, the story goes, was attacked while unsaddling his horse on returning from the sale of some cattle. The motive was thought to be stealing the gold he was expected to have received from the sale. Not finding any gold, the murderers killed his wife Mary and set fire to their home. Two persons were arrested but discharged for lack of evidence. The episode remains large in the minds of local historians

William and Mary were to have 10 children one of whom was my grandfather, James Christopher, who was born in 1873 in the Stroud area. James married Louisa Hancock in 1897 and they had twins in 1898 one of whom was my own father, Jack. James was destined to be a policeman and in later life a detective in Sydney.

So much for the family background.

Jim Governor and his brother Joe, *the Breelong Blacks*, began their murderous rampage in Breelong near Gilgandra in July 1900. It lasted for 3 months and they covered 3000kms taunting the pursuing police all the way. There is no doubt the Governors were in the Stroud area because at one point they "stuck up" a farmer at Dungog. They were thought to be hiding in thick scrub at the junction of the Wangat and Gloucester rivers. Grandfather James knew the



mountainous terrain of the Dungog -Gloucester district well because he had spent much time there searching (unsuccessfully) for gold. He was therefore called upon to help the police search for the Governors. This took him away from his Wangat home.

50 years ago my father, Jack, wrote that while James was away, James's "wife and two infant children (*one of whom was son Jack*) were, together with a number of terror-stricken neighbours, mostly women and children, confined for some days in a boarded-up farmhouse at (*old Wangat*) under siege by the bushrangers. ... It is assumed that it was only the existence, which was discovered by the bushrangers as they first approached it, of armed personnel in the farmhouse that saved the inmates from being



The area of Rookwood Necropolis where Jimmy Governor is buried.

attacked by the Governors in order to obtain food and flour at least ".

Joe was shot dead on 31 October 1900 near Singleton. Jim was hung at Darlinghurst on 18 January 1901.

Some may take the view that, vicious as they were, the Governor's deeds could be understood because of the many insults the white community directed to Jimmy Governor's white wife because of her marriage to Jim Governor, a part Aboriginal. Some may also take objection to perceived racism in the descriptive phrase *Breelong Blacks*. Be that as it may. History is history.TOL

From Australian Family Tree Connections.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Help stop the removal of headstones in WA cemeteries.

For almost 30 years the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board has been clearing headstones from Karrakatta Cemetery and will commence this practice in the Fremantle Cemetery this year.

Previously headstones have been removed from many graves of our soldiers who fought and suffered badly during the wars so that we may have our freedom. Now they have no markers on their graves ... is this the way we thank them?

Headstones from founding pioneers, people who have contributed historically to this state have had headstones removed ... is this how we thank them?

Previously, valuable historic information and artifacts have been sent off and crushed for road base and we honour these people by driving over it.

The MCB have declared that this is no longer the practice however there has been limited evidence that this is the process.

Please sign the petition to save these sacred sites.

[http://www.change.org/en-](http://www.change.org/en-AU/petitions/west-australian-government-bring-an-end-to-the-clearing-of-headstones-in-west-australian-cemeteries)

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Devonshire Street Cemetery

In 1901, the cemetery was resumed to allow for the development of Central railway station, Sydney and representatives of deceased persons buried in the Devonshire Street cemetery were given two months to arrange for exhumation and removal of remains from the cemetery. All reasonable costs were borne by the Government.

The pictured headstones are now in Rookwood Necropolis....ed. TOL

Karrakatta Cemetery Western Australia

Kerry Clarke member 433

After reading the above article in the May 2013 Australian Family Tree Connections about the removal of headstones from Karrakatta and Fremantle Cemeteries, I was very surprised and not a little disturbed. All of the relatives I have researched who have died are buried at Karrakatta Cemetery. I naively thought that headstones in Australian Cemeteries were there permanently – something future generations of researchers could find and know that their relative had a resting place.

Thanks to the immediacy of the Internet, I brought up the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board of Western Australia, who oversees the care of these cemeteries. There was an article there about the interest that had been generated by the reports of



the removal of the headstones. The MCB is in the process of 'Cemetery Renewal' in areas where the Grants (which were only for 25 years) have expired. I was aware that the Grants on my grandparents' graves had expired, but did not realize the implications of this.

I contacted the MCB, and was surprised to receive a reply within hours, advising that if I gave them the burial details of the IMG_0382 sites I was interested in, they would advise me of the condition of the graves. I replied with a list of 8 gravesites the next day, and again, within hours received the reply letting me know that all the headstones were there, and they would put my details on record if any further changes were to occur. The only worrying piece of information was that "....Anglican HA section has been quite recently renewed, but the assessment was made at the time that double grave 66/67 (my maternal grandparents) would remain in situ." I am very grateful for this, but horrified that unknown to anyone in the family, it could have disappeared because the grant expired in 1990.

I guess the lesson learnt from this is; don't presume that a headstone in any cemetery is going to be there forever. It depends on the whim of the body overseeing the upkeep of the individual cemetery. I am pleased that, thanks to a generous researcher in Western Australia, I have photos of all the headstones I have researched in Karrakatta.

Incidentally, if I wanted to have a plaque added to my grandmother's grave for my grandfather whose ashes were scattered in a Rose Garden that was 'Renewed' 20 years ago, it would cost me \$1,900 plus the cost of the plaque. Pop will have to remain scattered and unmarked.....TOL

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Photo Gallery At the Family History Expo



At the front entrance, Kate Walter and Kerry Clark 'pinning' the map; Trish McDonald at the filing/charting workshop; Esther Dean talking about our Group and Kerrie Metcalfe, Glenise Clery and Joy Pilkington at our stand.

Walter Hugh Boyce and Margaret Donovan

Beryl Whatson member 46

Walter Hugh Boyce was born 1826 in the suburb of Westminster, London.

His parents were James Boyce and Elizabeth Morris, who were married 2 May 1819 at St Martin in the Fields, Westminster, London.

Failing to find a baptism for him, my first record is the 1841 census, where he appears with his family but showing his mother absent on the night of the census. Further research reveals that Elizabeth [Boys] died 27 April 1831, in the Parish of St John, Westminster, at the age of 50. In the 1841 census the name is spelt Boys, so this confirms that I have found the right parents for Walter Hugh. It would be nice if I could find his baptismal record.

The church of St John, is between St Margaret's and Westminster Abbey, Elizabeth is probably buried in the large lawn which is in front of St. Margaret's, as both churches were administered by St. Margaret's council.



St Margaret Westminster



St John Westminster

Walter Hugh had a desire for seafaring, he left home and sailed to Valparaiso, [South America]. The lure of gold in San Francisco led him to America, where he tried his hand at gold panning with moderate success.

After 2 years in America he came to NSW, under the name of Wales on the schooner "Munford" via Port Nicholson, New Zealand. It left NZ on December 16 1845 and arrived at Sydney on 4 January 1846. He spent a few years working as crew up and down the coast, often calling in at Newcastle, and it was here he decided to return, but again via New Zealand on the ship "Gwalior", as Capt. Boyce.

According to a newspaper report, it was a horrendous voyage with the master constantly drunk, eventually falling overboard and drowning, and the ship being brought into port by the first mate.

Following his marriage to Margaret in the Christ Church, Newcastle, children followed regularly, his first son Robert George, who seems to have escaped being baptized or was perhaps overlooked by the parson or his clerk when entering in the Register, those that were baptized that day.

More interesting is why the parents chose to use the name Wales or Wells for their children, who later were married and used Boyce as their official name.

Perhaps Walter and Margaret had, over the passing years decided that the threat of being found had passed, [if such threat existed] or the children had been told to revert to using Boyce.

Whether the reason was ever told has not been found by researchers, or the family decided that it should not be revealed.

Walter Hugh Boyce is known for starting the first ferry service from Stockton to Newcastle in 1853.

He started by rowing boat, charging the passengers sixpence each way and one shilling, after 8 pm. An expensive fare for the time period.

As his service grew, he built and bought ferries from Sydney, and was followed by his eldest son, Robert George who became his apprentice, from about the age of fourteen.



This is the little convict built church consecrated in 1818 named Christ Church. Almost certainly the building, where Walter Hugh Boyce and Margaret Donovan were married, unless they chose to be married at home.



Home of the Boyce Family

The children born at this house were:

Robert George	6 Sept. 1855
Charles	1856
Mary A.	1860
Hugh	1862
John	1864
Sarah Amanda	1866
Ellen M.A.	1869
Margaret Jane	1876
Walter James	1873
William James	1874
Thomas Alexander	1876



Walter Hugh and Margaret both died in 1915, and are buried in the Church of England Section of Stockton Cemetery.

My son in law and his children are descendants of Walter and Margaret, through his eldest son, Robert George Boyce and Maud Mary Thompson.TOL



Robert George Boyce and Maud Mary Thompson

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Arrival of the Booth Family in Australia

9th June, 1849

Pamela Newton member 260

This is a brief story of the arrival of my Mother's, Bettye Elsie Louise Booth, paternal Great/Grandfather, John Booth and his family, to the shores of Australia from Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, England.

The album is a collection of photos, stories and newspaper cuttings, collected from various members of the Booth Family, the Hordern Family album that is contained in the Mitchell Library's Archives, Sydney and downloads from Ancestry and the Internet.

I hope that you enjoy browsing through the following pages and seeing the lives of my Ancestors unfold on these pages.

Let the Story Unfold

On a winter's day, February 23rd 1849, during the reign of Queen Victoria, "The Diana" an immigrant ship of five hundred and seventy four tons, sailed from "The Downs" England.

Aboard and stated on the ship's passengers list were, Thomas Bonner Booth, aged 44 (Dairyman) wife Jane (nee Stevenson) aged 43, son John (Gunsmith) aged 17, Priscilla (Needlewoman) aged 16, Joseph aged 14, Jane aged 9 and Thomas aged 7. Every member of the family could read and write. What a big decision it must have been to uproot the whole family and go to a new colony.



On a winter's day, 9th June, 1849, nearly 4 months since leaving England, the ship sailed into Sydney Cove, New South Wales, Australia. It was only 61 years since Captain Cook had landed in Australia and flagged this country as part of the British Empire.

The family settled on the South Coast of New South Wales, in the picturesque town of Numbaa, approximately 230 kilometres from Sydney . They would have sailed down the coastline on one of the freighters at the time. Numbaa was a prospering dairy farming region.

It was here, that John Booth met and married his beautiful young bride, Sarah Ann Marie Smith. Sarah, an orphan, had come out on a ship from Ireland about the same time that John and his family had arrived in Australia. Although born in

Ireland, Sarah was born to English parents, her father Charles, being a Saddler, was orphaned at the time of leaving Ireland. The timing seems to fit in with the great "Potato Famine" in Ireland, where the young orphans were then shipped out to the colony in Australia.

We are of the opinion that John and Sarah met whilst John, his father Thomas, and his brother Joseph were working as dairy farmers on the Berry's Coolangatta Estate, near Shoalhaven. Due to Thomas being a dairy farmer in Long Sutton, this could have been the reason for the immigration to Australia. Sarah most probably was a house maid on the Estate as it is noted that orphans from Ireland were sent down the South Coast of New South Wales to work on the Estates.

John and Sarah were married in Spring, at Numbaa on the 1st October, 1855. Not long after the marriage, the Booth family moved just south of Ulladulla in 1856, where they opened up a thriving store. John, along with his father, Thomas Bonner Booth, opened the Traveller's Home Inn at the corner of Croobyar and Woodstock Roads. Local traffic became quite heavy, and the astute John built a produce depot, securing the whole of the teamster and farm trade en route to the Boat Harbour.

John Booth, at the age of 27, realised the potential for development at the Settlement. By 1861 there were 141 families farming, in comparison to 61 in 1856.

John purchased from Joseph Whatman, for 240 pounds sterling, Gold Coin

of the realm, 40 acres of his farm, instructing the youthful Henry G Morton, born on Berry's Coolangatta Estate, to execute the survey and conduct the auction.

John Booth named the streets of the town after friends, relatives and remembered places. Thomas Street was named for his father and baby son Thomas, who were burnt to death in a fire. The story goes that John and Sarah were at Church and young Thomas was being minded by a Nanny. Upon putting young Thomas to bed, she forgot to put out the candle and the flames caught hold of the bed cover and curtains, and the Inn soon became engulfed in flames. Both Thomas Bonner Booth and his infant grandson, Thomas, are buried in the old Methodist Church Cemetery.

The Church is now a privately owned residence, however, the cemetery at the rear of the Church, is still standing and is a beauty within itself. I have visited this place, and after walking through an arbour of wisteria, standing before you, are the old Headstones, weathered and mossed, standing proud, just like those who lay beneath the soil at their feet did, when they pioneered our land. Freesias were popping up everywhere at the time as it was Spring, and just to look upon the green grass, scattered with these beautiful springtime bulbs you really felt you could be in Heaven.

Charles Street was named after the son born on April 4 1859, Myrtle Street in compliment to Whatman, Wason street for William Hood Wason. John named the township, Milton, and as the story goes, is named from the book. "Paradise Lost". According to John's son Percy, my G/Grandfather, Milton's name comes from the author John Milton, a copy of whose famous long epic poem, "Paradise Lost" of 1667, was in the office of Mr Morton, the Surveyor at the time of the subdivision. Before that the town was known as "The Settlement" and Ulladulla as "The Boat Harbour" while the whole district was known as Ulladulla.

Three more children were born to John and Sarah during their stay in Milton.

A daughter, Jane Maria in 1858, sons, Charles Harold in 1859 and Thomas Walton in 1860. Sadly Thomas Walton passed away in 1862 after the family had moved up to Sydney.

John, Sarah and their young family decided to move to 102 Kent Street Sydney where he started up as a commission agent. He lived on the premises and first opened as Webb and Booth, Commission Agents in 1861.

Their family continued growing. In 1862 another daughter arrived, Priscilla Emily. Sadly Emily passed away at 18 years of age due to a heart disease. Two years later another son, John Felix in 1864, Edwin Charles in 1865, Sarah Ann Ada in 1867, Minnie Adeline in 1869, my G/Grandfather Percy Stevenson in 1871, Amy May in 1872, Alfred in 1874, who passed away shortly afterwards, and Samuel Cecil in 1876 who also passed away at birth

or shortly afterwards.

Later John became Manager of Anthony Hordern & Son.

John Booth was also an Alderman of City Council in Sydney from 12th December 1894 to 30th November 1902.

His daughter Jane married Samuel Hordern, one of Anthony Hordern's (large Department Store pictured fame) sons. A little information in regards to their offspring follows.

Their son Samuel was knighted, becoming Sir Samuel Hordern, well known for his contribution to the Royal Agricultural Show (our Royal Easter Show in Sydney) and breeding of cattle on his Southern Highlands property, Retford Park, at Bowral.



Another son of Samuel and Jane, Anthony, named his beautiful country house at Bowral "Milton Park" after Milton.

Minnie, one of Jane and Samuel's daughters, married William Walker Russell Watson who in WW1 returned a highly decorated soldier.

Returning now to John and Sarah's family. Their daughter Sarah, become the wife of another John Booth, a timber merchant from Balmain and even though the name is the same they were not related.

Another daughter, Minnie, was to become Lady Richards, wife of Lord Mayor of Sydney, Sir Richard Richards. Another daughter, Amy, became the Grandmother of Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia 1975 – 1983.

John Booth built his house "Milton" in Dowling Street, Moore Park, Sydney, where he died in 1914. This home has long gone, a busy freeway now covering the ground upon where the house stood.

All those years ago, when Thomas Bonner Booth and his wife Jane, decided to migrate to Australia, little did they realise, that when they sailed from England, their family would be participating in an important role of early pioneering history in Australia. TOL

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Family History Research

Rosalie Walker member 91

Having travelled to England and Ireland twice in the last couple of years to do research I found it such a joy to visit the churches where ancestors were baptised and married, realising that if they had not been there in the past I would not exist now. Seeing the places they lived and records that were up to 500 years old left me speechless.

If you visit in summer after 9 pm the sun is still up. Daylight hours there are much longer than at home.

I share the following hints with you. Carry your Driver's Licence with you. It is asked for at most research places as ID. Passports are not acceptable as it doesn't have both photo and signature. You should also take a spare pair of glasses with you or a prescription in case they are lost or broken.

Register with DFAT before you go

Access the website and find out all the latest travel and safety news of the area you are travelling to and register with them so you can be contacted in an emergency. <http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/>

Health and Medical

Australian citizens visiting the UK benefit from a reciprocal agreement between Britain and Medicare. Take all required medication you need, with a letter from your GP stating the medication, to avoid problems bringing it in and out of UK. You still need to take out travel insurance. <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/migrants/travelling/uk.jsp>

Currency

The currency used in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland is the British Pound, Sterling or GBP. Ireland uses the Euro.

Getting Around London



London is easy to get around using the public transport system and cabs. It is relatively inexpensive and easy as well as being reliable, frequent and extensive. A prepaid Oyster card is very handy on public transport.

The Eurostar was a really easy way to reach Paris. London to Paris in 2 ¼ hours. St Pancras International is where the high speed rail departs from and Gare du Nord train station located in the heart of Paris is the arrival point and ideally placed for easy access to the city's attractions.

To visit the actual places of origin I travelled with *Customised Heritage Tours*, owned and run by Liz Doyle liz@hpsolutions.net.au. This is like your own version of WDYTyr. Prior to leaving Australia you supply Liz with your family history and she has researchers all over Britain who will investigate further and when you arrive at your ancestral place meet over lunch or dinner with your researcher and have the opportunity to speak them and collect more details and information they have sourced.

Liz takes only small groups of up to six so you may find that you visit other areas where another member of the group originated from. It is flexible so you can just do the trip or like me take time before and after to catch up with family in Britain and have a holiday trip or do further research eg; the British Library. Visit the website at <http://customisedheritagetours.vpweb.com.au/>

Visiting in summer remember that after 9pm the sun is still up. Daylight hours there are much longer, but take a rain jacket as the weather is unpredictable.

National Archives at Kew

Many of the **most popular records**, including **census records**, are available for access online. See **what we hold** for information on documents held at The National Archives, and where to find those that aren't held there. For copies of birth, marriage or death certificates, visit the [Directgov](#) website.

Take as much information as you can about your enquiry. It is important to bring your family history in a format that you can access easily as well as update when you find more information

You may use a digital camera to photograph some documents. Copyright applies to all records.

Notepads and pencils also laptops may be used to make notes. You can use the Cyber Cafe at the Archives for your own laptop and download directly onto it from their website.

You only need a reader's ticket to look at original documents, not copies of documents. Most popular records, particularly those of family history, are online, or microfilm and microfiche. If you require a valid reader's ticket to consult original documents, bring two forms of acceptable identification.

Irish Research

The civil or State registration of marriages other than Catholic marriages, commenced in Ireland in 1845. In 1864, civil registration of all births marriages and deaths began. These civil records are held at the General Register Office.

Surviving census records are in the custody of the National Archives. The earliest complete surviving Census is that of 1901. The 1901 and 1911 census records are available online at www.nationalarchives.ie. There are a



Irish Countryside, County Cavan.

number of records which may be used as Census Substitutes, many of which are held by the National Library.

The National Library holds other materials of interest including newspapers, directories, maps, and estate papers, as well as local and family histories. Also available are the archives of the Genealogical Office, which can be consulted on microfilm or, if not available on film, in the Manuscripts Reading Room.

The addresses of some of the other research repositories you may need to contact are as follows:

National Archives, Bishop Street,
Dublin 8. Tel: 407 2300
www.nationalarchives.ie
Public Record Office of Northern
Ireland, 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast
BT9 6NY.

Tel: (04890) 255905

www.proni.gov.uk/

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Representative Church Body Library,
Braemor Park, Dublin 14.

Tel: 01 492 3979 www.ireland.anglican.org

Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 804 8429

www.irlgov.ie/landreg/

Presbyterian Historical Society, Church House, Fisherwick Place, Belfast BT1 6WD.

Tel: (048 90) 322284 www.presbyterianireland.org

Religious Society of Friends Library, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

Tel: 495 6890 www.quakers-in-ireland.ie

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Tel: 490 1857.

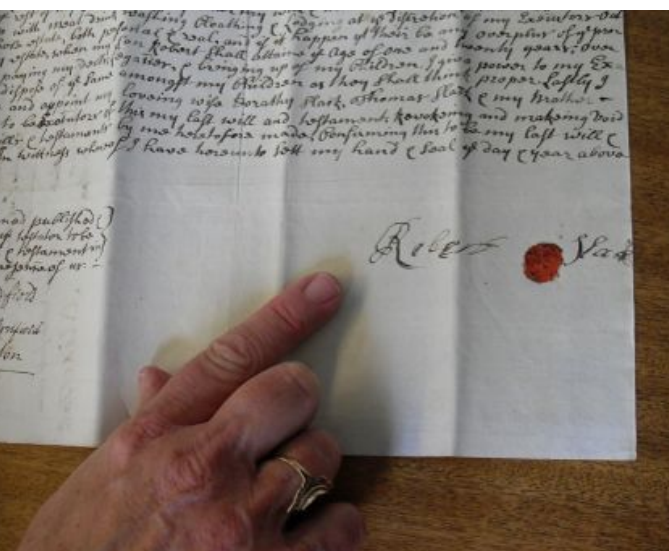
Glossop, a former mill town is in the North West region of Derbyshire, close to where my ancestors, the Slack(e)s lived until the 1700s before moving to Hayfield in the Peak District.

There has been a settlement in this area

since the Romans occupied the country in the first and second centuries AD.

A little Australian History,

In Australia, 1923 was the year that the Sydney Harbour Bridge began construction, Essendon beat Fitzroy at the MCG and the first telephone link between Brisbane and Sydney was built.....TOL



Signature of my direct ancestor, Robert Slack on 300 year old Will. Record located at Lichfield Joint Record Office, Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, WS13 6QG



Expect the unexpected. A funeral carriage at Glossop, Derbyshire. Snapped in the rear window.

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.



Is turning 30

Let's Celebrate with a Luncheon

Where: CLUB WYONG
(formerly Wyong RSL)

When: Saturday 1st June 2013

Time: 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Cost: \$30 per person

Dress: Smart Casual

R.S.V.P. By Thursday 16th May 2013
The Cottage
4351 2211

Our NEW Pioneer Register will be launched at 2.30 pm, following the luncheon.

WFHG INC Planned Events

	2013	Event
May	Wed 8	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 9	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm, Guest Speaker - Tuggerah Librarian, Michelle GOLDSMITH.
	Fri 10	Family History Beginner's Course week 2.
	Fri 17	Family History Beginner's Course week 3.
	Sat 18	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2 pm.
	Mon 20	Busy Bee Day from 10 am.
	Thu 23	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Sat 25	Rookwood Bus Trip with Harry.
June	Sat 1	WFHGINC 30th Birthday Celebration Lunch – 11 am and at 2.30 pm NEW Pioneer Book Launch.
	Mon 3	Happy 30th Birthday Wyong Family History Group Inc.
	Tue 4	Committee Meeting 10 am.
	Fri 7	Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Mon 10	Queen's Birthday Holiday and Bunnings BBQ.
	Wed 12	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 13	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm, Guest Speaker – Author Eileen NASEBY.
	Sat 15	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2 pm.
	Mon 17	Busy Bee Day from 10 am.
	Thu 20	Train Trip to Parliament House Visit.
	Sat 22	WFHGINC 30th Birthday Celebration Afternoon Tea.
	Thu 27	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
July	Tue 2	Committee Meeting 10 am.
	Fri 5	Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Wed 10	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 11	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm.
	Fri 12	Train Trip to Justice and Police Museum Circular Quay, also Susannah Place Museum The Rocks.
	Mon 15	Busy Bee Day from 10 am.
	Sat 20	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2 pm.
	Thu 25	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Sat 27	NSW State Records Bus Trip.
	Tue 30	Committee Meeting for August 10 am.
August	Fri 2	Start of National Family History Week. Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Mon 5	Bank Holiday.
	Thu 8	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm.
	Sun 11	End of National Family History Week.
	Wed 14	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.

WFHG INC Planned Events continued

	2013	Event
August	Sat 17	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2 pm. WFHG Seminar – TBA.
	Mon 19	Busy Bee Day from 10 am.
	Thu 22	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.
September	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10 am.
	Fri 6	Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm.
	Sat 7	Start of NSW History Week.
	Wed 11	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 12	WFHG Annual General Meeting.
	Sun 15	End of NSW History Week.
	Mon 16	Busy Bee Day from 10 am.
	Thu 19	STATE Conference, Canberra to 22 nd September.

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.

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
627	Jeanette Maxwell	Casey, Ryan, Kenney & Walker.
628	Marilyn Hildridge	
629	Colin Barnes	
630	Marilyn Wicks	Hulse & James
631	Kay Hurst	Dart, Lewis & Hurst
632	Bruce &	McCluer, Patterson, Rigby, Murphy &
633	Jan Packman	Nettleton
634	Glenda Allan	Allan, Jullian, Rudkin & Turner
635	Vernon &	Jackson
636	Marlene Jackson	
637	Helen Hoskin-Kain	
638	Gwen Pritchard	
639	Daniel Hatton	Bowcock, Goldsmith, Sternbeck, Hatton, McHugh, Fairall, Magin, Anderson, Gannon, Fernance, Mines & Turner.
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644	Peter Holt	Critchley
645	Norman &	Gard
646	Janelle Ross	

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Donna Schweiger member 422 12th April 2013

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CDs

Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 - 1953 (Published 2009) [Also available as Book; See below]	\$ 20.00 + p&h
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BOOKS

Wyong & District Pioneer Register - pre 1910 and pre 1930 (Out of print; New Edition coming)	
Wyong and District Next Generation Register 1930 - 1950 (Published 2010)	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Wyong and District Pioneers 1910 - 1930 Supplementary Information (Published 2010)	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 - 1953 (Published 2009) [Also available as a CD; See above]	\$ 25.00 + p&h
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Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 - 1939	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Guide to Researching Your Family Tree	\$ 6.00 + p&h
The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area (Pub. 2009)	\$ 25.00 + p&h
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	\$10.00 (in Australia)
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Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009]	\$ 27.00 + p&h
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Genealogy Recorder	\$10.00

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Gene-Guide No 3 – Gene-Ireland, Guide to Irish Research	\$ 2.50

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

Research Centre

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

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

Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3rd Saturday 10.00am – 2.00pm (WFHG members available to help)

Contact the Group as follows:

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