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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

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

Member contributions are always welcome

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

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Darren Webber, MP for Wyong

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President's Annual Report for the Year 2012-2013

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

I am pleased to present to you the 30th Annual Report for the Wyong Family History Group Inc.

I will begin by thanking the Committee, who once again has shown commitment and support throughout the year. I thank all those who have guided and supported me in fulfilling my role in the best interest of the Group and its members. Being able to rely on Committee members to carry out their role effectively has made my position as President easier. Two people who have not put in for re-election are Ann Cooke and Marilyn Cridland. I thank them both and give recognition to Marilyn for being a very long standing committee member. Her valuable knowledge has been helpful to many of us, more than can be imagined.

We began the year (September 2012) with 301 members, we now have (September 2013) 320 members comprised of 8 Life members, 178 Single memberships and 50 Family memberships.

Total of people coming through the cottage for the year 2012 – 2013 was 2773

As our AGM is in September our year always begins with the State Conference which I do my very best to attend with our Librarian. We take the Group's publications and showcase them to the other Groups and Societies. This event is very important to our Group as it gives us a chance to catch up with other Group leaders; to see what is new in resources in the world of genealogy; and to network with other Societies in a productive way.

In October 2012 we began to think about the year ahead and set about planning the coming year's events. We also started planning our Christmas Party. Last year it was held at Club Wyong for its convenience and helpfulness of the staff there. As I was recovering from a knee replacement Vice President Trish McDonald took the lead and handled most things that came up, and we soon had a very good Christmas Party planned with a rather good turn up of members attending. We then closed for Christmas. However, it was back to work early in January for the Committee and some non-committee volunteers, as we prepared to open with a clean up at The Cottage. The day started early to beat the heat with breakfast supplied and with a good roll up we were all home by 11 am.

By the second week of January we were open for business as usual, and surprisingly we were quite busy with members coming in to get going again on their family trees.

February brought us a very successful seminar with Joy & Alan Murrin, with a record number of attendees, thanks to the excellent planning of Vice President Trish McDonald, with help from Pam Mansergh, Kerry Clarke & Michele Gane. Once again I was away, this time at a family reunion.

March was our first bus trip of the year to State Records in Kingwood, a service we offer our members three times a year. It is a highlight of each year as it gives us a chance to enhance our research with some very interesting records not available on the Internet.

In April we began our Beginner's Course. This was also a success, thanks to Trish and Esther for their enthusiasm, and we had the pleasure of welcoming new members to the fold. We were also fortunate to be invited to take part in a Family History Expo in partnership with the Latter Day Saints Church at Toukley. This was a great day.

In May some of our members enjoyed a trip to Rookwood - for research purposes I should add!

June saw us celebrate our 30 years with yet another great function at Club Wyong, once again well attended. This also marked the launch of our **NEW** Pioneer Register, which had been in progress for a number of years.

In July we had another State Records bus trip and in August another seminar was held, this time at Club Wyong with three excellent speakers, Ann Howard, Bill Hoyles and Dr. Tanya Evans. Again our members and some non-members helped to make it successful by attending.

From all I have just mentioned it is important to point out that it all had to be planned and a lot of volunteers helped to achieve all of it. I cannot name everyone, but I can say we are very lucky to have the offers of help to do what we do.

A number of our members have received awards this year for their work within the Group and some have reached milestone memberships. For example: Lynda Smith 30 years, Eileen Wheway 25 years and Marilyn Cridland 20 years. As well we had some 15 year and some 10 year memberships. To stay around that long we must be doing something right.

Financially we are in good shape thanks to the efforts of fundraising, membership and a very capable Treasurer in Michele Gane.

We have managed to keep up to date with the electronic age, securing another seat to ancestry.com; and slowly moving into an electronic journal. We have a wonderful and well-kept resource library thanks to our esteemed Librarian, Glenise Clery and her helpers.

One other very important person is the Secretary who has a large job, keeping up with me and my many ideas; letting members know what is happening in various ways; handling the correspondence and so many other things that come with being a good Secretary which Kerry Clarke is.

Trish has proved to be an excellent Vice President stepping in for me on the occasions I was unavailable and always being there to lend a hand or just listen.

All our volunteers are special to us and without you the Group would not exist. Helen Burkett is always working to improve volunteer's skills and encourage recruitment. Helen shares a great passion for the Group and it shows in her ideas and input.

Then there are the projects that have been or are being worked on this year as follows:

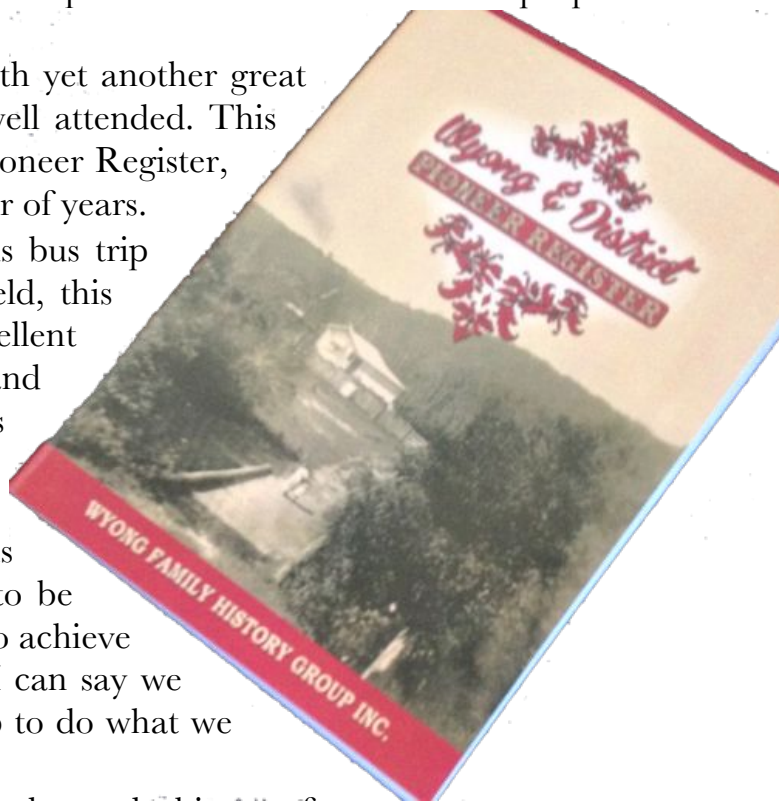
Wyong & Tuggerah District Pioneer Register – lead by Marilyn Cridland - completed
Cook Book - completed (Thanks Elizabeth Royale)

Noraville Cemetery up to 2012 – lead by Jan Barrett - completed

Place Names of the Wyong Shire - completed

Transcriptions of the Personal Notices in the Wyong Advocates 1932-1995 – lead by John Selwood –ready for printing

Simplicity Funeral Records – Woy Woy lead by John Selwood with help from Helen



Burkett – early stages

Transcribing the Wyong Agricultural Minute Books – ongoing Melissa Metcalfe & John Selwood

I always find this part difficult as I want to acknowledge and thank everyone but fear I will miss someone so it is best to say for everything you all do I am very grateful that the Group has benefited from your contribution.

To those members who have lost loved ones during the year, I extend to you, on behalf of the Group, our condolences. Those who have moved away, we will miss you.

My vision for the future of the group is to maintain the Group's objectives which are to assist members and others, including the public, in family history research and to develop and maintain a public library to further the study of family history.

One of our goals is to secure permanent premises suitable to carry out the above, not forgetting we have a wonderful home here, however, access is a major problem. The Committee will strive to provide up to date resources to our members and keep up with the changing world of technology.

We will maintain a clean and safe environment for our members to research and attend meetings, workshops and interest groups..... TOL

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from the Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Here we are with the last Tree of Life for 2013. Many things have happened this year and still we soldier on. Whilst I have been unable to attend events, I have managed to keep up with what has been happening.

Congratulations and thanks to all those who have helped the Group achieve such heights.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been affected by the recent bushfires.

I would like to take this opportunity

to wish every one a good Christmas and a great New Year from both Harry and myself and please stay safe.

I would like to thank Kerry Clark and Beryl Watson for their supply of small pieces. Please keep your articles and ideas coming and remember the deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 January 2014..... TOL

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from the Librarian

Annual Library Report for 2012-2013

Glenise Clery, Librarian, member 284

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have donated resources for the library and the bookstall this past year. Including items purchased by the Committee, a total of 117 books, 21 CDs and a number of sets of microfiche were added to our holdings since August 2012. The value of these items is as follows:



New Books purchased	37 = \$	960.80
New CDs purchased	10 = \$	252.00
New Fiche – 2 sets	= \$	30.00
Donated Books	80 = \$	777.00
Donated CDs	11 = \$	158.00
Donated Fiche	160 = \$	160.00
<u>Total</u>	= \$	<u>2337.80</u>

A visit to the Cottage now gives members access to over 2700 books, 470 CDs, our large microfiche and microfilm collections, exchange journals from like minded societies in Australia and overseas and a large collection of magazines to which the Group subscribes. The ability to access Ancestry.com, Find My Past, Scotland's People, British Newspapers and the Biographical Database of Australia (BDA), as well as receiving assistance from fellow members, also ensures that any time spent at the Cottage should prove beneficial to your research.....TOL

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2013 Conference - Limestone Plains to Marble Halls

Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM, President.

& Glenise Clery, member 284, Librarian.

The 29th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies hosted by Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC) began on Friday 20th September at 8am with our Group

setting up for a family history fair which took place at the Hellenic Club in Woden, Canberra. The venue was a good choice, meeting the needs very comfortably of

the many hundreds who attended the fair. This helped make our day a success with



sales higher than the last couple of years. Having new publications, lower prices and a new look table set up with explanation of the content of our CD's also helped ensure our resources were well received. The venue at the Hellenic Club was superb with a number of good speakers to listen to, as well as a large number of trading tables with good resources for sale. In attendance from our group were Kerrie Metcalfe, Kerry Clark, Glenise Clery, Roger Lewis, Joy Pilkington, and Jean McLeay. Those who attended workshops reported that they were informative and interesting. The meet and greet was attended by the above members on Friday night which was well managed with plenty of food. We were all pleased to arrive back at our accommodation at 8 pm after a long day.

Saturday was another early start, arriving at the Hellenic club ready for the start of the Conference at 8am. The day began with a welcome from an elder of The Ngunnawal people (alternatively Ngunawal tribe) who are custodians of the land, it was one of the best welcomes I have



heard at a conference over the 10 years I have been attending. We then had the John Vincent Crow Memorial Address given by Dr. David Headon, who talked on the history of Canberra, followed by an overview of the future of Family Search presented by Chris Boyack, then an interesting talk from Cora Num on researching in the digital age. After lunch there was a choice of speakers, one on using maps in your research or a very interesting talk on the history of Cobb & Co, followed by presentations on land and education records. Afternoon tea and the AGM followed with a new President elected by the delegates and a reshuffle of committee. Then it was time to fly home and change to attend the annual dinner which was beautifully presented. Here we were entertained by music and singers from the Philharmonic Society and advised that the Cynthia Foley encouragement award had gone to a small western NSW historical group and the Dorothy Fellows award for best website to Inverell.

Sunday morning arrived and, you guessed it, another early start. The first presenter was Angela Phippen who informed us of what we could expect to find in the Royal Commissions and Select Committee Reports that are available at the Mitchell Library. There were Royal Commissions and Reports into many areas in the early days of the Colony and these contain names and background information that can be invaluable to family historians. The report from the select committee on the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek 1846 and another similar report 30 years later, Noxious Trades, Immigration, Working Classes and Chinese are some that are available. A copy of the handout from this talk will be available at the Cottage in the drop file drawer in the computer room under State Library NSW. Next, Robyn Van-Dyk

from the Australian War Memorial museum told us about some new collections that will soon be released on-line from the Australian War Memorials ANZAC collections. These will include diaries and more records. After morning tea Rosemary Kopittke gave an update on the latest news from Findmypast.com.au and how to search effectively. There is also a handout available for this, which will be kept in the drop file cabinet in a folder labeled Findmypast. We finished with Women in Records Panel where Cora Num, Angela Phippen and Megan Gibson spoke briefly of available resources for researching your female ancestors. It was then time for the Call to Illawarra (Wollongong) for the 2014 Conference, the raffle draw and the official close of the conference.

We all thought this was a wonderful conference and our congratulations go to Kerrie Gray and her team for a job well done.....TOL

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Secretary's Report.

Kerry Clarke, Secretary, member 433

Well, my first year has been a busy one, and one that has had me on a steep learning curve. I feel I am finally finding my feet, and hopefully have a handle on the Group's workings. I was happy to accept the nomination to be the Secretary for 2013/2014.

In this first year, I have attended the Wyong Race Course for Australia Day, the Wyong RSL for our Birthday Dinner, the Launch of the Pioneer Register and our Family History Seminar, and also the LDS Church in Kanwal for our inaugural joint Family History Seminar. I was also very pleased to assist Jan Barrett in producing an updated version of our Noraville Cemetery Book

Fifteen crafty members attend a Scrapbook Information Afternoon that I organized, and then a hands-on Scrapbook Day was run a few weeks later. We have just arrived back from the NSW & ACT Conference, which was very informative as well as allowing some time for research and sight-seeing.

As one of my projects this year, I have been cataloguing the photographs that have been given to the Group in the process of Marilyn's research for the Pioneer Register. There have been other family photographs donated as well as photographs of the Wyong area, and we have decided to incorporate these items into the catalogue.

If you have any photographs, taken pre-1950, that you would like incorporated into this catalogue, we would be happy to scan them, or you can forward scans to me. We would need certain information included with these photos – names, dates, location. If we get enough replies, we can also set up certain days for the photos to be brought to the



Cottage and scanned. As well as family photos, I am happy to use old photos of the Wyong Shire area, which can include Toukley, Ourimbah, the Entrance, Norah Head etc., or any photos of significant events that happened in our area. It is hoped that this catalogue will be an invaluable research tool in years to come.

I am looking forward to all the interesting events we have planned for 2014, and to welcoming our two new Management Committee members Roger Lewis and Lorraine Cameron.....TOL

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Old Tom

Jim Rains member 171

The Boniface Family is one of the oldest in the Eastbourne District, recorded as far back as the 1500's. They all lived on a large tract of land. Tom's ancestors had lived in the same



Parish Church of St Mary, built 1150

dwelling since at least 1778. Generations, prior to his Father and Grandfathers, the family had been 'associated' with smuggling. Bringing Tea, Brandy and Rum into England was a Felony punishable by hanging, when the risk became too great, they ceased this operation.

One day (so the story handed down from father to son goes) a Bailiff came to the house whilst the men were away fishing and asked the women to put a cross or thumb



*Old Tom (1852 - 1928)
and Elizabeth [Betsy] (1853-1939)*

print on a paper. Very few people could read or write in this era, and in their ignorance, they complied. Later it was discovered they had signed away all rights to their land. They then formed a family business of lime burning and chalk digging at Holywell, taking the output to London by sailing ships and developed their fishing skills on the return voyage. They eventually became the renowned fishing family of Eastbourne.

Tom was born 23rd April 1852 into a large family of 6 sons and 4 daughters. They lived in a cottage near the chalk pit, which was quarried by the Boniface's on the slope of the Downs at Holywell, Meads, Eastbourne. Tom Boniface then married Elizabeth (known as Betsy) Chandler on Christmas Day 1873 in the Parish Church of St. Mary, built in 1150. Tom was 21. Elizabeth 20.

They then lived at 13 Tower Street and later moved to 42 Sidley Street, Eastbourne. They had fifteen children, Elizabeth, Thomas (my ancestor), Grace, Jessie, Emily, Henry, William, Minnie, James, George, Cecil (Joe), David, Sarah and another unnamed babe, one of three dying in infancy.

In 1896, water pumps were installed at Holywell in order to provide more water to the Town. The destiny of the place was settled, no more Public access was allowed, many people in this area become landless. Confirmation of this can be found in *The Book of Eastbourne* (1931).

The Boniface's then moved into Eastbourne and continued to work the sea, still fishing and also running a pleasure boats business, a fish net shop near the sea front and an inn.

Once when Tom came the worse for drink, Betsy dealt with him in no uncertain terms, accusing him of being drunk. Tom went straight away to the house of the Chief Constable, which was nearby, to have this accusation verified. The result? He was promptly locked up. Tom then became a teetotaller.

Taking out a fishing party, Tom that one particular group of wealthy people were very intrigued by the fact he always wore his red jersey under his oilskins, emblazoned with the word 'The Salvation Army'. Rather fascinated, one lady said to Tom " 'Boatman Tom' what would you do if the boat went down? "Lady" Tom replied "I would go up!"

Visitors from all parts of the World and from all over Britain, seemed to consider a chat with 'Old Tom' as he was most affectionately called in later years.

Tom was also the 2nd Coxswain of the Eastbourne Lifeboat for 22 years and saved many lives. One rescue mission he was washed overboard in a terrible storm and suffered permanent lung damage, which later claimed his life. He was involved in the famous Eastbourne riots of 1891-92 fighting for the rights of the Salvation Army against angry violent mobs, inflicting and suffering personal injury. He was perhaps the most familiar figure on the seafront.

The Eastbourne Herald reported his funeral with the front page headlines:

FUNERAL OF 'OLD TOM'
THOUSANDS MOURN A POPULAR FIGURE.



The funeral procession of 'Old Tom' proceeds down Langley Road in Eastbourne.

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The Big Census

This was written by Ernest Bleach and submitted to the now defunct "Fossick and Find" publication of the St. George Family History Society and I am sure he would have agreed to my re-issuing his efforts.

Beryl Watson member 46

About twenty years after Willie the Conqueror, a Frenchman, defeated Harold King of England at Hastings in 1066, Willie the conqueror surveyed his winnings in the British Isles and decided it was time to see what his domain really was, and what he should do about his findings (taxes and administration)

Probably the biggest Census the world has ever known, past and present., took place. About the year 1086 he sent his minions (known as bureaucrats these days) to conduct a census throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles.

You may well ask what has this to do with family history, and simply the answer is, if you are fortunate enough to have traced your family tree-even one branch or twig to the eleventh century, then you are in luck. A complete survey was made in which every person-man, woman and child-animals, birds-housing-castles-land anything of value in those days was noted and painstakingly entered into a number of books known as the Domesday (Doomsday) Books which are still in existence to-day

And have been on display at the Public Record Office in England during 1986 the 900° anniversary of it's production.TOL



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RAFFLE

The Apple IPAD Raffle was drawn at the AGM by Julie from the Bendigo Bank. The winner of the Apple IPAD was Trish McDonald. Winning Ticket Black D88.

iPad 2

Thank You
Bendigo Bank.



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Ancestry and National Archives

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

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

Recipe For Writing A Non-Boring Family History

*(Taken from article written by Hazel Edwards in
Inside History Magazine Jan/Feb 2012)*

Ingredients

- 1 cup of self-raising imagination
- Dates
- Thyme (endless spoonfuls)
- Researchitus, diluted
- Sprinkle of ancestral curiosity
- Pinch of opportunity
- Flakes of serendipity
- Zest of reader-researcher
- Half a litre of language, including mixed fruit of adjectives (used moderately)
- Half a dozen embryonic ideas (egg-shaped)
- Slurp of suspense, secrecy or

- Dash of inspiration
- Intriguing title, cover and blurb

Method

Drizzle inspiration on all pages.
Mix all data and especially dry ingredients in computerized container.
Keep for an appropriate time.
Heat emotions or ice over disputes.
For special occasions, decorate and display at reunions, anniversary or family gatherings.



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WFHG'S CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

WHEN: 12 December 2013

WHERE: Club Wyong (RSL)

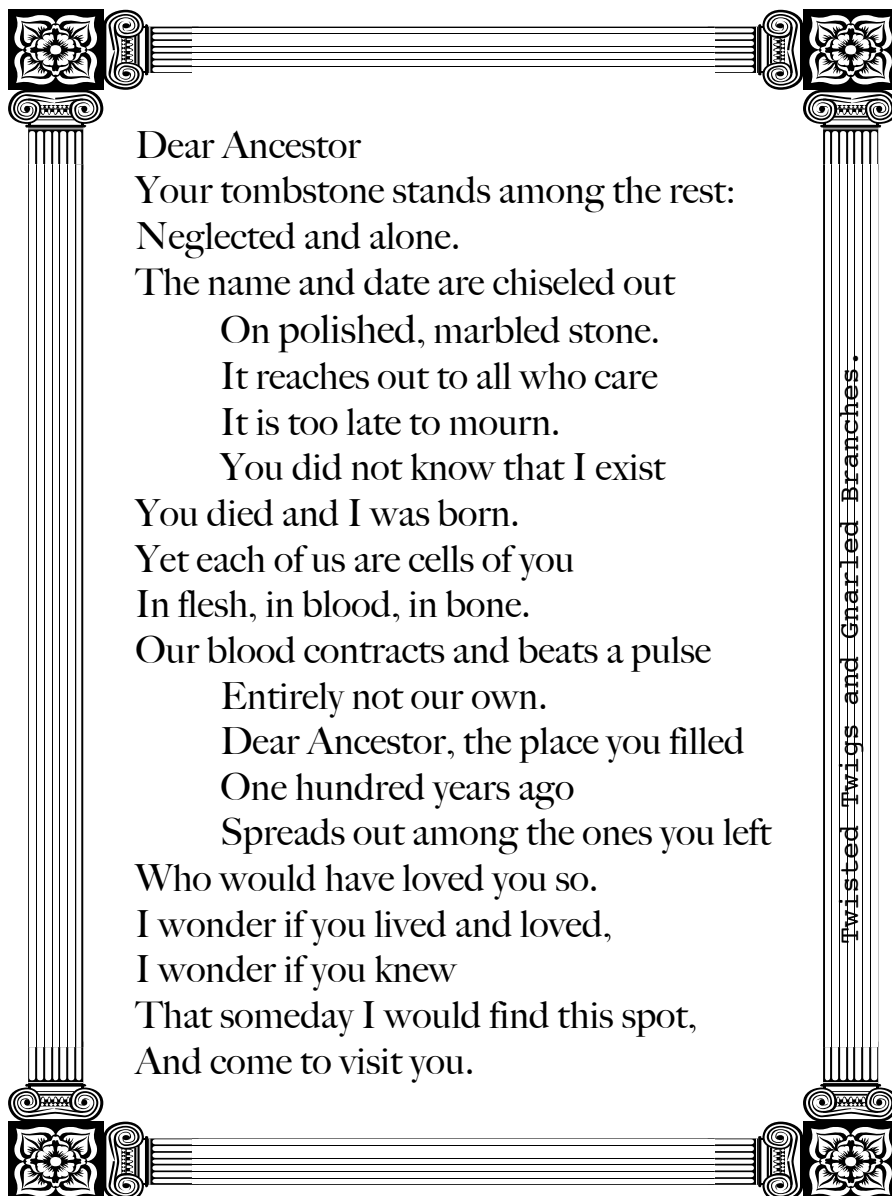
TIME: 6.00pm

COST: \$30.00 per person

BOOK & PAY AT: *The Cottage*

4351 2211

BY: 5 December 2013



Dear Ancestor
 Your tombstone stands among the rest:
 Neglected and alone.
 The name and date are chiseled out
 On polished, marbled stone.
 It reaches out to all who care
 It is too late to mourn.
 You did not know that I exist
 You died and I was born.
 Yet each of us are cells of you
 In flesh, in blood, in bone.
 Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
 Entirely not our own.
 Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
 One hundred years ago
 Spreads out among the ones you left
 Who would have loved you so.
 I wonder if you lived and loved,
 I wonder if you knew
 That someday I would find this spot,
 And come to visit you.

What Can I Learn in a Cemetery?

When Joan Haslam, *member 229* was wandering around Macquarie Park Cemetery visiting ‘departed’ close and distant Relatives, she came across this plaque on ‘The Husband Family Memorial’. The plaque lists some birth dates, one marriage date, some spouses and some deaths. There are 22 people named. It even states that Mr and Mrs Husband took up residence in Eastwood NSW in 1909.

Joan thought it would be very handy if this family was chasing their Family Tree.

Unfortunately it is nothing to do with Joan or her family history, but certainly it is better than trying to guess which ‘unmarked plot of grass’ might be the grave site.



I found this item during other research and thought it might be of interest.

Harry Johnston-Lord, member 505

THE
Sydney

Mail

January 21 1903

Henceforth residents of New South Wales are desired to refrain - as far as possible - from dying on Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and the day on which the operatives in the undertaking industry enjoy their annual picnic. No doubt the public may feel the entailment of their liberty to die when so minded a little at first, but when it is generally understood that the practice is disapproved by both branches of the undertaking profession those likely to come into their hands will have decent regard to expert convenience. If they don't there may be trouble to the survivors on heat wave days. The undertakers of Sydney are, probably, as pushing as any on earth, and take every means to promote business, but when the Arbitration Court the other day decided that 54 hours should constitute a week's work for one set of employees and 60 for another, and that extra overtime pay must be awarded them for work on the days named, the master undertakers came to the resolution that these days should be considered dies non, upon which mankind dies not. Christmas Day, probably, will not be severely felt. Most people struggle to live to enjoy their hot beef and plum pudding in a 100° shade temperature, the mortality usually following; but the loss of Sunday, hitherto a favourite day for "the last sad rites," will be more keenly felt. As for the picnic day - well, it will be enough for any dying men to know that the undertakers and their assistants are enjoying themselves.



One Headstone with a Lot to Say

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

This headstone is in Rookwood Independent Old Ground, Grave 997. The Monument is of marble; It has fallen and is in two parts. The break has caused damage to part of the lead obscuring on of the numbers. We know from the family bible that Elizabeth Mother of PK Spence died in 1878. There are seven burials listed however, the ashes of



Irene Estelle Spence who was aged 84 when she died in 1968, were placed here. What a wealth of information available on many headstones.

In Loving Memory of The Children of Peter Keay & Ann Spence: Elizabeth Keay died March 24 1866 Aged 2 years, Charles Potter died June 19 1875 Aged 9 years, Ellen Mary Died Dec 23 1877 Aged 2 years, Isabel Charlotte died Feb 19 1878 Aged 8 months. Elizabeth Mother of PK Spence died Aug 27 1878 Aged 68 years, Also the above Peter Keay Died Sept 19 1895 Aged 59 years, Also Ann His beloved wife Died Sept 24 1924 Aged 84 years In My Father's house are many Mansions

*GW Cleveland
Newtown & Camden*

Peter Keay and Ann Spence were my father's grandparents and G W Cleveland was his uncle.....TOL

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Trove's First Handwritten Newspaper

Explore the recently digitised newspaper *The Renmark Pioneer*, now available online through Trove. This South Australian newspaper includes incredible handwritten issues dating back to 1892.

Querypic provides a new way of seeing, searching and understanding the digitised newspapers made available by Trove and Papers Past. <http://dhistory.org/querypic/>.....TOL



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*"To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism
To steal from many is research."*

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
664	Sonia Moore	
665	Catherine Retallick	
666	Ann Compton Martin	
667	John Edwards	
668	Ian Grimster	Grimster, Charles, Spencer & Ramsbotham
669	Grace Spears	Smedley, Marsh, Burnett & Daniel
670	Gayle Mackie	
671	Pam Gee	Garrity, Pollard, Gee & Baynam
672	Sheena Foster	Foster

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

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

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

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

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Church & Headstone Photos in Wyong & District

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WFHG INC Planned Events

	2013	Event	
November	Tue 5	Committee Meeting 10 am.	
	Thu 7	Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm	
	Wed 13	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.	
	Thu 14	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm. Lorraine Turtle (Turtle Consolidated Services) on Probate and Deceased Estates	
	Sat 16	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2pm.	
	Thu 28	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.	
December	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10 am.	
	Thu 5	Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm.	
	Wed 11	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.	
	Thu 12	Christmas Party	
	Fri 13	Cottage Closed 'til January	
	2014	Event	
January	Tue 14	Cottage re-opens	
	Sat 18	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2pm.	
	Mon 20	'Tree of Life' article deadline	
February	Tue 4	Committee Meeting 10 am.	
	Thu 6	Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm.	
	Thu 8	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 3 pm.	
	Wed 12	Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon.	
	Sat 15	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 10 am – 2pm.	
	Mon 19	Busy Bee Day from 10 am.	
	Thu 27	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1 pm – 3 pm.	
March	Tue 4	Committee Meeting 10 am.	
	Thu 6	Family Historian Workshop Interest Group 1 pm – 3 pm.	
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Convict Interest Group

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

June Johnston

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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)

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