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from the Secretary COVID-19

Pamela Andre member 810



Following Government and Local Council guidelines, WFHG suspended activities in the middle of March.

Wyong Family History Group Inc will remain closed until the 30th June 2020 at which time the matter of reopening will be reviewed.

Because of the closure all WFHG activities are suspended until this

date. As soon as the Committee learns of a possible reopening date we will let you all know. When the cottage does eventually reopen we look forward to seeing you all back there as your continued support will be imperative to the running of WFHG Inc.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

In the meantime, keep safe. ... 🌳

from the Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505



Hello All!

This issue is a little different to our usual offering.

Lockdown presents all different challenges to different folk, not the least of which is shopping.

With the summer bushfires, I have adapted to not venturing too far, although we both miss visiting our beautiful ocean front, sitting and clearing our heads, I do miss Mr J's hugs, and I think he misses mine too.

That being said, I have tried to take advantage of some of the internet research sites opened up. I have made some interesting finds, some I share herein.

I have often mentioned how easily I am distracted and I must say, nothing has changed.

The activities of our Group are on hold. I would suggest watching your email and reading Wayne's Cottage Newsletter for any

announcements.

We are aware scrolling through on a smartphone or tablet can be tedious, however, at the moment, this is our best communication tool.

If we follow guidelines and stay home, this is the best way we can stay safe and hopefully stay well.

A big Thank You to Lynda Smith, her items are always interesting.

In this issue we begin Lynda's timely article taking us back to the mid 1850s Cholera Pandemic.

We also continue Jean Macleay's story of her Grandfather, George Herbert Cross on page 26, and hope you find our range of stories interesting and informative.

Remember, your stories help to make our publication interesting and the deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 July 2020.

Good and productive researching to everyone, we are all in this together, stay safe, stay well. ... 🌳

Central Coast Council's Seniors Expo

Kerrie Metcalfe LM (80)

The inaugural Seniors Expo was held at Wyong Racecourse on 13th February 2020. The Wyong Family History Group Inc. had a presence at this event, promoting our Group and showcasing our publications. The day was very successful and showed our area had a need to present to the community what was available to seniors and retirees such as services, hobbies, entertainment and travel. For our

Group it gave us the means to recruit new members and show the community what we were about. We were also given the opportunity to sell our publications which meant we made a few dollars to add to our fundraising kitty. We will look forward to participating in the next one in 2021 which I hear will be larger due to this year's response. ... 🌳

FamilySearch Indexing Workshop

Wayne Bermingham member 623

When I first heard about indexing it was just a passing comment that I honestly didn't pay a lot of attention to then, several months later, member #657, Kate Walter spoke about it in more detail during a SIG and it was suggested then that a Family Search Indexing workshop might be a worthwhile event. After what must have been a considerable amount of organisation on Kate's part as well as some newsletter advertising for the members everything came together without a hitch on Friday 24th of January.

For anyone who has never heard of indexing and has no idea what it's all about I'll do my best to enlighten you. Basically indexing is the online transcribing of original documents to a digital database with a view to assisting in later research. The entire process is straightforward with hints, guidelines and instructions all available on screen so it's really difficult to make a mistake. There's

a huge range of records to pick from, of course there's the usual BD&M though I can't recall seeing any from Murray Town, Sierra Leone before, you could also transcribe early U.S. immigration records, shipping records, military records or even Northumberland, England Nonconformists Church records from 1613 to name just a few.

Getting back to the workshop, it was really great to see so many young (school age) people at the cottage, Kate had arranged for them to attend to instruct us 'oldies' on what to do and how best to use the site. Five of our members attended the "FamilySearch" indexing workshop on the day and from what I could tell they all had a good time and learnt a lot. After a couple of hours indexing we all stopped for a well earned sausage sandwich and a chat that was mostly about comparing notes on how interesting the entire process had been. This is a beneficial way to spend time

online, far more useful than social media, it helps anyone with their research and gives those doing the indexing a feeling of satisfaction as each batch of records is completed.

Since Kate's workshop on the 24th January I have finished 43 indexing batches and look forward to completing many more. ... 🌳



Rescheduled 2020 Love Lanes Festival

Wayne Bermingham member 623

The unusual rain event experienced on the advertised weekend prompted Central Coast Council to postpone this popular local event.

Understandably crowds were down at the rescheduled Mini Love Lanes in early March, the weather, while not ideal, was kind to the event in that it didn't rain and was cool if a bit humid. Our stall was in the same location again this year near the top of the stairs and next to the memorial. Julie & Niel Nielsen, Roger Lewis and Lyn Hagstrom looked after our site while Wayne Dean took care of bookings for the Walking Tours conducted by John Selwood with help from his colourful assistant. The most notable difference this year was a clear lack of visitors in the over 60 age group, perhaps the potential for more rain kept them away. ... 🌳



Above: Some of the entertainment just behind our site at Love Lanes.

2020 Beginners Course

Kerrie Metcalfe LM (80) Education Coordinator

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. With the surreal circumstances we all find ourselves in and the Government putting in place rules we must abide by for some time (with good reason given our age and health), I just wanted to report on the Beginners Course that started on 6 March 2020, at the *Cottage*, and we were half way through when COVID-19 stopped us in our tracks.

It was pleasing to see the enthusiasm of the group who were lucky to get two weeks of the course in and unlucky to miss out on the last two weeks. I hope we can resume what we started once given the Ok to reopen. I fear this will be longer than expected. I am considering we offer a refresher or even repeating the first two weeks free of charge and will confirm this with the Committee once we are up and running again. The Committee and I acknowledge that participants

have paid for the course and we will honour that in a fair and acceptable way. To those who began their journey, we hope to see you back and ready to begin again. We will be in touch with you as soon as we have some dates to work from.

I hope you are all doing some of your research and using the tools already given to you or even organising what you have done, scanning photos and documents. You could even do an online course or view YouTube and the many webinars being offered.

Don't give up as we are all in this together. ... 🌱



Hits & Misses Seminar

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

This was our first seminar for 2020 held on 1st March. We were probably lucky to fit it in before the lockdown.

I, personally, find Jason Reeves, Content Manager for Ancestry in New Zealand and Australia, presentations cover so much about this organisation, with tips and guides to navigate this vast resource. His pointers on saving money are always welcome. Family History research can be hard on the pocket.

Jason's explanation of special relationships with organisations such



as ours made a lot of sense.

After a short break, Jason gave an introduction to AncestryDNA with information on other DNA providers and what they offer.

Lunch again was a credit to the volunteers who did the catering, with time to chat too.

Christine Yeats, President of Royal Australian Historical Society Council, presented the afternoon sessions:

- 'The Ubiquitous Mrs in Family History'. Often women are presented as Mrs... creating a difficult research challenge. Christine gave us many ideas to over come this challenge.
- Christine's second talk 'Criminal Court Records' was of great interest to me and her notes have really helped with my current research obsession. You never know when a Criminal, who is not a convict, just might pop up in your Family's History.

At the end of her talk, Christine presented us with a copy of Lesley Muir's *Shady Acres, Politicians, developers and Sydney's public transport scandals 1872-1895*. This will be added to our Library.

The Tuggerah Community Hall worked well for our group. Our various payment options were also utilised.

The raffle prize, very generously donated by Ancestry, was won by Marie Powell from the 2020 Beginners Course.

Overall, I found this a very informative and enjoyable day. ... 🌳



Access Research via Your Library Card

A message from Michelle Goldsmith at Central Coast Library



Just a quick note to let you know of some very exciting news. We have arranged for our customers to have access to the library edition of Ancestry and Find my Past free from home! This is for the duration of the library lockdown.

To access: you will need your own internet connection and a current Central Coast library card. If you need to join the library you can do so online – any problems with your card or membership should be directed to your nearest branch.

Ancestry.com Go to: www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries

- scroll down to the search library catalogue and click to enter
- click on member services
- enter your library card number and password – it is set to your day/month/year of birth – any problems contact your nearest branch.

- once you have logged on you will see a link to Ancestry Family History on the left-hand side

- click on that and you are in the library subscription!

Remember, this does not provide access to DNA, allow contact with the owners of trees or permit you to build your own tree

I realise that is a tad convoluted but that is Ancestry's condition of

access – to make sure only members of our library service can access it for free.

Find my Past - You will need to contact your nearest branch for the user name/password details – it is part of the conditions of access that Find my Past have put onto the Library Service that we cannot put the details in a newsletter or on the webpage.

When you have those details, go to: www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries.

Please don't try the Ancestry link from the research database page! This will be removed. You must use the process above to access Ancestry.

I hope this all makes sense, if you have any Ancestry/Find my Past access issues please email history@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au. All other queries concerning your library membership should be directed to your nearest branch.

Take care,

PS – please remember that although the doors are closed, we are still working on providing services to customers – if you have not been a fan of eBooks, eMags or eMusic in the past now is a great time to discover them! Keep checking out the library web page! ... 🌳

Find My Past

Helen Burkett member 342



I have taken the opportunity given by the Central Coast Library service to download the above while the libraries are closed. This has given me much more time to peruse their records than I would normally have to spare down at the Cottage.

I have long wanted to look through their A-Z of record sets but never had the time. This is something I am now doing and thought I would share some of the obscure and interesting records with all members.

Some indexes have information under the search area that indicates how actual records can be purchased.

Do try the A-Z; it's easier than you think. Open it up, then go to the left hand side and choose, say, Ireland. Further down on the left you will then see a list of counties so that you can choose the one you need. When opening Australia and New Zealand I am not getting the various States listed below but, by typing the State required into the A-Z box, a list appears for that State. Some of the records may be obscure but hold a wealth of information and names. Below I have listed some examples of records that don't tell much from the title. It is extremely

helpful to read the information on the record set and the geographical area covered. This is to be found once you open the set. Using Control F will find the name within a large amount of text for most records.

Australian Lutheran – A magazine packed with names from all States

Cantwell's Memorials of the Dead Ireland mainly Wexford & Wicklow with a few others


Hue and Cry Police Gazette Index – English Newspaper with possibility to order articles

Letters from Victorian Pioneers – Lists names at bottom of page & is a synopsis of letters

Military Nurses 1856-1994 – English & Scottish doctors, nurses, suffragettes


The 1831 Tithe Defaulter – Ireland with Affidavit information

Further information. If you wish to peruse the whole record set when there aren't too many records listed, open it up, put no information in the boxes and just click on the blackened Search details.

Many thanks to the Library services for this opportunity. ... 

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Martin Fisher member 653

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Transport

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

If you have any ideas, email The Secretary: secwfhg2@westnet.com.au

or phone (02) 4351 2211 during open hours. ... 🌳



February General Meeting Guest Speaker

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

With her love of writing and history, I found Carolyn Kingmill's talk, 'The Woman on the Twenty Dollar note - Mary Reiby interesting, although I knew something of Mary Reiby and her connections with Sydney's Hunters Hill, hearing more of this remarkable woman's story was very informative.



Regina Hogan and Carolyn Kingsmill

Carolyn Kingsmill is a Course Presenter with U3A (University of the Third Age) Central Coast Branch.

Years of Service Certificates Awarded



After General Business, President Wayne Dean thanked Kevin Bradbury for his continuing support of our Group and awarded 15 Years of Service Certificate. Kevin compiled our Gene-Guide No 1 – Australian Military Records. ... 🌳

The Things You Find

Lynda Smith. LM2

The things you find when you tidy up!

Recently, I started to clean up my family history room, [getting ready to digitise] and I rediscovered my father's old concertina file and strong box. Both of these were full of pieces of paper that had some significance to him. My father died suddenly in 1992, but my mother is

alive and possesses a fine mind, so she has been able to help me answer some questions that have arisen from these papers. Last night I discovered a tattered newspaper clipping from Wednesday December 4, 1957, featured in the 'Woy Woy Herald' on page 1.

The headline reads

"Cottage, Truck, Destroyed in Bushfire at Umina".

"A bushfire which raged down from the mountains into (the) Umina area on Monday, defied the efforts of several hundred volunteers, and did considerable damage before being brought under control. The fire started about lunch time and was finally conquered at about 8.30pm..."

To paraphrase the rest of the article:-The fire spread to Springwood Ave., Albion Street, towards West Street, then headed towards Pearl Beach and Patonga. As there is only one road in/out of this area, it must have been very, very frightening for the residents and the fire fighters. Power lines and phone lines were affected. A vacant house in Albion St was destroyed, as was a tile business in Springwood Ave. A number of other buildings lost rooves. The fire then spread towards Wagstaff,



Davistown and Empire Bay. The wind changed and the fire then threatened the western side of Ocean Beach Road.

It was "fanned by the southerly wind and went in a northerly direction with flames reaching as high as 30 feet. Herculean efforts by an estimated 600 volunteers saved further damage of any



properties, and at 8.30pm, when the wind dropped, this fire was also put out."

The western side of Ocean Beach Road included Lone Pine Ave. My mother adds a personal note to this event. She was at home, in

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LOCAL TITLE

her newly finished fibro cottage with its tile roof, taking care of me, just 2 years old, at the time. My father was working in Gosford and had no idea the fire was as close as it was. He had recently resigned from the NSW Fire Brigade to come and live on the coast. His skills would have been extremely useful. There were no mobile phones in 1957 and his truck did not even have a car radio, so he was horrified to see the damage when he came home about 6pm that night.

My 30 year old mother and my 17 year old aunt, who lived next door, emptied their water tanks using garden hoses to protect their homes.

My aunt Janice had recently married in the November and was staying in the family holiday home at 41 Lone Pine. Her new husband was not at home either.

The fire was stopped at the western fence of No.41 before it jumped the dirt road and set fire to vacant blocks next door to the Plowright's home at No.40. Mr. Plowright had built the first home in the avenue and my grandfather and father had tiled its roof back in 1949. He owned what came to be 4 house blocks, but had built on only one at this stage. That was the reason we owned land in Lone Pine. My Dad and his father had liked the area and decided to buy a number of lots in the newly created "Santa Claus" subdivision which was next to the "Our Boys" subdivision that featured streets with military names [Poziers, Lone Pine, Birdwood, Rabaul etc].



Officially our lots were facing 'Forest Rd', but stretched through to Lone Pine. Forest Rd. was a dirt track through the bush, so we chose to face our homes on Lone Pine, which at least had a graded dirt surface. Dad had helped his father build a garage, and then a



house on 41, then he and Mum stayed in that garage on weekends while they built our home on 39.

The Plowright family lost their chickens and all the birds in their backyard aviary in the bushfire, but the house was saved. Mum says the fire truck was parked in front of our house for hours. After all this time, the memory was very vivid.

In the above photo, our house had the fetching fan trellis on the front. My father is the one tiling the roof. These photos were taken 1954-56. The children in the photo are Colin Plowright, my sister Kathy in the

empty rockpool and me with the fetching spotted top. The rock pool was built on the vacant block next door to the Plowright's home. This photo was taken sometime late in 1959 or early 1960.

Photos are from my family collection. Estate Plan copied from one kept at Gosford Library in the local history collection. ... 🌿

What is A Druid?

Lynda Smith LM 2

"In ancient times a Druid was a philosopher, teacher, counsellor and magician, the word probably meaning 'A Forest Sage' or 'Strong Seer'. In modern times, a Druid is someone who follows Druidry as their chosen spiritual path, or who has entered the Druid level of training in a Druid Order."

<https://druidry.org/druid-way/what-druidry/what-is-a-druid>

When I was looking for information on a new surname recently, I did a Trove search. There were many interesting articles about the KROEHNERT family members, but some in particular caught my attention. One of the family was a "Juvenile Druid". I had not heard of this term or this organisation so I did a search for "Juvenile Druids" and received over 900 results in Trove.

Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW : 1888 - 1950), Wednesday 18 January 1939, page 5

INSTALLATION M'LANDS JUVENILE DRUIDS

Visitors from Acorn Juvenile branch at Parramatta attended the quarterly installation and social of Silver Star Juvenile Druids in the Merrylands Masonic Hall on Friday night. The installation was carried out by Past Arches of the juvenile section. P.A. Bro. Stan. Hardy, chief installing officer, ... assistant-secretary, Sister D. Bartley; A.D. Bards, **Bro. E. Kroehnert** and Sister O. O'Malley...

You will note the use of 'brother' and 'sister', which are common terms in many groups and religions, but

'Past Arch' 'Bard' and the various acronyms were new to me. Another Druid website had this to say:

"Druidism is a "Way of Life," a system of morality -- a purely Non-Sectarian, Social, Moral, Beneficial, Non-Political, Fraternal organization. As stated before, Druidism professes and asserts Faith in the Supreme Power Of The Universe, the Brotherhood Of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul. It grants unto every brother, sister and sir knight Freedom of Thought - - expression of the Dignity of the individual man and woman. Druidism by nature is Educational and the lessons of Druidism teaches that the Light of Intelligence will destroy the darkness of superstition and ignorance [which] continues to blind the human race and cause great misery to all mankind."

<http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternalism/druids.htm>

I discovered that there are secret knocks, passwords and lots of rituals. In a gathering, there are hymns to be sung, words to be said and either repeated or answered correctly and candidates to be initiated.

<http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternalism/druids.htm>



Competitions were held between branches - in sporting activities and in the accuracy of their rituals.

Rewards were given for introducing new members. Meetings could include dramatic presentations, dancing, funny hat parades, fancy dress competitions, displays of Swedish exercises and fundraising activities. Christmas picnics were held using such funds.

Some groups were taught to play tennis, or football, under the supervision of Druid superintendents. Others had bands and elocution classes. A number of branches are mentioned in articles, other than the Silver Star at Merrylands. They include Cabra-Vale, Parramatta, Lidcombe, Fairfield, Campsie and Enmore. In 1937 one article mentioned that 21 NSW branches competed for a Cup. There was even the mention of some out in Broken Hill others in Taree, as well as branches in South Australia Queensland and Western Australia!

Each juvenile group was supported by an adult branch of the U.A.O.D [United Ancient Order of Druids] and many of the children had parents in such branches. I could not find any 'age' guidelines, but it appears that a wide range of ages was represented, with whole families being members. I found one article that mentioned the Merrylands branch running races for the "under 5's" right through to the 'over 14's"

in late 1939. As with the benevolent adult groups, juvenile members benefitted from funds if they were ill.

The last mention of this organisation in 'Trove' is in 1952

For an organisation that was so secretive in many ways, it certainly made the local papers on a regular basis.

The *Seven Precepts of Merlin* have been observed down through the ages by all Druids.

First: Labor diligently to acquire knowledge, for it is power.

Second: When in authority, decide reasonably, for thine authority may cease.

Third: Bear with fortitude the ills of life, remembering that no mortal sorrow is perpetual.


Fourth: Love virtue-for it bringeth peace.

Fifth: Abhor vice-for it bringeth evil upon all.

Sixth: Obey those in authority in all just things, that virtue may be exalted.

Seventh: Cultivate the social virtues, so shalt thou be beloved by all men.

Ignoring the flowery language, there still seems to be some great validity to these words. [FYI: Druids are still active in Australia today...see

<https://www.druidryaustralia.org/> and as 'Druids down under' on Facebook]. ... 

Depends Where You Look

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Revisiting earlier research sometimes reveals interesting results.

We published an item in the February 2014 Tree of Life (Vol.31

Nº1 page 8) about my g-granduncle, Thomas Gibbeson.

With time, more information is available on line. I found the following a few days ago.

On Death Certificate in my collection: 'Died through injuries accidentally received through being run over by railway engine N°. 517'.
On Register of Bodies brought into

the South Sydney Morgue, NSW State Records: 'The body is so much mangled that know [sic] description can be given ... No inquest required'. 🌳










Special Interest Groups


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

SIGs are free to members and go for one to two hours.

COVID19 ... We are currently closed following Government Guidelines, when we are advised we may re-open, we will be offering the following Groups:



-  Computer/Social Media
-  DNA
-  Family Tree Maker
-  Microsoft Word & Office
-  Scottish/Irish
-  [UTAS] The Diploma of Family History



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

No Bookings Required

A Reminder For Members

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

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

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

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

Their War

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



The Australian War Memorial Museum

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

"Many a man lying out there at Pozières or in the low scrub at Gallipoli, with his poor tired senses barely working through the fever of his brain, has thought in his last moments: 'Well – well – it's over; but in Australia they will be proud of this.'" - Charles Bean.

Most of us are aware of The Australian War Memorial, we are aware of its value as a world-renowned museum and records resource.

Conceived by War Correspondent Charles Bean, the overall history of this striking structure is well documented.

Whilst researching my current family history obsession, I came

across photos of Sydney's Prince Alfred Park some including the Australian War Memorial Museum.

Born in 1913, my father [not my research subject this time] grew up in Belvoir Street Surry Hills in the 1920s and I never remember him mentioning this impressive structure. Oh for time travel, another on my list of questions if I could talk with him again, but I digress.

After the First World War it took a long time before the Memorial's building in Canberra was constructed. Initially there were delays in arousing public and government enthusiasm. Then the financial crash and the subsequent

Great Depression intervened. In the meantime large, long-running exhibitions were held in Melbourne and Sydney. The Australian War Museum opened on Anzac Day 1922 in the Exhibition Building, Melbourne. This exhibition of war relics was enthusiastically received by press and public, and attracted

large crowds. The exhibition closed in 1925 and was moved to Sydney, where it remained until 1935.

'Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made.' - Charles Bean, 1948. ... 🌳

The 'Medic' Affair

First published in the Friends of Rookwood 'RIP' [Rookwood in Profile] in 2010

Harry Johnston-Lord member 504.

The Troopship "Medic" was en route to Europe when peace was declared in 1918. The ship was recalled to Australia with 833 Australian Troops and 159 Italian reservists, Italy being an ally in the First World War.

Medic put in to Wellington, New Zealand to refuel. While in Wellington some of the Troops and ships crew contracted influenza. By the time the ship anchored off the Quarantine Station at North Head, Sydney Harbour 335 people were infected including 22 nurses who were caring for the patients on board.

Extra doctors and nurses volunteered to help contain the outbreak but for 40 days the epidemic raged claiming the lives



of 12 Australian Troops, 9 Italians and 2 nurses. All were laid to rest in the Quarantine Station Cemetery.

Over the years the cemetery has become derelict and overgrown and the headstones ruined. In 1997 a plaque commemorating the Australian Troops was erected, but as far as I am aware nothing has been done for the Italians. The 14 Australians have plaques in the NSW Garden of Remembrance in Rookwood Cemetery.





Throughout 1918 influenza became a pandemic particularly affecting war torn Europe. More than 20 million people died from influenza before the disease reached New Zealand in October.

On the 7th February 1919 another troopship, "Argyleshire", bringing war weary, homesick soldiers back to Australia was quarantined at North Head when a soldier who had joined the ship in Melbourne showed symptoms of Influenza.

The 1040 troops on board were ordered to stay on the ship, which was moved and anchored off Neilson Park. Some tried to swim ashore while others commandeered lifeboats. Eventually they were landed at the Quarantine Station on 10th February where they found atrocious conditions. They had to clear scrub, dig trenches and put up tents. There was no sanitation and water had to be carried a considerable distance. The rations were poor and there were no

cooking facilities. It was claimed that more than 60 snakes were killed on the first night.

On the 16th February 900 soldiers marched to the Manly gate of the Station. They were persuaded to enter negotiation and marched down to the wharf where the negotiations took place. They were directed to go to the Sydney Cricket Ground instead of Victoria Barracks and were to be quarantined for 3 days so long as there was no sign of disease.

About 90% of the soldiers were war invalids but they marched up Macquarie Street from Man O' War Steps where they were landed, at a smart pace on their way to Moore Park. They were disappointed that there were no crowds to cheer them on but the citizens had been warned not to gather in large groups and all wore the compulsory facemasks all Sydney had to wear.

Some of these men were original ANZACs and 1914 men. What a disappointment their homecoming must have been.

About 6000 Sydneysiders died of influenza in the pandemic and it is estimated that 4000 of them are buried at Rookwood. ... 🌳

Conundrum

It pays to check facts.

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

My current research obsession has led me down many interesting paths of discovery.

In 1910, 16½-year-old RMS, living in Balmain, married 53-year-old Alexander A, a Norwegian Seaman also living in Balmain. According to their marriage

certificate, his father was Angus, his mother Mary. RMS later married a WRR, that has been a whole other journey of discovery.

Tracing Alexander's life was, I thought, relatively easy. How wrong was I.

Searching through Registers of

Seamen showed TWO men with the name Alexander A often on the same Cain's Coastal Co-Operative Steamships Ltd vessels.

Confusing? One was born Norway, the other born Sweden. One a Fireman, the other an able seaman. Living just a few streets apart, they were both born in the same year.

An Ancestry.com search revealed that the parents of the second man were Angus and Joanne.

Eventually records revealed middle initials for both men. My interest had the middle name of Marinsus the other fellow's was

Gustafson. They both appear to have been in Australia for 56 years.

The transcript of Alexander G A's death certificate revealed he died in 1937 having been living in Balmain. Alexander M A's death had eluded me until yesterday. He also died in 1937, still living in Rozelle. I have ordered a transcript, so time will tell.

Sometimes our searches are so confusing. Unravelling this very complicated and intriguing story in Harry's Family's legend is proving quite interesting and challenging. As I keep saying, an obsession. ... 🌳

My Family Connection to Cholera

Lynda Smith. LM2

With everyone talking of pandemics, it is easy to compare what is happening now to Spanish Influenza coming to our shores in 1919. Before that, however, many of our ancestors dealt with waves of cholera affecting their families.

Recently, I applied for a certificate via Marilyn Rowan's



"Ellensborough" ... NSW State Library

transcription service. One of the extras she provides is to link researchers who have asked for the same certificate. Her email reconnected me with Nancy Potter, a fellow researcher of the MUNNS family who had been in contact with me more than ten years ago. My mother in law's maiden name was MUNNS. She is a descendant of Jonas MUNNS junior and Nancy's connection is with his sister, Emma, who married a Henry LEE. Emma and Henry LEE lived in Wyong for a while, and feature in our Pioneer book. Nancy and I emailed for a while and then arranged for her and her husband to come up from Sydney. She has produced an excellent book on the LEE family and had done some work on the early MUNNS line as well. This visit encouraged me to review my MUNNS research.

My husband's MUNNS family emigrated from Soham Cambridgeshire in 1854 on the **Ellenborough** and settled in Newcastle, NSW. I recently discovered that Jonas senior had a brother James who decided to emigrate to South Australia in the same year on the **Lord of the Isles**.

It made me wonder what was happening in Cambridgeshire in the 1850s that caused this migration. I did some Internet research and found that Soham was running out of arable land and clean drinking water. Much of the town was surrounded by marshy low-lying areas called fens. Our MUNNS family lived in a cottage like this one on East Fen Common.

"Pressure of population was relieved by emigration in the early 1850s: numerous villagers departed, not only unemployed labourers but small farmers. In 1851, 10-12 families went at a time, leaving 60 houses empty by that August. Early in 1852 up to 200 people went out, mostly for Australia or America."

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/cambs/vol10/pp489-499>

I also discovered that there had been a Cholera pandemic that claimed 10,675 lives in England in the 1850s. Soham had been affected by this disease.

**Report from the General Board of Health November 7th 1853.
Soham.**

The condition of this town is an example of that of many others, and of the difficulty, when an



extraordinary epidemic occurs, of carrying into effect any effectual preventive measures. It also illustrates the destruction of life and the loss in money occasioned by the almost constant presence of typhus and other forms of zymotic disease. Up to the 6th November, 29 fatal cases of cholera had occurred.

A partial and deceptive lull in the progress of the epidemic appears to have taken place in the middle of last week, but the disease began to re-assume its virulent form during the night of the 4th. An old man who at 4 o'clock p.m. held the horse of one of the medical officers while he entered the house to visit a patient, and who then said that he was perfectly well, although it afterwards appeared that at that very time he was labouring under premonitory symptoms, was taken ill in the night, and,



notwithstanding all medical aid died in the morning. " When shortly afterwards I inspected the house," says Dr. Waller Lewis, " I found his three grandchildren all dangerously ill, two of them with only slight chances of recovery. The house was one of those which I had previously described as wretched and dirty in the extreme, with large ditches of filthy water strongly impregnated with night soil in front and behind it, and a privy in an indescribable condition in the back yard.

This is in Bull Lane, where, and in the immediate neighbourhood, are numerous other houses in a similar condition. Many of these houses have lost one or more of their late inhabitants, and still contain from one to three or four cases of the disease in one or other of its stages. I am quite at a loss to know what can be done for these unfortunates. From the reports of the medical attendants, medicine seems to exert little controlling influence over the disease. Nothing short of a wholesale removal of the people from their present infected abodes can prevent many more falling victims to the pestilence. Unluckily, from the nature of this place, this step is impracticable to any extent. Soham is a town, or rather a long, straggling village, with but few houses untenanted. The few that are to be had are mostly situated on the Commons, which are intersected everywhere with full ditches, and dotted frequently with pools of stagnant water. In

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the winter and wet weather these Commons are for weeks and months together ankle-deep in water, and in many places quite impassable. In fact, they labour under the same disadvantages and defects of non-drainage and saturated soils as the most infected localities themselves.

" Some conception may be formed of the unhealthy condition and consequent cost to the union of some of these Commons, from the fact that I visited a row of four or five cottages on Ina-fen-common, where there were then some cases of diarrhoea. I was informed by one of the magistrates, and the statement was confirmed by one of the inhabitants, that in the Autumn there had been 18 or 19 cases of fever in those few houses. The Soham guardian assured me that they had cost the union between 50 shillings and 60 shillings a week, for many weeks together, in wine alone. Can the do-nothing system be allowed to continue much longer?. In one house in Bull Lane, the mother lay dying with cholera in one room, and five children vomiting and purged in one bed in an adjoining room, which is so constructed that it is only by bending the body to nearly a right angle that I could approach the bed to examine the sufferers. The mother, I regret to say, has died this morning. A local sanitary committee, established here at my suggestion, and with plenary powers and authority from the Newmarket Board of Guardians, are now most energetically and praiseworthily

exerting themselves to remove the diseased to another set of cottages. But it is doubtful whether much benefit will be derived from this from the circumstances previously stated.

More good will certainly accrue from another step also in process of execution-namely, removing those that are still unaffected to a house in a dry and healthy locality. Unluckily this will accommodate but three families, a mere fraction of those that ought to be removed. From local circumstances, the town of Soham is in a state of most deplorable helplessness. It is six miles from the nearest town, Ely, and seven from Newmarket, where the guardians sit. There is no communication with either of those towns but by private conveyance. No coach, omnibus, or fly is kept in the place. If such conveyance is required a messenger must be despatched to one of these towns to request one to be sent. It is with the greatest difficulty the sanitary committee have borrowed a horse and cart to convey the invalids and some necessary articles of furniture to the hired cottages. The town will owe an eternal debt of gratitude to those gentlemen who have combined to form a Local Board of Health. The vicar, the Rev. Henry Tasker, who had quitted the place to go to Brighton for his health, returned immediately he received intelligence of the virulent nature of the outbreak. His two curates, who have both suffered from slight attacks of the epidemic, are,

together with the magistrates and the Local authorities and some other gentlemen, indefatigable in their exertions."

"One of the medical men is unfortunately an invalid and unable to leave his house; and this throws additional labour on the other two, whose exertions are beyond praise. I feel convinced that they would soon have been obliged to give in, but the two house-to-house visitors from London have just arrived, and are now in full work. I hope, therefore, to be able shortly, under Divine favour, to report a more favourable state of things.


"In the meantime I have to report that four deaths have taken place here today, and several children are in a state that affords but little room for hope.

"To show the virulent nature of the poison, and how thoroughly impregnated therewith an infected house becomes, I adduce the following cases of several members of the same family suffering at the present time:-

In the family of H. 3 members are labouring under the disease, the family of T. 3 members, the family of H. 2 members, the family of P. 7 members, the family of A. 5 members, the family of H. 5 members, the family of B. 4 members, the family of G. 3 members, the family of L. 3 members, and the family of H. 6 members (NOTE. No surnames are given just the initials),

There are at present under treatment: Diarrhoea, 82; approaching Cholera, 2; Cholera, 4. In Waterside alone there are 24.

In Bull Lane, 20.(Deaths from the epidemic) To November 7th, 32 deaths, November 8th, 3 deaths.

We will continue this informative item in our next issue. ... ed. ... 

Canal Boats

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

An Ancestry.com source record page shows the 1911 census with the names of about 100 men, aging from 17 to 60 years, at one address, including my person of interest. The actual record is shown above and only lists the crew, the second page is also informative with the name of the vessels. The previous record shows a family of five, I restrained myself from looking further.

I finally worked out this was a string of canal boats tied up in a row on the bank.

This was another distraction for my enquiring mind.

I am not sure I would like to walk a boat through a tunnel, however, there are some very impressive locks in use with others undergoing restoration.

In an inherited collection of photos is one of my mother's cousin Elsie beside the Welshpool lock. This was possibly taken in the 1930s and sent to Mum. I believe the boat in the background is still in use.



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I knew these vessels and the canals, were an integral part of transporting goods in the United Kingdom, Europe and the USA.

In the UK, farm produce, salt and coal were transported. Often a boat towed a barge for the goods. The cabin of the boat was 'home' to the crew. In early days, the boat was towed by one or two horses. Later, they were powered by coal fired steam motors.

Boats were often homes for itinerate families, following the work.

During World War Two, this form of transport was pressed into service to keep the coal moving. Manned by 'Idle Women', these women were far from idle.

Many women answered an advertisement in the national press in the early forties and found themselves, after six weeks training, operating the boats which each carried up to 50 tons of essential supplies along the nation's waterways.

The rise in rail and road transport reduced reliance on this system.

The boats also house cafes, shops and other businesses.

Canal boats are also still moored

river/canal side and used as homes. Although a friend in London tells me, there are problems with rubbish in the rivers.

The same day I was researching this, in a small item on Bargain Hunt, Host Anita Manning visited the Newark Heritage Barge.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p071wmhs> ... 🌳



A

Special Message from Joy Murrin

Joy and Allan Murrin, Emily, Kiernyn and Diane

We trust that your society members are well and keeping safe during these uncertain times.

It is a difficult time for societies with the closure of Family History Societies and Libraries. However with access to Birth, Death and Marriage Index and other databases it is possible to research from self-isolation or social distancing. We want to assure you that we are still able to provide NSW Transcriptions.

The NSW Registry has provided us with continued and safe access to the NSW Registrations. Could you share with your members that we are still able to provide transcriptions.

Also during these isolating times, we have reduced the cost of Full Transcriptions to \$18.

Wishing you well and please stay safe. ... 🌳

Life Members

From time to time our Group awards a Life Membership. To date the following fourteen members have been recognized for their commitment and contribution, helping us become the Family History Group we are today. ... 🌳



Name	Memb No.	Date of Award
The Late Keith Shakespeare	01	Sept 1994
Lynda Smith	02	08 Dec 1995
The Late Patricia Irwin Sharp	03	14 Sept 2001
Marilyn Cridland	11	13 Sept 2007
Pam Mansergh	14	13 Sept 2007
The Late Esther Dean	23	13 Sept 2007
Janice Barrett	43	13 Sept 2007
Kerrie Metcalfe	80	9 Sept 2010
Roger Lewis	127	20 Sept 2012
Robin Wright	133	20 Sept 2012
Trish McDonald	194	09 Oct 2014
Glenise Clery	284	09 Oct 2014
Michele Gane	174	03 June 2018
John Selwood	79	03 June 2018

Census 2021

The next Australian Census will be taken in 2021 and as family historians we all need to encourage others to agree to have their census form retained for 100 years. The family history community fought hard to get this question included in the census, but in the last Australian census held in 2016 less than half of all respondents (48%) agreed to do so. This was a fall from the 60% who ticked 'yes' in 2011. As we get closer to the next census date you'll hear more about this, but it's a good time to start encouraging everyone you know to have their form saved for posterity and for the benefit of future family historians. *(Taken from the December Descent)*. ... 🌳



George Herbert Cross

Jean Macleay member 359

Continuing My Grandfather's Story

We continue Jean's story ...

My sister Anne recalls the Hunt family. Two of the boys owned a grocery store at Meadowbank. They came to our house at Eastwood to



collect mum's grocery order. which they later delivered. Their family appear to have arrived in Bonville in November 1921 when Thomas and James enrolled, in January 1922, William enrolled at the age of 12 5/12 but only stayed for one term. Miriam also enrolled in January 1922 aged 6 ½ years and later in November 1926 Leslie. The family left Bonville early in 1927. I have a photo of the Hunt family on the back of which Grandma has written "The Hunt family of Bonville"

This family would be typical of the local residents. Going by the school records most of the families had many children. All of the fathers are described as either Farmer, Labourer, Sleeper Cutter, Dairyman or Teamster. The exceptions can be counted on one hand. The other family of interest are the Channells. James Channells is described as a Teamster. He is

the man who undertook to buy the two lots of land from George as mentioned in his Bankruptcy file. The Channells appear to have arrived in August 1910 and over the period there were 5 children enrolled from this family. They left at some time in 1911 and returned in 1914.

Only on one or two pages does the right hand column give any detail, but it can be seen that some children left to go to high school, many left the district, and some left because they were over age.

George's family appear to have battled on in miserable circumstances until some time in 1922. By this time Aunty May would have been 24 years old. Grandma became very ill with rheumatoid arthritis and was confined to a wheelchair. This very serious disease causes extreme joint pain and heart failure. This meant she would have been unable to earn any income, with her youngest child, Victoria, only 3 years old she fled back to her parents' dairy farm on Parramatta Road, Five Dock. Aunty May trained as a seamstress and the boys were apprenticed to the rail and tramways. Grandma would have had to borrow the £100 she needed for my mother (Edith) to train as a nurse at Lismore Base Hospital. Grandma slowly recovered and rented a house at Enfield and earned an income working as a Housekeeper. Aunty Vic was farmed out with relatives until she commenced school at Enfield

Primary.

The next record I can find of George is in the NSW Electoral Rolls of 1930 living with great grandma back at Wiseman's Ferry (Laughtondale). He is shown at this address again in the rolls of 1949. Aunty Vic told me that he built a place on his mother's land.

I had been asking since I was a tiny child why I did not have 2 grandfathers only to be told George was dead. But then I heard dad come home one night and tell Grandma (who was with us at the time) that George had been officially declared dead and this meant she could claim the insurance money. Demanding to be told the truth of the matter the answers I received were very evasive; my mother declared that he had always been dead to her. I think this was the attitude of all of his family.

In her later years Aunty Vic (his only remaining child) relented and gradually over many visits told me more about him. She said he was a very clever man with his hands and anything he built was beautifully done. Of course she told of the terrible times the family endured because of George's drinking. She told me that George, whilst living with his mother, and a neighbour called Rose built a trawler for a Sydney Italian fisherman. When completed George and the fisherman set out from Wiseman's Ferry to deliver the boat to Sydney. Aunty Vic's memory was that as they got to the entrance of Broken Bay in the night a terrible storm blew in from the south. She

thought that some of the boat was found on Lion Island, but the bodies were never found. She thought she was about 18 at the time.

Without a date, name of boat or his companion I could find no record which matched this information. In my search I went through Police Gazettes in the hope of finding some confirmation of Vicki's story. I did find one entry about George where grandma obtained judgment for child maintenance.

This item in the New South Wales Police Gazette of 11 June, 1930 is as follows:-

"Burwood – A commitment warrant for £66.10s and 12s costs, in default ,imprisonment until the order is complied with, has been issued by the Burwood Bench against GEORGE HERBERT CROSS, for disobeying a magisterial order for the support of his wife and four children. He is 53 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, 14 stone weight, nuggety build, fair complexion, fair hair, bald on top of head, blue eyes, rotund features; usually dressed in a dark coat and vest, light-grey trousers, grey felt hat, and black lace-up boots; addicted to drink and very talkative. May be found in the company of his brother, Fred, driving a bay horse attached to a green sulky".

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We hope to continue this very interesting saga, explaining past attitudes, in our next issue. ... 🌳

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Wyong & Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices (1932 – 1995) (available separately-see below)	Two Volume set	
	Book	\$ 45.00 + p&h
Contents Volume One – 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4,790 in memoriam notices & 238 miscellaneous event notices, includes church photographs	Book Volume 1	\$ 25.00 + p&h
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All 4 Cemetery Books		\$ 50.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016 [220 pages] This index has been compiled from the Wyong Family History Group's cemetery database. It includes burials (and niches) at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas (Yarramalong) and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. We also acknowledge the CC Council Bereavement Officers for their contribution to our records. Contains: Cemetery maps; Deceased details – name, age, date of burial, grave location (section, row, plot), some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all Graves including Unmarked Graves.	Book	\$ 25.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery [30,000 names, not all from Wyong]	CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Genealogy Recorder		\$ 10.00 + p&h

New Publication from HAGSOC

Anne Beasley Bookshop Manager on behalf of Family History ACT (FHACT) the home of The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc. (HAGSOC)

This book has just been published by Family History ACT (FHACT) the home of The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc. (HAGSOC). It contains extensive references for beginners and for the more experienced family historian and is a practical guide to help readers trace their ancestry and family story.

This publication has a long history and was first published as Family History for Beginners in 1981. The 10th edition was renamed Family History for Beginners & Beyond in January 1998. The most recent 15th edition was published in 2017 with major updates and amendments.

The 16th edition builds on these solid foundations and includes five new chapters – Australian land records, Chinese Australian ancestors, DNA, Military records, and Writing your story. The publication is

B5 in size, spiral bound for ease of reading and contains 310 pages of revised, updated and new material.

Whether you are beginning your research or are beyond the basics, this book is an invaluable reference guide for any family historian.

Due to current health restrictions the book may only be purchased online at

<https://familyhistoryact.org.au/index.php/shop/bookshop>.

Publication cost is \$39 for non-members and \$35 for HAGSOC members plus postage & handling costs of 1-3 copies \$14 via Australia post. ... 🌳



TROVE

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

During this time of isolation, many of us are taking advantage of Trove to find information. I regularly search Trove as does Lynda Smith and Jean Macleay.

“Trove is an Australian online library database aggregator; a free faceted-search engine hosted by the National Library of Australia, in partnership with content providers including members of the National & State Libraries Australasia. It is one of the most well-respected and accessed GLAM services in Australia, with over 70,000 daily users.” ... Wikipedia


“GLAM is an acronym for ‘galleries, libraries, archives, and museums’, and refers to cultural institutions with a mission to provide access to knowledge. GLAMs collect and maintain cultural heritage materials in the public interest. As collecting institutions, GLAMs preserve and make accessible primary sources valuable for researchers.” ... Wikipedia. ... 🌳



WFHG Inc Planned Events

As The Cottage is currently closed due to **COVID-19** restrictions, no Calendar is published in this issue.

Committee Meetings, General Meetings, The AGM, Special Interest Groups, Courses, Research Outings and other events will resume and be scheduled as soon as practicable. However, our Christmas Party is booked for Sunday 6 December.



Save the Date

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc

Annual Conference 2020

Date: **Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September**

Theme:

**Riding the Waves
of
History**

Hosted by: Newcastle Family History Society Inc.
www.nfhs.org.au
with the support of the Maitland and Beyond Family
History Group Inc. mdgs.org.au/

Location: Wests New Lambton, Newcastle

www.ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au

Subject COVID-19 restrictions **State Conference: 2020 NSW & ACT FHS Conference**

Newcastle FHS Inc, in association with Maitland & Beyond FHS Inc is hosting the 2020 state family history conference from 11–13 September at New Lambton, near Newcastle. The theme is Riding the Waves of History and you can view the conference website and sign up for their newsletter to keep up to date with developments at www.ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au

In 2021 the Association will be returning to Port Macquarie for the 37th annual state conference. Ask the coordinator at the Cottage about our pre-payment scheme we have set up, if you are thinking of going.



Wyong Family History Group Inc.

Research Centre

'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre,

6 Rankens Court, Wyong (entrance via the old school grounds)

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm.

At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3rd Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon

(WFHG members available to help)

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WFHG thanks Ms Emma McBride, for her assistance in the production of this issue of the Tree of Life.

Remember, Member contributions are always welcome and 20 July 2020 is the closing date for items to be included in the next issue of the "Tree of Life".

Local LDS Family History Centre

Akora Road, Wyoming [near ALDI]

Opening Hours: Tuesday 6 – 8 pm,

Friday 10 am – 2 pm

Generally closed during school holidays.

Open at other times on request

Free access

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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's contributions are always welcome.