

Introduction to Family History

**4 Week Course beginning 5th May
\$35 pp (m) / \$55 (nm)**

Contact the Cottage on 4351 2211 for bookings

Our General Meetings are held bimonthly on the second Saturday of the month at The Cottage.

The Cottage will open at 11 am for unassisted research, the meeting will commence at 1 pm. Our next meeting will be 8th April and our guest speaker is Mark Bundy, Director of External Operations at Rookwood Cemetery.

WFHG e-Branch



From The Editor

A quiet issue this month.

Stay safe on the roads over Easter.

- In this edition:
- * Library updates
 - * Snippets from other journals
 - * News about upcoming events
- AND MORE**



NOTE:

Upcoming FREE information sessions held at the cottage. All commence at 11am unless otherwise stated. Please register your interest with the Cottage on 4351 - 2211

May 2017

Tuesday 23rd - Searching with Google



Are you getting your emails?

Every member who registers an email address when filling in their membership form should get weekly emails from me, as well as notifications regarding meetings or special events. We have a very efficient email programme, but sometimes it will drop members off who don't check their email regularly or who get full mailboxes from time to time. I try and keep a check on this, but if you don't think you are getting all your emails, or would like to be added to our mailing list, send me an email and I will check things out for you.

Kerry Clarke, Secretary. Secwfhg2@westnet.com.au.

Special Interest Groups

Microsoft Word Interest Group is moderated by Helen Johnstone-Lord Meets the 2nd Tuesday afternoon monthly. 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm

Convict Interest Group is moderated by June Johnson Meets the 2nd Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon

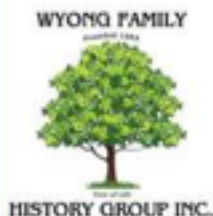
Family Tree Maker (FTM) Interest Group is moderated by Martin Fisher Meets the 2nd Thursday afternoon monthly. 12.30 pm to 2.30pm

English and Welsh Interest Group is moderated by Helen Burkett Meets the 3rd Tuesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon

The Scottish / Irish Interest Group is moderated by Gwen Bates Meets the 4th Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon

The Facebook Interest Group is moderated by Ellen Sheerin Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon

The Computer / iPad / Tablet Interest Group is moderated by Roger Lewis Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon



INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY

The 4 Week Course Includes:-

How to Begin & Record Keeping

Australian Records

Shipping Records

Free Web Sites & Group Resources

Course Begins :-

***Friday 5th May 2017 -then each Friday to 26th May
2017 , 9.45am- 12noon each day.***

Venue-Wyong Family History Group's Cottage

***6 Rankens Court Wyong [entrance via the old Wyong School
grounds]***

***Cost: Members \$10 per session or \$35 for four weeks - pay in
advance.***

***Non Members \$15 per session or \$55 for four weeks - pay
in advance.***

Contact WFHG. Cottage - 43-512211-for Bookings

FROM THE LIBRARY

New Acquisitions for March 2017

Books

AHS145 *Last Woman Hanged.*

Donated by Chris Ullrich, this book tells the true story of Louisa Collins, a 41 year old mother of ten children who, on 8th January 1889, and after four trials, was the first woman hanged at Darlinghurst Gaol and the last woman hanged in New South Wales. I found this a fascinating account of women's place in society in the late 1800s when women were in no sense equal under the law, except when it came to the gallows.

GUI133 *A Guide to Military History on the Internet.*

A comprehensive introduction for Genealogists and Military Historians. This book will assist those researching this topic and largely contains sites relating to Britain and British military history. It also includes websites relevant for researching American, Australian and Canadian Forces.

CDs

CD561 *Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire & Lancashire Parish Records.*

Includes Yorkshire: Calverley Parish Registers 1574 – 1680,
Nottinghamshire: Walesby Parish Register from 1594 and Lancashire:
Penwortham-Nottinghamshire Coroner's Inquests 1485 – 1558.

Find under CD Collection icon on desktop > England folder on computers 1, 2, 4 and 5 in the Computer room opposite the Library.

CD562 *Hampshire, Kent, Surrey & Sussex Parish Records.*

Includes Hampshire: marriage licences, Bishop of Winchester 1689 – 1837 Kent: Canterbury- St. Dunstan christenings, marriages and burials 1559 – 1800, Suffolk: Wills of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk 1625 – 1626, Surrey: Wandsworth Parish Registers 1603 – 1787 and Sussex: wills and administrations preserved in the District Probate Court of Lewes.

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CD563 *Cornwall, Devon, Dorset & Somerset Parish Records.*

Includes Devon & Cornwall wills and administrations proved in the Bishop of Exeter 1559 – 1799, Devon: Barnstaple Parish Register 1538 – 1812, Dorset: Beer Hacket Parish Register 1549 – 1812, Gloucestershire: Devon, Cornwall & Gloucester wills and administrations proved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter 1532 – 1800 and Somerset: Durston Parish Register 1712 – 1812.

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CD564 *Carr Villa Memorial Park, Launceston, Tasmania 1905 – 2001.*

Gives full name of deceased, their age, date of death and date of memorial service, burial details including area, location and site number, name of the funeral director and whether a headstone exists and the registration number of the death. A comment field will sometimes include further information.

Find under CD Collection icon on the desktop > Cemetery and Tasmania folders on computers 1, 2, 4 & 5 in the computer room opposite the Library.

The 4 CDs listed above were kindly donated by Joanne Flack.

Glenise Clery

Librarian

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IRISH RESEARCH TIPS FEBRUARY 2017



Research Tip of the week

Does DNA have a part to play in genealogy?

This week Travellers have been recognised by the State as an indigenous ethnic minority. At a recent Irish Family History Centre expert workshop on Traveller Culture one of the many things we learnt was the part that DNA played in identifying Travellers as a genetically distinct group, long predating the Famine. It's worth considering if DNA could help your research.

Occasionally we are commissioned to do research by a client who, as part of their initial research, has undertaken a DNA test genetically linking them to a family in a specific area within Ireland. For instance I recently undertook research for an Australian client who had DNA evidence to suggest a link to a 19th century family in a specific parish in county Down.

Does DNA have a part to play in genealogy? The answer is obviously yes, any help in direction with a difficult case (and we get them!) is useful. But DNA isn't a magic lantern with a genealogist appearing in a puff of smoke with full and detailed family tree. DNA can be used to direct us and sometimes progress a research project, and vice versa, so genealogy and DNA can potentially complement one another.

If DNA is a route you wish to pursue, bear in mind that the Irish Family History Centre has DNA kits for sale in their shop. With more and more people taking DNA tests and ever expanding databanks, it may just provide you with a much needed breakthrough.

By Expert Researcher

Helen Moss (Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, March 5, 2017)

Research Tip of the week

What's in a name?

It is very striking, over the last few weeks, the ongoing difficulties family historians have with surnames. We are very grateful for the digital revolution, but like all advances, it brings with it its share of problems. How a name appears in, for example, a parish register, may not at all be the name transcribed and which appears in an index. So, your search can be stymied by this error in transcription. In a recent search, each of the six siblings had their family name mistranscribed! That is six different versions of the same name, for the same family. This gives some idea of the obstacles that must be overcome if we are to identify our ancestors' records.

Very fortunately the priest in this instance had recorded, in all baptismal records, the townland of the family. This helped enormously in corroborating that this was the same family. It allowed us then to identify this elusive family in Griffith's Valuation, albeit in an unexpected version of the name. And it also successfully led us to the family in the Tithe Applotment Books, which had hitherto eluded those searching for this family.

By Carmel Gilbride

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, March 18, 2017

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member

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**SNIPPETS FOR APRIL 2017 E-BRANCH****LITHGOW FEBRUARY 2017.** Local content.**BATHURST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. FEBRUARY 2017**

Pgs 13-17 Convict Tales – Joseph Sewell.

Pgs 18-21 Explaining Terminology for Convict Research.

Pgs 26-29 Notable Convicts Transported to Australia. Names: Barrington, Callaghan and Catchpole.

**BURWOOD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MARCH 2017**

Pgs 1-9 Cork to Coal Cliff. Finding Richard Coady.

Pgs 11-21 Government-assisted German Immigrants (vinedresser families) to NSW 1849-1856 – Part 4. O – Schn Family Names.

Pgs 23-28 Norfolk Island History Lovers' Tour November 2016. Convicts mentioned – James Williams and Rachel Watkins, Jacob Bellett and Ann Harper.

**CONVICT CONNECTIONS FEBRUARY 2017**

Pgs 13/14 Sketch of Sydney Cove 1788. Sketch drawn by convict Francis Fowkes. His life both in England and Australia.

Pgs 16-18 Billy Blue.

Pgs 22-28 An Innocent Man Transported for Life – William Henry Barber.

Pg 34 Convicts Who Joined the NSW Corp.

Pgs 35-37 Convict John Kermond.

**FAMILY TREE (UK) MARCH 2017**Pg 6 Tipperary burials. Can be found at [www.tipperarystudies.ie/digitisation-project](http://www.tipperarystudies.ie/digitisation-project).

Pg 8 Jersey records back to 1540 now online.

Pgs 12-19 15 Records to take your family history back to the 1500s.

Pgs 24-31 Steaming Ahead! How to trace your railway ancestors. Hints and websites.

Pgs 36-39 Make giant steps researching Irish ancestors. [www.Irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.Irishgenealogy.ie).

Pgs 40-44 Life in Britain post-war to the 1980s. 15 websites to search.

Pgs 48-51 Welcome to your ancestors in Wales. Tips and websites.

**LIVERPOOL GENEALOGY SOCIETY INC. FEBRUARY 2017**

Pgs 17/18 Liverpool Soldiers. Names: Whitney, Salis, Morn, Oprey and Waters.

**NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY 2017**

Pgs 8/9 Major General Sir Edward Chaytor – The only New Sealander to command ANZACS at divisional level.

Pg 10 Trooper, later Colonel, Charles Cameron Stewart.

Pg 11 Captain Jonathon H B Martin MID-Vet.

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH 2017**

Pgs 7-9 James Tyson, the 'Billycan Millionaire'.

Pgs 9/10 The Women's Cooperative Silk Growing and Industrial Association (1893 – 1900).

Pgs 10-13 Muster on St. Albans Common.

**SOUTH EAST (MILLICENT S.A.) FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. FEBRUARY 2017**

Pgs 10/11 Names from the South Eastern Times of January/February/March 1917.

Pg 12 Petty Sessions. The South East of South Australia was largely governed by Victoria in the early days.

Pg 13 Lands Department Deed. How to access records in South Australia.

Meg Gibson Member 43



**Newsletter snippets March 2017**

Local content: Colac & District FHG Winter 2016: Dubbo & District FHS Sept./Oct. 2016: Ku-Ring-Gai HS Feb. 2017:

**Central Coast FHS Dec. 2016:** Pgs 15-16 Washing day in the old slab hut, Pg. 17 WW1 casualties from Brisbane Water District 1916, Pgs 21-23 Another washing day story.

**Gen. Soc. Of Northern Territory Dec. 2016:** Pgs 3-16 Patrick Brennan and the history of the Town Council of Darwin. 1869-1940, Pgs 17- 19 SS *Zealandia* 1910-1942, Pgs 18 -22 Gallipoli POW Jack Beattie.

**Gwydir-Moree FHS Dec. 2016:** Pgs 3-8 Christmas cards, Red Cross care parcels and various WW1 related stories.

**Hurstville FHS Feb./Mar 2017:** Theme stories about entertainment options pre TV.

**Ipswich Gen. Soc. Feb. 2017:** Pgs 5-9 Friendly Societies cont. Pride of the North, Pgs 11-18 Ebbw Vale, a suburb of Ipswich - history and related stories.

**Mornington Pen. FHS Feb.2017:**Pgs 15- 17 Migrant Settlement Act 1922 cont, surnames Brine to Caldwell.

**Orange FHG Dec.2016 : Pg. 2 IRISH CIVIL REGISTRATION ONLINE**

The Irish Government has made available online historic records of Births, Marriages and Deaths from the General Register Office. At the time of writing these cover the period: Births: 1864 to 1915, Marriages: 1882 to 1940 Deaths: 1891 to 1965

The General Register Office are currently working on updating further records of Marriages dating back to 1845 and Deaths dating back to 1864. These will be included in future updates to the records available on the website [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) . Pgs 6-12 Death notices from local papers.

**Old FHS Feb. 2017:** Pg. 10 Beerburum Soldier Settlement Centenary, Pgs 12- 13 Billy Blue, Convict, Pgs 14- 16 Qld WW1 Casualty Records from RBDM , Pg. 17 US sites, Pg.21 BDA project [Biographical Database of Australia] The purpose of this project – in a nutshell – is to transcribe records and link different entries for the same person. <http://www.bda-online.org.au/> Pg. 37 Dictionary & directory sites

**Singleton FHS Dec. 2016:** Pgs 6-8 1916 Singleton Public School Christmas Concert.

**Young FHG Jan. 2017:** Pg.6 This new website for [Honourable East India Company Ships Logs](#) includes passengers and crew indexes and transcriptions of the original Journals and Logs held by the British Library, Pgs 6-8 Resources for Pubs and Publicans.