

General Meeting

SAT 13TH FEB
 11-1pm (Research)
 1-3pm Meeting
 Guest speaker: Ann Howard

STATE RECORDS BUS TRIP

2nd April
 More info coming soon

INTRO TO FACEBOOK

Saturday 20th Feb
 10am - 2pm
 at the Cottage

Beginning Your Family History

Get started on the right foot.
 Starting Friday 1st April

WFHG e-Branch



From the President

I have called into the Cottage on my better days to find everyone in good spirit and busy with their research or attending one of our talks we are providing, this is very pleasing. It is also good seeing you all.

I certainly believe the Cottage is a place to inspire your research so if you haven't been for awhile come in and say hello. Our Committee would also welcome any ideas you have in providing you a service to help you further your interest. Let's keep our group alive and strong by attending our events and keeping up with our research.

Kerrie Metcalfe LM (80)
 President, Wyong Family History Group Inc.

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

NOTE:

Upcoming FREE mini-training sessions held at the cottage. All commence at 10am unless otherwise stated. Please register your interest with the Cottage on 4351 - 2211

March

Wed 16th - Setting up a Website - 10am

Mon 21st - Preparing for State Records

More information available on our website
www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au

Bits and Pieces

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

Latest Publication

BOWDEN FAMILY FUNERALS, Wyong - 76 pages.
 Covers funerals conducted between July 1999 and January 2015.

Contains - **1714 entries** arranged alphabetically. Details include Full name, Date of Death, Place of Death, Age, Date and Place of Burial, Date and Place of Birth. Also indicates if a Coroner's Inquest was held and, where available, the Year of Arrival, if born overseas.

Special Interest Groups



English / Welsh

4th Tuesday of the month
 10am - 12pm

Scottish and Irish

4th Wednesday of the month
 10am - 12pm

Convict

2nd Wed of the month
 10am - 12pm

FamilyTree Maker

2nd Thursday of the month
 1-3pm

Using Microsoft Word

2nd Tuesday of the month
 12.30 - 3pm

Tablet / iPad

Next meeting in March

Family Tree Maker News

It's ok - probably! Family Tree Maker is back. A company (MacKiev) has stepped in and saved the day. FTM will be shipping again from March 1st - upgrades for current users will be free. PC and Mac users will be fine.

Have a look at this link

<http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html>

Cottage Shop



A reminder: -We stock all the Family History stationery you require for your records.

&

we now have back in stock 9 Generation Charts

See you at the Shop -Trish

University of Tasmania -Diploma of Family History

The breaking news from the University of Tasmania is that the free online units many of us have been working away on, have now been included in a brand new qualification - a Diploma of Family History. An amazing array of units have been organised for us - some are free, some will need to go on a deferred payment scheme (for that day we earn over \$50,00 or whatever the threshold is).

Coming up next (April) : Convict Ancestors

For those of you who want to start at the beginning the unit - Introduction to Family History Research is also about to kick off again, for the third time I believe! Google UTAS Family History for more info, or contact Kate on 0412 819 561

State Records Bus Trip



Our next State Records Bus Trip is coming up on Saturday 2nd April.

Does that sound like ages away? It isn't!

Get your name on the list ASAP if you don't want to miss out.

Visit: <http://wfhgevents.weebly.com/state-records.html> for more information

PREPARING FOR A VISIT TO STATE RECORDS

We have managed to organise for Gail Davis from State Records to visit us at The Cottage on 21st March. Gail will be giving us a 2 hour interactive training session on what State Records can offer us.

The training session will include the following:-

- 1: How to navigate and use the State Records website, including what records are held.
- 2: How to prepare for a visit to State Records and what info to take when you go
- 3: What to expect and what to do when you get there.

This session will benefit everyone, not only those who go on the bus trip but also anyone who wants to access the information on the website.

Location: The Cottage
Date: 21st March 2016
Time: 10:00am to Noon
Cost: Free
Members Only

There is limited seating available, so book early.... online at www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au or at The Cottage in person, or by phone (4351 2211),

The first bus trip to State Records this year is scheduled to 2nd April 2016.

Wyong Family History Group Inc



Beginning Your Family History



6 Weeks Course:

- **Getting Started**
- **Australian Records**
- **Shipping Records**
- **Convict Records**
- **Group Resources**
- **Family History Web Sites**

Begins :- Friday 1st April 2016

-then each Friday-6th May 2016

Venue-Wyong Family History Group's *Cottage*

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

Time- 9-45 am – 12 noon

Cost: Members \$10 per session or \$55 for six weeks paid in advance.

Non Members \$15 per session or \$60 for six weeks paid in advance

Contact WFHG. Cottage - 43-512211-for Bookings



WFHG Inc. Facebook Workshop

Have you ever wondered about Facebook, but have always been confused or frightened about using Facebook?
Do you have a Facebook page, but don't really know how to use it?
Would you like to learn more about Facebook and how it can help you connect to family history networks?

The WFHG is holding a Facebook workshop for members to help address concerns regarding Facebook, and how you can set up and use a Facebook page for family history purposes.

When: 20th February 2015
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Where: The Cottage, Meeting Room
Costs: \$10:00

Please bring your Laptop, iPad or Tablet
Refer to Program Agenda on back for bookings



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WFHG Inc. Facebook Workshop
PROGRAM AGENDA

Session 1 Starting a Facebook Page 10:00 am - 11:00 am	How to create a Facebook Page. How to set your Privacy Settings. Checking your Account Setting. What is Messenger and how to use it?
Session 2 Using Your Facebook Page 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Navigating Facebook. Understanding Facebook Features. Using Like and writing Posts. Editing, Deleting and Hiding Posts. Setting Notifications.
Lunch	Members to bring own lunch.
Session 3 Facebook for Genealogy 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	How to use Facebook for Family History Purposes. Popular Facebook Pages for Genealogy and how to follow them.
Session 4 Hands on workshop 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Questions. Individual use of Facebook on own device. Roaming assistance available.

To register your attendance please contact The Cottage
4351 2211.
Places are limited.

Important TROVE update

After consultation, testing and much collaborative effort with Trove's partners, we are very pleased to announce that Trove 7 will be launched on 25 February 2016.

This will be one of the largest updates in Trove history and in order to apply the update Trove will be unavailable from 5pm, 22 February until it is relaunched. But when it is unveiled a few days later, Trove will be sporting a range of features.

WHAT'S NEW?

1. Newspapers

Over the years the Trove community has provided us with fantastic feedback and suggestions. We have been listening and have tried to incorporate as many suggestions as possible into the newspaper zone. Some of the highlights include:

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- * Simplified interface
- * Customisable viewer displays
- * New browse features

This work was partly funded by the generous donations received from members of the Trove community as part of the 'Change lives, Support Trove' appeal.

2. Government Gazettes

The State Library of NSW and the National Library of Australia have been working collaboratively to digitise and make available the NSW Government Gazette (1832 to 2001).

These important government records will be delivered through Trove with a small sample appearing when the Trove 7 is released. Nearly one million pages will be completed by the end of the project. This collection of digitised and full-text searchable Gazettes are a much anticipated addition to Trove, one which will benefit local, family and social historians, legal researchers and others throughout Australia.

3. Discovery

The nuts and bolts of the Trove engine have been upgraded for faster, more responsive searching and an improved experience on your mobile device.

WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME?

Many things you and love about Trove will stay the same, including the look and feel of most zones, tagging, commenting and lists, the forum and fantastic content from organisations around Australia.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

We will have information on the Trove forum<<http://trove.nla.gov.au/forum/>> and invite you to reach out to us there and join the conversation until the down time which begins 22 February. During the outage we will be keeping a close eye on Twitter<<https://twitter.com/TroveAustralia>> and Facebook<<https://www.facebook.com/TroveAustralia/>> if you'd like to talk to us.

Please keep an eye out for more information over the next couple of weeks and we hope that you're as excited by the changes as we are!



FROM THE LIBRARY

GEMS IN THE LIBRARY # 5

On the left of the library doorway, four shelves from the top, is the section called **GUIDES (GUI)**. As the name implies this section contains resources to guide members through the various branches of research.

I've selected several to highlight –

1. **GUI 013 *Connecting Kin*** – Do you have a child in your family who has disappeared and you don't know what has happened to it? Perhaps has been placed in welfare? This book is a must to read through. It has suggestions of how to find records of children who were adopted or were raised in care. It covers NSW Government welfare agencies, non Government welfare agencies (e.g. Churches), hospitals etc. It is fully indexed.

2. **GUI 040 *Wills and other Probate Records*** by Karen Grannum and Nigel Taylor. This book explores the history of wills, and where to find them.

3. **GUI043 *Relations in Records ; a guide to family history sources in the Australian Archives.*** This book contains suggestions of where to look in Australian records e.g. immigration, shipping, defence, population, naturalizations, aliens and internees to name a few.

4. **GUI 023 *Family Photographs and how to date them*** by Jayne Shrimpton. If you have any old photographs whose origin is unknown, then this book will help to identify the period it was taken.

5. **GUI 030 *How to Trace your Convict Ancestors, their lives, times and records*** by Janet Reakes. Although this book was printed in 1982 and reprinted in 1999 the information it contains is relevant to today.

6. **GUI 122 *In Search of Your Canadian Roots, tracing your family tree in Canada*** by Angus Baxter. Some of us find we have family in Canada and the information in this book could put you on the right track to finding them.

7. **GUI 128 *Buried Treasure ; What is in the English Parish Chest*** by Paul Milner. Some years ago I was searching through the Parish Chest film for the Most Holy Trinity Church in Kirton Nottinghamshire and came across this little gem dated 29th March 1785. “*This is an Artockel of an agreement amongst the inhabitants of Kirton that if any person puts any beast into a paster called Conah without noggies on their horns or saw the tip of the horn Ends of Shall forfeit an pay the Sume of Seven Shillings & Sixpence for every Defaults maid in that paster.*” This was witnessed by 9 residents, one of which was my 4 x Great Grandfather John Weightman.

Some Guides have been placed in the England and Scotland sections and it is worthwhile checking these two shelves for ways to find information. For instance we have **ENG 031 *Tracing your Ancestors in the PRO England*** and **ENG 048 *Tracing your Pauper Ancestors***,

So next time you are in the Library, have a browse through the Guide Section. Even the most experienced researchers may find something they didn't know.

Esther Dean
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New Library Acquisitions for January 2016

Books

ENG011 *Criminal Ancestors - A Guide to Historical Criminal Records in England and Wales*

Studying the records relating to criminal law can shed light on the activities and movements of some of our ancestors to say nothing of resolving the reason for a person's disappearance. This book tells us of the many types of records available to researchers and where to find them. It also gives many examples of these records and has a very good index of the names included in the examples.

LHS389 *'Neath Mount Sugarloaf*

Donated by Judy Paterson, this book gives a brief pictorial history of West Wallsend near Newcastle NSW. This district lies below the eastern slopes of Mount Sugarloaf and the stories included were submitted by long-time members of the community.

LHS390 *Pictorial History - Hornsby Shire*

Donated by Jean Macleay, this is a detailed history of the Hornsby Shire which includes many wonderful photographs of many of the people who lived and worked in this area at the turn of the 20th century. Indexed.

LHS391 *A Pictorial History of Ryde*

This book was also donated by Jean Macleay and sets out to tell a story about the development of Ryde from 1792 until the 1960s, primarily through photographs. It also has a very good listing of local photographers who were active in the area over time and tells where you can find copies of their work.

MIL099 *Diggers and Greeks*

An informative, well written book which has been donated by Denis Dean. It provides a compelling account of why, in 1941, Australia sent its troops to Greece to help its allies fight the Germans. It tells of how the Greek people risked death to help their allies in what proved to be a suicidal mission. Indexed.

Glenise Clery
Librarian L M #284

SNIPPETS: Extracts from family history magazines and journals**SNIPPETS FOR FEBRUARY 2016 E-BRANCH****AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS JANUARY 2016**

Pg 19 Can You Help? Was she a Gillard or a Gaylard?
Pgs 20-36 Long Lost Relatives. More gems from Trove. Many names to be checked.
Pgs 43-47 New on the Net.

THE HERALDRY & GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF CANBERRA INC. DEC. 2015

Pgs 154-157 The Convict & the Clergyman. Convict James Thackray and the Reverend Patrick Bronte (father of the Bronte sisters).
Pgs 170-185 100 ANZACS (cont.)
Pgs 186-189 Hot Sites.

INSIDE HISTORY JAN-FEB 2016

Pgs 24-27 What's New Online plus Handy Hint regarding the London Gazette which has celebrated its 350th birthday. The newspaper can be searched at www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notice.
Pgs 28-33 The jigsaw of genealogy. The Biographical Database of Australia now has almost one million records of colonial Australians. www.bda-online.org.au.

SOUTH BURNETT GENEALOGICAL & FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY DEC. 2015

Pgs 7-12 St. Aubyn's Hospital (Kingaroy, Qld.) Includes names of nursing staff.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. NEWS NOVEMBER 2015

- Pgs 4-9 Family Tree Maker²⁰¹⁴ Family Tree Maker³. Backing Up and Moving.
 Pgs 10-12 Acrobat as Browser.
 Pg 12 Tips for your iPad, iPhone or iPod
 Pgs 13/14 What is a GEDCOM File and Why.
 Pgs 14/15 5 Common File Types in Photography and When You Should Use Each One.
 Pgs 16-22 Legacy Family Tree. Reviewing William Newman.
 Pgs 23-26 Reunion – Sources Display.
 Pgs 27-29 OS X El Capitan. The latest update to Apple's OS X.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. NEWS JANUARY 2016

- Pgs 4/5 The Editor Speaks – The Future of Family Tree Maker.
 Pgs 6-11 Extracting a subset of Data out of Family Tree Maker.
 Pgs 11 & 22 Family Tree Maker 2014. A New Patch.
 Pgs 12-18 Legacy Family Tree – Locations.
 Pgs 19-22 Reunion's Source Window.

Newsletter snippets: E journals - Feb 2016

Meg Gibson

Central Coast FHG Dec 2015: Pg.10 Hints on using the newly released 1939 Register on Findmypast.com , Pg.15 Understanding UK Parish Registers Pt.2. 2 Lisarow Cemetery transcription books for sale.

Hawkesbury FHG Dec. 2015: Pgs 3-4 Macquarie's towns- notes from his 1810 trip west, more available from <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/all/journeys/1810/1810.html> ,Pgs 9- 11 Ryerson Index explained, Pg.27 The whole collection of NSW Law Almanacs covering the late 19th and 20th century is available to view and to search online. The entire collection from 1886 to 2008, (except 2002 which was not published) can be accessed <http://www.lawalmanacs.info/> The collection has been catalogued each year and are fully keyword searchable. Victorian births, deaths & marriage indexes dating from 1836, are now available to search for FREE online. The Historical index covers:

- births in Victoria from 1853 to 1914
- marriages in Victoria from 1853 to 1942
- deaths in Victoria from 1853 to 1988
- church baptisms, marriages and burials in Victoria from 1836 to 1853.

Excellent blogposts about family treasures written by genealogist **'historybylarzus'**

Family Heirlooms – Keeping the Story with the Item

<https://historybylarzus.wordpress.com/2014/12/21/familyheirlooms-keeping-the-story-with-the-item/>

Finding the Family Heirlooms – Recognising What We Have

<https://historybylarzus.wordpress.com/2014/12/20/findingthe-family-heirlooms-recognising-what-we-have/>

Irish Lives Remembered Nov/Dec 2015: Lots on the Ireland Reaching Out project, Pgs 31- 32 How to best use The 1939 Register on findmypast.com Pgs 38- 46 Tracing the Irish in Washington State- various articles, Pgs 52- 54 The Irish who fought at Gallipoli, pgs 56- 60 Thomas Harvey, 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment of Foot [Buckinghamshire] – his time in NZ and Australia.

Mildura & District GS Inc. Dec. 2015: Pg. 5- The plight of small cemeteries on private land , Pgs 6- 8 Percival James Garfield Gellon, WW1 soldier who died at Gallipoli .

Parramatta Female Factory Friends Dec 2015: Pg. 3- Inmate Elizabeth [Somers] Hall's details, Pgs 5- 6 Surgeon's Journal cont. – the voyage of the Almorah.

Port Stephens FHS Summer 2015: Pgs 7-9 Mr Crawley, Keeper of the Christmas bush, originally written 1953 Pgs 16- 19 The Kenn Moor hangings.

Singleton FHS Dec. 2015: Pgs 6- 7 The Pearce family of 228 John St Singleton, Pgs 8- 10 The Wallabies Recruitment Marches of WW1.

SAG Dec 2015: Pgs 7-14 the life of Thomas Shadrach James, teacher of Aboriginal children, Pgs 15-28 A study in unwed motherhood, Pgs 39- 43 MIDAS [Manuscript, Image and Digital Archiving System] explained- a new way to search some of the holdings of this group, Pg.45 Ryerson Index has now covered all death notices from the SMH from 1831 to current times. They are now looking at any funeral notices from the same time that did not connect with death notices, Pg.46 Uni of Sydney has now released records of members of the Uni community involved in WW1 www.sydney.edu.au/beyond1914 , Pg.48 suggestions on 'doing over' your earlier research- such as improving citations, creating research plans, revisiting a location. Pg.53 <http://nswanzaccentenary.records.nsw.gov.au/> covers all sorts of information about homefront life, Pg. 55 State Records no longer accepts cheques for payment of copying requests and they will no longer use fax machines to receive orders or enquiries

Lynda Smith

IRISH RESEARCH TIPS JANUARY 2016



How to avoid an illicit marriage: Marriage banns.

By the 17th Century there was more than one way to enter into marriage, now well defined. In Ireland, long engagements were not traditionally encouraged. Couples were usually married within a year of being 'espoused' – the formal exchange of vows, at the start of their engagement.

Before they could marry the couple had to prove there was no impediment to the marriage. Potential impediments to a marriage included consanguinity (too closely related), affinity (kinship created by another marriage or as a result of sexual relations), an existing marriage or an earlier promise to marry.

To this end, a couple would publicly proclaim the marriage was to take place. Most researchers are familiar with Marriage License Bonds: solemn oaths there was no impediment to marriage, sworn by a couple and their bondsmen (people of property, who acted as surety) before the courts of the Diocese.

However over the last 400 years, the greater number of the Irish population, of all faiths, announced their impending marriage by Banns.

The Banns were publicly proclaimed or 'read' in church on three successive Sundays in the couple's home parish. The congregation then spread the news about the marriage within their own community. Like Marriage License bonds, the Banns were to prevent illicit marriages. Unlike the 'bonds' there was no privacy with 'Banns'. The system worked precisely because it counted on 'nosey' neighbours taking an interest in each other's business.

Banns were a practical measure, and what evidence survives, indicates they were used by all Christian churches in Ireland. Unfortunately, few churches maintained or kept separate records of banns, distinct from the Marriage registers. 'Reading the banns' was a preparatory step to celebrating the church-marriage, but once the wedding was

celebrated, the Marriage registers became the documentary record. Consequently, what survives tends to be scattered among parish records collections.

In the National Library, among the Catholic parish registers there is a register of Banns for St. Finbarr's South parish (Cork) 1753-74; and a register of dispensations in Banns for Newry parish, (Dromore) 1825-26.

There is a better survival rate of banns records among Church of Ireland parish-records, although where they survive most banns replicate coverage of the Marriage registers. Clever researchers should always compare the time-frame of banns and marriage registers, to trace unique survivals. So for example, records of banns for Killaghtee (Church of Ireland) start in 1809, predating the start of the marriage registers for this parish by 5 years.

Among the Quakers, the couple announced their intention to marry, to their respective men's and women's meeting, recorded in the minutes more than once – so it was banns in all but name.

The one source we consistently find evidence of the use of banns is in the church marriage registers.

Here are some marriage notices from the Catholic parish of Nobber (Meath), they originally caught my eye, not because of the use of banns, but because the marriages were not celebrated in a church:

- ***20th Oct 1766 After publishing the banns and finding no impediment joined in holy matrimony at Father Cruise's house, James Trenar of the parish of Cruisetown & Elenor MacCabe of the parish of Nobber in the presence of Edmund McCabe, Patrick Moyles, John Gogerty &c.***
- ***Oct. 20th 1766 After publishing the banns and finding no impediment joined in holy matrimony at the Mill of Nobber Micheal Magrane of the parish of Kelery & Mary Mooney of the parish of Nobber in the presence of Thomas Fleming Pat. Kelly & Anthony Kelly.***

And in the Church of Ireland parish registers, the Minister will usually record whether the marriage was proclaimed by 'banns' or 'license.'

Here are some marriage notices from the Union of the parishes of Newtownbarry, Barragh, Clonegal & Kilrush (Ferns, co. Wexford)

- ***Newtownbarry Married 26th Oct. 1834 Henry Stockwell of the 60th Rifles to Ellen Farrell of this parish, by Banns.***
- ***Barragh Married 29th May 1843 John Webster of Clonegal to Jane Kays of this parish, by Banns.***
- ***Clonegal Married 21 Apr. 1818 Simon Cooper of the parish of Aghold & Mary Jenkinson of this parish, by Banns***

Of course, if the records in Marriage registers and Banns are almost identical, we have to ask if records of banns are really of use or interest to researchers, other than as a historical curiosity? Or is using Banns like looking at a Will Escher drawing, where perspective appears to shrink to infinity even as we look. Evidence of Banns does not

always equate to evidence that the marriage took place, so these records can really 'shine a light' on the intimate details of past lives. The best advice this genealogist can give, is to always look for what is unique and doesn't survive elsewhere.

By Fiona Fitzsimons.

Source: Eneclann News Update 16th January 2016

Naming Patterns

Genealogists place a great importance on the naming patterns within a family, they can give us clues as to the names of the paternal and maternal grandparents. It's also worth bearing in mind, however, that children were often named after a saint if they were born on or close to that saint's day. The feast day of St. Bridget falls next Monday heralding springtime in the Celtic calendar.

Saint Bridget was a very popular saint countrywide and we see many 'Bridgets' in the baptismal registers in and around the 1st of February, just as we see a plethora of 'Patricks' in the middle of March. Less widespread although still popular was the name of Martin, whose day was celebrated on the 11th of November. Sometimes parents gave the saint's name in addition to a name they had chosen already, so for instance in Wexford parish we find a William Martin Doran born to John Doran and Bridget Keogh on the 10th of November 1861 and baptised the following day. If one didn't know that the 11th of November was St. Martin's day one might jump to the conclusion that the Dorans were naming their child after his maternal and paternal grandfather. Many saints were local to a specific county or province. We can find the baptism in Cahersiveen parish of a 'Gobineta Connell' on the 9th of February 1867 to parents Con Connell and Hanora Moriarty. Gobineta almost certainly derived her name from St. Gobnait, a saint born in county Clare, but who travelled throughout Munster, and whose feast day is the 11th of February.

So next time you see a name in a family tree that doesn't seem to quite 'fit', bear in mind that the days around the child's birth and baptism may well be relevant.

There are a number of online websites giving Irish saints' days and the Rev. John O'Hanlon's *Lives of the Irish Saints* is a very comprehensive study which details month by month the traditions associated with the saints and their feast days.

By Helen Moss.

Source: Eneclann News Update 30th January 2016

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