

General Meeting

SAT 14TH NOV
 Pam Newton: Finding famous ancestors
 11-1pm (Research)
 1-3pm Meeting

SEMINAR

Making the most of ANCESTRY.com
 Saturday 21st Nov
 10am - 4pm
FULLY BOOKED

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Thursday 10th Dec
 2pm
 at the Cottage

THE COTTAGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY 10TH DEC AND REOPENS ON TUESDAY 12TH JAN

WFHG e-Branch



From the Editor

Dear Members,

Lots of our members are running on a 1/4 of a tank at the moment, there seem to be a few bugs and moans and groans afflicting even the best of us - our President included. While she is resting up I get to jump in and share my experience of the volunteers BBQ held last weekend. It was great! Great food and great company.

While I was sitting down, catching up with various friends, I looked around the room and realised something was "odd". I thought about it for a while and realised what it was. Not one person was staring at a hand held device. Talk about the good old days.

To the right is a picture of our Volunteers, if you want to see it in more detail, visit our website (it will be uploaded soon).

Kate Walter

Editor - WFHG e-Branch

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



NOTE:

Our FREE Mini training session program is now finished for 2015. Stay tuned for more great events in 2016.

Bits and Pieces

University of Tasmania Free Online Unit Introduction to Family History

The University of Tasmania has offered a free online unit in family history which a few of our members have taken up. It has been a wonderful learning exercise for all involved and everyone has walked away with something beneficial. It certainly came with it's challenges - working online, working in groups with people you don't know, figuring out how uni courses work....it turns out the easy part was the family history content! The keen group of scholars in the photograph below recommend the course when it is next offered.



Have a look at the link below for more information. The link is for the previous offering, but there are contact details there if you want to get in touch and find out more information.

<http://www.utas.edu.au/arts/introduction-to-family-history>

The next free online course offered by UTAS is about writing family history

We have number of WFHG members enrolled in this. Enrolments close on 23rd Nov - so get in quickly and don't miss out. Visit the link below for more information.

<http://www.utas.edu.au/arts/writing-family-history>

Special Interest Groups



English / Welsh

4th Tuesday of the month
10am - 12pm

Scottish and Irish

4th Wednesday of the month
Scot: 10am - 12pm
Irish: 1pm - 3pm

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

Starts back on 23rd Jan

Events for 2016

Any member who would like to be involved in assisting with either of the following events should contact either John Selwood or our Secretary who will forward your interest on to John.

HERITAGE MONTH

April next year is Heritage Month and the Group have decided to have a walking tour of Jilliby Cemetery where we will point out the graves of some of Wyong's notable citizens from the past as well as a few less notable citizens who have contributed to Wyong's development. Also, in a further remembrance of WW1 the graves of men who served in the Great War and who are buried at Jilliby will also be recognised. Final dates for these tours are still to be finalised.

ANZAC AVE WYONG and ANZAC RD TUGGERAH

These two streets in our Shire were officially named on 12 August 1916 and 26 August 1916 respectively. They were named in honour of the men who went to the Great War. Each street was planted with trees, generally by family members of those who went to the war.

In recognition of the naming of the streets in August 1916 our Group will be holding a plaque unveiling on the same date, a centenary on from each event, to further honour the memory of Wyong's and Tuggerah's brave men.

The Anzac Ave plaque will be unveiled in Frank Balance Park and the Tuggerah plaque will be unveiled in the grounds of Tuggerah Hall.

Website News

As we are coming up to the end of the year, our research starts to take a backseat to all the dramas of the Festive Season.

This would be a good opportunity to take time to check out some of the very useful information that is on our webpage. As we have reported, we were awarded the Dorothy Fellowes Award for the best non-commercial website, and for some very good reasons. Our website is informative and easy to navigate even for visitors who don't know their way around the internet. Our pages are up-to-date, with new information being added each week, the Calendar link is on the main Homepage, our [Library pages](#) feature our on-line catalogue, notify new purchases and useful links. The e-Branch is published each month in a members' only format, and our three-monthly [Tree of Life](#) magazine is available online within days of being published in hardcopy.

Take some time to check out the **Resources** tab on the Homepage. The [Free online history resources](#) page has links to local, interstate and International resources. The [Family History News Feeds](#) page is updated daily, with a huge variety of links to Genealogical sites.

The **Members Interest** tab has pages which allow members to advertise their own websites, articles written by members to assist with research, and a page that will allow you to post those elusive photos that you need information on. If you would like to publicise the names you are researching, there are forms on the [Members Research Names - General](#) and [Convict](#) pages.

So you can see that our website is more than just a place to find out when the next meeting or workshop is on, you can also find a vast array of information to help you with your research. The website has the added advantage of all this information being available even when the Cottage is closed. You can contact me or the [web editor](#) with any suggestions, corrections or questions.



Kerry Clarke - [Secretary](#).

News Flash! Digitized Microfilm: From the Drawer to Your Computer

November 6, 2015 By [Lisa McBride](#)

Exciting news is here explaining how users will access microfilmed records found in the FamilySearch catalog. In the early weeks of November, a new feature called the Thumbnail Gallery will be available to the public. Everywhere that historical record images are visible, users can view a single full-screen image or view a gallery of thumbnail (small) images for all images on a microfilm. Parts of this new viewer can be accessed through the Record Hints on Family Tree.

Thumbnail Gallery

Some new features include:

- Viewing both the indexed data and the image together. This feature is available only with indexed records.
- Navigating to other images within the collection by clicking **Next** or jumping to a specific image.
- Viewing citation information. It is found in an information tab below each image.

Catalog Icons

In addition to these features, watch for new icons in the FamilySearch catalog. Look for the icons in the Film Notes area of the catalog record title page. The icon links will let you take three specific actions from the catalog page:

- Jump to the indexed records found on a film—click the **search icon**.
- Jump to the gallery view of images from a film—click the **camera icon**.
- Jump to film ordering—click the **film roll icon**.

If indexing is not completed for a film, the indexed (search) icon will not show in the catalog. If a film is not digitized, the camera icon will not show up. Once a film is available digitally, the film ordering icon will disappear.

Film Notes <small>(This family history center has 312 of 312 film/iche.)</small>				
NOTE	LOCATION	COLLECTION/SHELF	FILM/DGS	FORMAT
Death certificates, 1904, Beaver County - Salt Lake County (Jan-July)	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	2230661	  
Death certificates, 1904, Salt Lake County (Aug-Dec)-Wayne County	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	2230662	  
Death certificates, 1904, Weber County; Death certificates, 1905, Beaver County - Salt Lake County (Jan-Mar)	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	2229072	  

Why Is This Important?

This is a huge boon to family history centers. It enables you to take a major leap forward with transitioning from microfilm to digital access. This feature will greatly simplify the record-finding experience for center staff and visitors. Films can be accessed with just a click, rather than dealing with the hassles of ordering films, cost issues, and wait periods. FamilySearch has given priority to scanning the most-requested microfilms.

Restricted Records

It is important to note that the thumbnail gallery will respect all record restrictions. Some digitized films will be available to anyone at home with a FamilySearch log-in. Other films will be LDS-only or family history center-only. Logged in users will see the camera icon based on their access rights. Only completely unrestricted images will display the camera icon for users who are not logged in. When you notice a film with the format icons, look at the same film as a logged-in user and nonlogged-in user. View films from home and from your family history center. Becoming familiar with the icons will help you be a better resource for answers from your staff and from visitors.

FHC Film Collection

Please DO NOT begin returning your microfilm collections to Salt Lake. A complete transition to digitized film will happen over several years. You will be notified when the time is right for you to begin returning the film collection in your center. Until you hear from us, please do not send us any part of your film collections.

Bridging the Gap

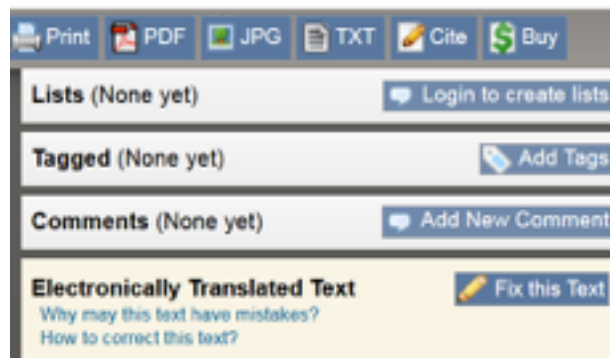
FamilySearch and its predecessors drove microfilm technology throughout the twentieth century. Today FamilySearch is a leader in the storage of digital data. The microfilm industry is fading quickly. With their demise, the cost of microfilm is growing exponentially. Soon, blank microfilm for copies will not be available at all. With the thumbnail gallery, FamilySearch is helping users bridge the gap between microfilm and digitized records. This is another opportunity for you and your staff to help member and community patrons find even more success as they seek to find their ancestors.

Making the most Trove: printing from Trove's digitised newspapers

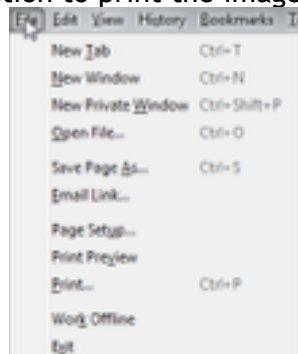
Hopefully by now you're familiar with the wonders of Trove for family and local history research. History comes alive through over one million family notices, articles and advertisements. Are you making the most of Trove? Would you like to print newspaper articles but don't know how? Follow these steps:

To print an article:

1. Click the 'Print' button at the top of the left-hand column, above the electronically translated text. The article will open in a new window and your browser will ask you to select a printer.



2. Use your browser's print function to print the image.



For more information about printing articles in Trove, visit Trove's Help Centre: <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/using-trove/digitised-newspapers/articles-in-digitised-newspapers>

FROM THE LIBRARY

GEMS IN THE LIBRARY #2

Have you ever found the date and place of arrival of your ancestors in Australia and then lost any record of them for a few years? Where did they go? What did they do? A recent addition to our CD collection CD527 “*Employment & Dispersal lists Assisted Passengers Arriving 1848-1854 at Moreton Bay, Port Phillip, Sydney and Twofold Bay*” may solve your mystery.

This CD has been installed on computers 1,2,4 and 5 in the Computer room and is accessed under Shipping.

This only covers a short time-span – a mere seven years. However, during these seven years there was a great influx of immigrants who were escaping the poverty caused by the industrial revolution and the mechanisation of farming. They looked to Australia for a better life and Australia needed them.

The information on the lists have been extracted from the NSW Governor’s Despatches with the exception of the general and disposal list of the female immigrants on the *Culloden* which is from the NSW Colonial Secretary’s In-letters. The CD contains 23,262 transcriptions for a total of 117 ships. 64 ships arrived in Sydney, 46 arrived in Port Phillip, 6 arrived in Moreton Bay and 1 in Twofold Bay.

An example is the Smart family from Huntingdonshire who arrived aboard the *Wilson Kennedy* in 1852. The entry reads – “George SMART, 37, farm servant, *Wilson Kennedy*, Departure port Plymouth arrived Sydney 27 Dec 1852. Passage partially defrayed in most cases. 3 days on ship in harbour. Wife Elizabeth, son James, 1m 1f ch 7-11 yrs, 1m ch 1-7 years. Employer Messrs Jas & Wm McArthur Camden. Wages £25. Term 12 months with double rations.”

Son James at age 15 was considered an adult and had a separate entry – “James SMART, 15, farm servant, passage partially defrayed in most cases – 3 days on ship in harbour. Parents George & Elizabeth & c. Gone with his parents.”

3 yr old Elizabeth Smart is mentioned as having died 10 Nov 1853 of diarrhoea during the voyage.

Also on board was George’s older brother John – “John SMART, 32, house servant. Passage partially defrayed in most cases. 3 days on ship in harbour. Wife Elizabeth. Employer both; Mr C Prout, Cooks River near Sydney. Wages both £35. Term 6 months with board & lodging.”

If this was your family, what a wonderful find this would be.

The CD is fully searchable by surname and forename, ship, arrival port or a combination of these. By just typing in a surname you might find another ancestor you didn't know you had.

So, come into the Cottage and have a look at this resource. And remember this information is NOT AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET.

Esther Dean
Member # 23
Life Member

BOOK STALL BARGAIN BIN

The following second hand books are currently available for purchase at the Cottage. Please contact the Cottage by phone: 4351 2211 or email: wfhg06@westnet.com.au if you are interested in purchasing any of these items. Extra post and packaging charges will apply should you not be able to collect book/s from the Cottage.

BOOK STALL BARGAIN BIN

No	Title	ISBN No.	Author	Date
1	<i>The Underwoods, Lock Stock & Barrel</i> - The Underwood Estate - 3 brothers travel from London docks to Sydney. They went on to employ hundreds of men, sail fleets of ships and carry cargo all over the world Used/Excellent condition paperback \$10	1 86252 925 6	Liz Parkinson	1989
2	<i>Faded Dreams</i> - John Lees and Mary Stevens 1771. A series of biographies about a group of families who are the ancestors of 4 of the author's children. Used paperback \$5		Robert B Ellis	
3	<i>The Hunters of Birsay from Orkney to Australia 1727 – 1997</i> . Tracing the Hunter family and descendants. Photos & family trees incl. - Used, Very good condition paperback \$5		Joyce Craig	
4	<i>Botany Bay</i> . . The story of convicts transported from Ireland to Australia 1791 - 1853. Photos. Includes Irish County Towns. Used - paperback \$10	085342 808 5	Con Costello	1987
5	<i>The Macarthurs of Camden</i> - Some early records of the Macarthurs of Camden - Dedication written by Elizabeth Macarthur Onslow - First published 1914. Used Hardcover \$15		S M Onslow	1973

6	General Muster & Land & Stock Muster of NSW 1822. This records the end of an era in NSW with the departure of Governor Lachlan Macquarie - Used, very good cond. Hardcover \$20	0 949032 08 5	Australian Biographical & Genealogical Record SAG	1988
7	Musters of New South Wales and Norfolk Island 1805 - 1806 - Records ships arrivals, occupations, employers, relationships, land acquisition, stock, crops and children etc. Used, very good cond. Hardcover \$20	0 949032 09 3	Australian Biographical & Genealogical Record SAG	1989
8	Dispatched Downunder - Tracing the resting places of the first fleters - photos/ headstones/maps of cemeteries. Sydney's first burial ground 1788-1792 New - Hardcover \$25	987 0 646 90787 1	Ron Withington	2013
9	Colonial Ladies - Fascinating stories of many of the early convict women, Elizabeth Macarthur, Lady Denison, Lady Franklin, Amy Henning, Georgina McCrae and Penelope Selby, just a few of the women who came to Australia in the early days of the Colony. Used - Hardcover \$5	0 85902 258 7	Maggie Weidenhofer	1985
10	Descendants of John Simons of Ashwell 1700 -1762 Following the family tree of John Simons (Hertfordshire). Family stories passed down through the years. Includes family trees. Used - ring bound copy \$8		Compiled by Peter Simmons & Roslyn Jenkinson	2008

From the Library
New Acquisitions for October 2015

Books

FAM082 *The Smith Family from Solihull, Warwickshire, England to Parramatta, New South Wales, from 1796 to 2015.*

This book was kindly donated by the author, Cecily M Smith of Kingston QLD. Cecily was a contributor to the 2013 edition of the Wyong Pioneer Register and this book contains information on many well-known family names in the Wyong Shire.

GUI129 *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian.*

This book attempts to strip away much of the confusion that researchers experience when they attempt to cite their sources. Indexed.

LHW068 *Yarramalong Valley History Notes.*

This book, which was published on behalf of the Wyong District Museum and Historical Society, was donated by the author Max Farley. It was released at the recent re-opening of Alison Homestead and provides a wonderful history, including photographs, of Wyong Shire's Yarramalong Valley. Indexed.

LHW070 *The Day We Celebrate - A History of the Wyong District Pioneers Association.*

This book was published to record the beginnings of the Pioneer movement in 1915 through to the present day - 100 years. It contains wonderful stories and photographs of many of our district's pioneers. Indexed.

NSP047 *Wyong and Lakes District Advocate - Wednesday, July 3. 1968.*

An interesting read for those who would like to know just what was making news around Wyong in 1968. This particular edition includes a story and photograph of the 21st Birthday celebration held for our late member Rosalie Walker.

NSP047 *Sydney Cove Chronicle 30th June, 1790.*

Published as a supplement to the Daily Mirror in March, 1969, this broadsheet gives a realistic glimpse of exactly what was happening in Sydney in 1790. It also includes a list of convicts who were to have sailed, or did sail in the transports Neptune, Surprise, Scarborough and Lady Juliana at this time.

SCT002 *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors Sixth Edition.*

This book is the latest guide to ancestry research in the national records of Scotland and ScotlandsPeople. It includes an index to classes and types of records as well as an index to categories of individuals.

Glenise Clery. Member #284. Life Member.

SNIPPETS: Extracts from family history magazines and journals**SNIPPETS FOR NOVEMBER 2015 E-BRANCH**

BENDIGO JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015.

Local content.

ARMIDALE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. OCTOBER 2015

Pgs 1, 4/5 John Nankervis – A Cornishman who Mined Gold in Australia: Part 2. (The Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company).

BLUE MOUNTAINS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. OCTOBER 2015

Pgs 14-21 The Identity of George Moran. Fitting the pieces of a puzzle together.

BOTANY BAY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. SEPTEMBER 2015

Pgs 11/12 Can You Help? Socialist Colony at Como in the 1880s?

Pgs 13-18 Tenterfield Pioneers. Names from the 1860s/70s.

Pgs 24-28 I Think Great Grandma Might Have been Jewish. Information from the Australian Jewish Genealogy Society. Includes large number of websites.

**CESSNOCK DISTRICT HISTORICAL AND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.
AUGUST 2015**

Pgs 6-25 Gallipoli. Includes detailed lists of names and a number of photos of local residents who served at Gallipoli.

FAMILY TREE (U.K.) OCTOBER 2015

Pgs 20-25 Finding your ancestors in the Quarter Sessions.

Pgs 34-37 Unlocking the Closet.

Pgs 61-64 Utopian lost and found: the search for living relatives. Suggestions for how and where to search including a number of websites.

Pgs 65-69 The Jews of Cornwall.

Pgs 78/79 Gems from the Crinoline Church. Research into Royal Marines in Portsmouth unearthed records from this long-gone wooden church.

www.dennisbillfamilyhistory.co.uk.

HURSTVILLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2015

Pg 12 N.S.W. Convict Records – Lost and Saved. First part of two part article.

LIVERPOOL GENEALOGY SOCIETY INC. OCTOBER 2015

Pgs 6-8 Hugh O'Donnell of Sligo.

Pg 19 Badgerys Creek: Graves will be dug up to make way for new airport. Graves in the grounds of St. John's Anglican Church and the Uniting Church – both in Pitt Street.

THE HERALDRY & GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF CANBERRA INC. SEPTEMBER 2015

Pgs 128-133 100 Anzacs. A further twenty one names with details of service.

The theme of this issue is DNA research with a number of articles in relation to the subject.

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

Pgs 4-10 FTM₂₀₁₄ FTM3. Outcomes of Updates and Smart Stories.

Pgs 18-23 Legacy Family Tree. Modifying Legacy.

Pgs 24-28 Reunion 11. Reunion – a quick view of the Sources Sidebar.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. SEPTEMBER 2015

Pgs 73/74 Being Prepared for Death. Ideas to think about in preparation for a death.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? SEPTEMBER 2015

- Pgs 9/10 New Zealand Passenger list online. Wordpress blog contains a selection of New Zealand Shipping Company passenger listings. **nzsc.wordpress.com**.
- Pgs 22/23 Now find your Polish-Jewish Refugee Ancestor. Websites to assist in your search.
- Pgs 49-51 Fishermen and fishing communities. Number of websites.
- Pgs 52-56 Focus on Criminal Records. Online and in the archives.
- Pgs 61-63 Focus on Merchant Navy Crew Lists and Agreements.
- Pgs 81-85 Around Britain. County Durham. Best websites and resources.

Meg Gibson Member 43.

November 2015 newsletter snippets- all e journals

Adelaide & ND FHG Sept. 2015: Pg 3 UK Merchant Navy Seaman crew lists for 1915 now available online at <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> ,pgs 5-6 Alexander Tolmer- SA Police Commissioner during the gold rush, Pg7 How to use genscriber to decipher old handwritten documents found online . There is a free Windows version and a Mac –style version available for download at <http://genscriber.com/genapps>

Australind [WA] FHS Sept. 2015: Pgs 5-8 War hospitals of WW1 for Australian wounded - Bishops Knoll in Bristol – where a hospital newsletter **Coo-ee** was also produced and Harefield Park in Middlesex. Both were originally family estates with Australian connections. This hospital produced a magazine called the **Boomerang**. Both have cemeteries containing Australian men and women. Pgs 9-15 Australian Nurses in WW1- their role and some details of specific nurses, info on Ambulance trains.

Caloundra FH Research Group Sept. 2015: Pgs 18- 23 A history of the battle of Waterloo [200 year anniversary in June 2015] Pg 24 Highlight on an Ancestry.com resource- Baptism, Marriages, Burials Records from St John’s C of E Parish Parramatta from 1790-various dates. Pgs 27- 31 Mock interview idea from a family reunion where the ‘original’ immigrants are asked questions.

Casino & district FHS Sept 2015: Pg.4 UK slave owner’s database now online at <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/> , Pgs 5-6 Hints on tracing Female ancestors, Pg.6 Historical map site <http://airo.maynoothuniversity.ie/mappingresources/airo-research-themes/historical-mapping> Pg.7 Fagin’s children [a database of UK gaol records relating to child offenders around Newcastle via Tyne and Wear Archives and Museum website, Pg.8 Victoria’s places details info about towns throughout the state www.victorianplaces.com.au Pg.10 more tips from Trove- using the ~ and tags, and creating a list. <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/usingtrove> , Pg.15 Interesting websites, including The Scottish Mining Website <http://www.scottishmining.co.uk/> , For a comprehensive database of German Headstones in Australia please visit the following

website: <http://www.familienarchivpapsdorf.de/pgv/index.php?ctype=gedcom&ged=aaastandard.ged>

Coffs Harbour District FHS Sept.2015: Pg.8 Historical notes on 19th and early 20th century Coffs cont. Pg.9-11 The WW1 diary of Tom Yeomans pt.3, Pg12-13 Interesting websites.

Hawkesbury FHS Sept.2015: Pgs 3-6 Henry Packman, basket maker of Howes Creek, Pgs 7-9 Solomon Wiseman, Hawkesbury Pioneer, Pgs 11- 13 Back to Windsor 1932. Pg.14 Possible Death records, Pgs 15- 20 British Newspaper Archives website explained, including a list of newspapers covered. Pgs 21-22 George Seymour of Windsor, Pgs 23-26 Richmond Bridge turns 110.

Manning Wallambah FHS Aug. 2015: Pgs 7-8 cemetery research tips, Pgs 9-10 Accuracy vs Assumption.

Mildura & District Gen. Soc.2015: Pgs 5-14 Mildura, Our Sacrifice for the Empire [WW1 involvement], including local family WW1 connections, Pg. 16 Friends of the Cerberus Inc. <http://www.cerberus.com.au/muster>

Newcastle FHS Sept. 2015: Pg.4 The wharf later Queen's Wharf, Newcastle, Pg.5 German naming patterns- Germans tended to give their children several given names. Boys would often have Johann or Johannes as a first name. However, they would normally be known by the given name closest to the surname. Therefore **Johann Conrad Wilhelm Schmidt** would normally be called **Wilhelm Schmidt**. Pg.9 **Italian Naming Conventions** In the majority of Italian civil records and even on gravestones, the surname is given before the given name. Many immigrants continued this practice when they came to the UK. Women kept their maiden names throughout their lives – a bonus for the family historian. Pg. 10 The Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013 explained, and Newcastle's Lost Cemeteries cont. Pg. 12 Surgeons at sea, Pgs 14-16 Placenames of Newcastle that have changed, Pg.17- Flagstaff Hill- Fort Scratchley, Pg.20 WW1 Repatriation records <http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/> For anyone searching for a person who is difficult to locate or for someone who they knew or thought may have been placed in care or arrived as a child migrant, the *Find and Connect* website is an excellent place to begin your research or to assist you personally. <http://www.findandconnect.gov.au/> Pgs 21- Finding children not obviously listed in official records.

Richmond-Tweed FHS Sept.2015: Pg.11 Diary of a war [WW1], Pg.17 FamilySearch.org has created a new browsable image collection of Tasmanian Government Gazettes from 1833 to 1925. These gazettes list convicts, ship arrivals, property sales and much more. Can be browsed by date. They have also created a browsable image collection of Tasmanian civil registrations of births covering the years 1899 to 1912, consisting of some 12,700 images. The list is organised by place and then by year. Findmypast.com.au has also added an index of Queensland wills, covering the years 1857 to 1940. The index provides details of those who died in Queensland as well as those who registered their wills in Queensland and then lived elsewhere at the time of their death.

Sale FHG Sept. 2015: WW1 soldier Keith Jackson and Sale gaol history.

Singleton FHS Aug. 2015: Pg. 4- Remembering the 1955 flood, Pgs.5-6 The war ends VP Day 1945, Pgs7- 8 William John Dangar, son of Henry.

Irish Research Tips



Research Tip of The Week

Researching the Census Records

When an emigrant has left Ireland prior to 1901, we largely think that might be the end of their story in Irish records. However, a few recent searches have shown the usefulness of searching for the emigrant's parent (s) in the 1901 Census.

My great grandmother, Eliza, (b 1858) took her young family to the US in 1888 taking a large part of my family history to the USA. What I hadn't realized how worthwhile it would prove to search for Eliza's family of origin on the Census. Remarkably, Eliza's elderly mother, Ann, was enumerated in both the 1901 and 1911 Census. This supplied me with the following useful clues for this branch of the family:

- Given that Ann was widowed by 1901, I now had a book end year to search for the death and a possible will for her husband, Mathew.
- The census entry gave me an approx. year of birth for Ann, taking the family back to the early part of the 19th century, some twenty years prior to her marriage in the late 1850s, my earliest documented record to date.
- Ann described herself as a farmer, and as head of the household, which included her adult son, and daughter in law. This tells

something of the family dynamic here and that Ann held on to the farm after her son's marriage.

- The census entry provided useful information on Eliza's siblings, which because of her emigration, had been overlooked.
- Eliza's emigration had been prompted by an invitation from her mother's sister. The census had given an approx. age for Ann, so a year of birth could be estimated for Aunt Lucy. Using this year of birth, I have successfully traced Lucy in American records and learnt a whole lot more about this branch of the family and have had the pleasure of establishing contact with one of Lucy's descendants. All this from the 1901 Census.

By Expert Researcher, Carmel Gilbride

Source: Eneclann News October 13, 2015

Research Tip of the Week

Marriage Settlements

A recent search had as its starting point a prerogative marriage license bond from 1780. A prerogative marriage license bond indicated that one or both of the parties had substantial resources. The next step for us automatically led to the Registry of Deeds, a potential goldmine for the determined researcher. We hoped to find a marriage settlement for the couple dating to this year and whilst not all marriage settlements were registered, we were fortunate that this one was. It gave us a wealth of information.

We learnt that the groom was an orphan and minor, and 'his considerable fortune' was held in trust. The settlement detailed the name and place of origin of his father and the name of the trustees. We were also given information about the bride's assets and the settlement described with pin-point accuracy the land held by the bride's family, which acted as a gateway for us to fill in details about earlier generations. Both the bride and groom died young and their daughter's marriage settlement in the 1810s was also registered giving us the means to work forward and learn more about the family in the 19th century.

By Expert Researcher, Helen Moss

Source: Eneclann News October 24, 2015