

**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.**

State Records Bus Trip

29th March 2017

Cost: \$25 pp

Contact the cottage on

4351 - 2211

For more information

WFHG e-Branch



From The Editor

Hi all,

Just a quick note to remind you that if you have any information, stories or tips to share in the e-Branch you can send them through to wfhgweb@westnet.com.au.

I haven't mentioned the UTAS Diploma in Family History for a while - next week I am about to embark on the last unit in the course. It is called "Families at War" and I am hoping to get some clues as to where I can look for records for my husbands First Fleet ancestor who - according to her obituary - followed her first husband over to America for the "American War". This course does come with a fee - but it is heavily discounted, around the \$450 mark I think, and payment can be deferred via the FEE-Help system (or whatever it's called these days).

Kate Walter (e-Branch editor)

- 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

March 2017

Tues 7th - DNA information session

Wed 15th - Finding records on Family Search



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

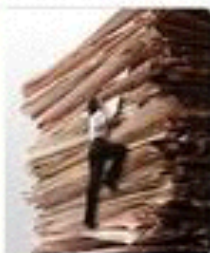
English and Welsh Interest Group is moderated by Helen Burkett Meets the 3rd Tuesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon

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

STATE RECORDS BUS TRIP



Our first trip to State Records for 2017 will be on Wednesday 29 March 2017. Cost is \$25 per head.

We have organised a behind the scenes tour for those who wish to avail themselves of this service (provided we can get six or more interested people). The tour takes about an hour and then the rest of the day is available for research.

For those who do not want to go on the tour they can get a head start on their research as soon as they get to the Kingswood facility.

REMINDER - State Records is out of the way and there are no shop facilities. It will be necessary to bring your lunch. There is a lunchroom available with a microwave oven, refrigerator and tea/coffee making equipment. Lockers are also available for bags etc.

PLEASE NOTE.....IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT

It is necessary to have a reader's ticket (free). This can be organised online www.records.nsw.gov.au and the ticket will be waiting for you when you arrive. If you wish to speak to staff at State Records prior to the trip the phone number is 02 9673 1788.

Bags are not allowed in the reading room, but you can take in a folder with research tasks etc. You are only allowed to use **pencils** in the research room. If you require paper records such as wills, insolvency records, school records etc it is a good idea to pre-order these documents so they will be available when you arrive, saving you some waiting time. Up to four (4) items can be pre-ordered. You will find the reference numbers and the two (2) pre-order forms on the website. Remember any item that has a REEL NUMBER does not have to be ordered as reels are stored along the wall and are easily accessed.



GOSFORD LDS

Family Search - Family Discovery Day

Saturday 25th March 2017

10am - 2.30pm

Gosford LDS Chapel

14-24 Akora Road, WYOMING

(across from ALDI - parking around the back of the chapel)

Family Discovery Days are held to provide people with information about Family Search and the amazing free resources it offers. Register your interest at the website below.

<http://hyperlinkthegenerations.weebly.com>

The theme of this event is - **Hyperlink the Generations**

and is specifically focused on sharing ideas about how to work on our family history collaboratively - making sure the whole family can be involved.

Some of the activities (**all are FREE**) running on the day include:

Training sessions - Beginner through to Advanced sessions about getting the most out of Family Search

One-on-one research help - Local LDS family history consultants and Wyong Family History Group members will be onsite to help you with specific research questions.

Indexing training - Don't miss it! If you aren't doing a little bit of indexing from time to time - why not!!?

A scanning station - bring in that shoe box of documents and photos under the bed and our friendly LDS youngsters will scan them onto a USB for you, or upload them onto your online Family Tree

Family group brainstorm sessions - bring your family along and sit down in front of the big screen and look at your family tree together! Share the stories - see where the gaps are and delegate branches for further research. A great way to all get on the same page. Bookings essential.

Creative competitions / displays - Three categories: 1) Short story (flash piece) 2) A picture says a thousand words and 3) Family recipes. Check out the website for full details and conditions. Not sure if there will be "prizes"...working on it!

Lunch - gold coin donation with all proceeds going to our community family history groups (eg Wyong Family History Group)

FROM THE LIBRARY

New Acquisitions for February 2017

CDs

CD554 *Teachers 1925 – NSW Public Service List.*

This CD gives a list of teachers permanently employed in High, Intermediate High and Primary Schools on 31 December 1925. Gives name, date of birth, first appointment and salary details.

Open CD Collection on the desktop on Computer 1, 2, 4 or 5 in the computer room opposite the Library and then open the NSW folder where you will find this among many other interesting CDs relating to records for NSW. Recently installed CDs can also be found under the *NEW SOFTWARE* icon on computers 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CD555 *NSW Public Service List 1934.*

This CD does not include records for teachers. It shows full name, date of birth, office held, first appointment to service, date of present position (1934) and details of salary and allowances.

Find under CD Collection> NSW Folder> Computers 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CD556 *Queensland Directory 1903.*

Wise's Queensland Post Office and Official Directory for 1903 includes an index to contents, street index of Brisbane, index to advertisers, as well as an alphabetical directory of the people whose details appear in this publication.

Find under CD Collection> Queensland Folder> Computers 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CD557 *Mudgee Church Records.*

This CD includes Church of England Baptisms 1840's to 1860's, Mudgee District Church Weddings 1840's to 1890's, Presbyterian Baptisms 1897 – 1920s and later and Roman Catholic Baptisms 1840's – 1890's.

Find under CD Collection> NSW Folder> Computers 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CD558 *NSW Educational Gazette June 1893 to May 1895.*

Includes a list of teacher appointments and promotions during this time, personal notices on occasion of death, retirement and resignation and a small number of obituaries. Also included are lists of student examination and university results.

Find under CD Collection> NSW Folder> Computers 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CD559 *Pugh's Almanac and Queensland Directory 1895.*

Includes an index to advertisements, general index, index to ports and harbours, index to postal and other routes, tide tables, table of rainfall in Queensland during 1893 and a full copy of the Almanac.

Find under CD Collection> Queensland Folder> Computers 1, 2, 4 and 5.

The 6 CDs listed above were kindly donated to the Group by fellow member Joanne Flack and we thank her very much for this contribution to our records.

Glenise Clery. Librarian. LM #284.

BOOK STALL BARGAIN BIN MARCH 2017	ISBN NO.	AUTHOR	DATE
<p>Illustrated History of New South Wales \$5</p> <p>This book has brilliant historical photographs and written dialogue giving the history of every event in NSW worth recording from 1788 to 1980 . It should be required reading in every school because it would give pupils the background to our heritage. It includes all the personalities, both good and bad, who we should know about but most are unknown. \$5 for this book is an absolute bargain considering its content.</p>	0 7270 1405 6	Cedric Flower	1981
<p>The Black Soil Plains and Beyond \$10</p> <p>This is the story through the voices of the men of the most highly regarded and trained formations of World War II. It traces the First Australian Armoured Division from its inception in 1941 through manouvres in NW New South Wales and subsequest reorganisation. to its occupancy of the mid-west of Western Australia concluding with its disbandonment in September 1943 due to lack of suitable machines. These skilled men went on to serve in other divisions.</p>	97806469059 76	Cate Clark	2013
<p>Pre 1901 Gosford Pioneer Register Volume 1 \$8</p> <p>The information in this volume is compiled by researchers and descendents of families who lived in the Gosford City Council district. It includes many photographs of ancestors plus relevant dates of birth, ship date and place of arrival, religion, occupation, marriage, death and burial details. Absolutely loaded with data of interest to the families of those persons included. A good reference book.</p>	09578197 8 1	Central Coast Family History Society Inc.	2002
<p>Dover Harbour 1789 -1798 \$3</p> <p>This is written to inform the reader about Dover Harbour, its surrounds and its history. The auther however has endeavoured to present his information couched in the the form of a novel. Very small print and lots of interest in the subject needed.</p>	None	Thomas Armstrong	April 1948 Edition

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Nullodolla 1988 \$5	0 9598629 4 3	Nullodolla District History Society	1972 Updated 1988
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Where possible direct quotes from documents have been used.

Archaic phrases are explained. Spelling as found.

When recording the events before 1860 what is now Ulladulla is called Boat Harbour. What is now Milton was called Settlement.

The whole area from the coast to the mountains, and from Conjola to Burrill was then called Ulladulla. After 1860 the place names are as at present.

Greengrove Cemetery \$5

Formerly known as Lower Mangrove Creek Church of England Cemetery, Gosford City NSW. This is a detailed study by Central Coast Family History Society of Greengrove Cemetery and other relevant sources. Much more than a list of burials. Each person buried in a marked grave is profiled and includes a photograph of the grave. There is information about the unmarked burials

0 9756769 0 3	Central Coast Family History Society Inc.
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Index to Census of NSW 1891 and 1901 (two books) \$3 each

0 957 8197 0 6	Central Coast Family History Society Inc.
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Gives Names, District, Locality and film No.

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Illustrated History of the Kelly Gang \$3

The cartoons and illustrations in this book are quite brilliant, but the story that goes with them has all been said before.

0 522 84168 6	Alec Brierley	1978
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On the Spur of the Moment \$5

The forward of this book is by R.M Williams. AO CMG and Gabby Hollows. Beautifully illustrated throughout.

0 646 38378 7	Bruce Walker	1999
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IRISH RESEARCH TIPS FEBRUARY 2017



Research Tip of the week

Cemetery Records

For many people, identifying the final resting place of ones' ancestors can often prove an important aspect of family history research.

The main difficulty with this particular branch of genealogical research, is whether or not a record actually survives, be it in the form of a burial register or a physical memorial.

If such a record does survive the next major obstacle is that there is no central repository for physical or online records. The records are scattered throughout the physical and digital worlds.

The practice of transcribing cemetery records has been relatively commonplace for most of the 20th and 21st centuries (and even before in some instances). Usually these surveys were undertaken either by individuals with a particular interest in a given cemetery/area or, as has become more common, those conducted by local history/genealogy groups. Many of these transcripts have been deposited in local libraries or published in local history/genealogical periodicals.

In more recent times the management of the majority of cemeteries has come under the remit of the County Councils and local government. This has led to production and publication of searchable online databases for some areas.

Below are some examples of such databases I have had cause to use in recent times. The list is by no means exhaustive and often the best way to establish if there has been a survey of a given graveyard is to contact the local library (to see if they have any such holdings), the local council (to determine if a database has been created for a given

cemetery) or a good 'old-fashioned' Google search (to see if some kind soul has published something online).

Glasnevin -<http://www.glasnevintrust.ie/genealogy/>

Possibly the best-known online cemetery records with burials dating back to the early 19th century. Majority of burials are for those that died in Dublin, but given the capital was a draw to many from rural areas, those buried there may have hailed from other parts of the country. Searches are free, but there are fees to view records and images of the burial registers.

Belfast City Council -<https://ssl.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialsearch/BurialSearch.aspx>

Burials date to 1869 and the site covers Belfast City, Roselawn and Dundonald Cemeteries. Free searchable transcription database of burial records.

Kerry Local Authorities - <http://www.kerrylaburials.ie/en/Index.aspx>

Records for 140 Kerry local authority cemeteries. Free searchable transcription database, images also available of burial registers.

Historic Graves - <http://historicgraves.com/>

Records cover a large part of the country, particularly good for the midlands and Munster (ex. Kerry). Free searchable transcription database, images also often available for the actual gravestones. Not all gravestone images are transcribed, so it is sometimes worth browsing the images for a given cemetery.

IGP Archive -<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/index.htm#gsc.tab=0>

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archive has transcriptions for cemeteries throughout the country, broken down by county. Most are text files of data, so using the Find/Search function on your browser can be useful.

By Expert Researcher

Stephen Peirce

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

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member

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SNIPPETS FOR MARCH 2017 E-BRANCH GOULBURN FEBRUARY 2017

Local content.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

- Pgs 12-15 Wright Brothers. Coach Builders of Goulburn.
 Pgs 28-30 Albert Leslie Perry aka Stone. Brother of the founder of Perry Brothers Circus.
 Pgs 34-39 Ewan Cameron and the Star Hotel, Newcastle.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS FEBRUARY 2017

- Pg 7 New Convict Research Guide. www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/convicts.
 Pg 8 Public Record Office Victoria. On 1 January 2017, another year of files was opened to the public for the first time. www.prov.vic.gov.au
 Pgs 20/21 What happened to William Joseph Langrish?
 Pgs 40/41 Australian family histories: a bibliography and index. Mr. Reid needs someone or some organisation to take this off his hands.
 Pgs 43-47 New on the Net.

COALFIELDS HERITAGE GROUP (CESSNOCK, KURRI KURRI, MAITLAND)

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

- Pgs 16-21 Aldine Biographies. Names: J. Campbell and Co., J.W. Pulver and Co., Geary, Murphy, The Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Ltd), Johnson, Weakley, Williams and Weakley, Froome, Thurling and Fletcher.
 Pgs 22-28 Coalfields Inquests (1862 – 1871). Names: McDonald, Groves, Lewis, Simmons, Saunders, Wratten (Whitten), Clifton and Rayfield.

FAMILY TREE (U.K.) FEBRUARY 2017

- Pg 6 Step forward soldiers' descendants. 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele. www.passchendaele2017.org.
 Pg 7 250-year-old census. 1764 Census of the remote Scottish archipelago of St. Kilda. www.familytr.ee/StKildaCensus.
 Pgs 11-15 How to solve family mysteries & research problems.
 Pgs 40-45 Tracing your Agricultural Labourers.
 Pgs 47-54 DNA Exclusive Pull-out Guide.
 Pgs 66-69 Discover your Sheffield cutlers.

INSIDEHISTORY SUMMER 2017

- Pg 17 St. John's Cemetery Project: conserving a colonial-era cemetery. www.sthohnscemeteryparramatta.org/search.
 Pgs 22-25 What's New Online. Paid and free sites.
 Pgs 30-33 Back to the books. 35 history and genealogy courses, webinars, podcasts and more.
 Pgs 40-45 Sanctuary in the city. Crown Street Women's Hospital operated for 90 years from 1893 – 1983.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. JANUARY 2017

- Pgs 4-10 Family Tree Maker – Options, Preferences and Tools – Part 1.
 Pgs 11-14 Boolean Basics – Part 2.
 Pgs 18/19 Recording the Locations of Your Family Photographs.
 Pg 20 Google's ne free Photoscan etc. www.google.com/photos/scan.
 Pg 26 Family Book Creator. A plugin for Family Tree Maker.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. FEBRUARY 2017

- Pgs 4-12 Family Tree Maker – Options, Preferences and Tools – Part 2.
 Pgs 16-19 Legacy Family Tree. Tags, Focus Groups and Hashtags – Part 1.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? JANUARY 2017

- Pgs 17-25 50 Hottest Websites for 2017. From A to Z.
 Pgs 36-39 My ancestor was held at Broadmoor.
 Pgs 52-56 Focus on Poor Law Records. Records online and in the archives.
 Pgs 61-63 Focus on Death duties.
 Pgs 71-73 My ancestor was a Nanny.
 Pgs 81-86 Around Britain. City of London. Archives and resources.

Meg Gibson Member 43.