

**General Meeting**

**SAT 13TH FEB**  
 11-1pm (Research)  
 1-3pm Meeting

**STATE RECORDS BUS TRIP**

2nd April  
 More info coming soon

**INTRO TO FACEBOOK**

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

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

# WFHG e-Branch



## From the President

Happy New Year to all our members, we hope to see you visit us at the Cottage this year and see if you can break down some brick walls or find some interesting information on your ancestors. We have subscriptions to a number of sites with excellent resources on them to be found. Our librarian Glenise works hard to keep you informed of new resources and updates, our secretary Kerry sends weekly reminders of what's on and we have some good workshops coming up. Also, our website is constantly updated so make some time this year to devote to your family history.

On a personal note as many of you will know I have had major surgery and spent some time in hospital, in fact I have been ill for some time. Let me take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for your support, for those who rang me, came to visit me and the lovely flowers. It shows what a wonderful group we belong to and the support and well wishes have helped me in my recovery.

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

Wed 20th Jan - [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) 10-11am

Tues 9th Feb - google training session 10-11am

More information coming to the website soon

## Bits and Pieces



**Come and have a look at our new deck. It has been in need of repair for sometime and finally someone whispered the words “health and safety” - and viola - a new deck appeared.**



**(Is that how the story went? Feel free to correct my artistic license on that one - KW)**

**What these photos don't convey of course is the amazing view over the back of Wyong. Such a lovely place.**

## Special Interest Groups



### English / Welsh

4th Tuesday of the month  
10am - 12pm (Back in Feb)

### Scottish and Irish

4th Wednesday of the month  
10am - 12pm

### Convict

2nd Wed of the month  
10am - 12pm (Back in Feb)

### FamilyTree Maker

2nd Thursday of the month  
1-3pm (Back in Feb)

### Using Microsoft Word

2nd Tuesday of the month  
12.30 - 3pm (back in Feb)

### Tablet / iPad

Starts back on 23rd Jan

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# FROM THE LIBRARY

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## GEMS IN THE LIBRARY # 4

This month I'd like to highlight a little used section in our Library – the category titled **Funeral Directors Records**. It's a small section, situated on the top shelf to the right of the doorway, which could provide the solution to a brick wall.

Various Family History Societies have been fortunate to gain access to the records of their local Funeral Directors, transcribed them, and then made them available to the public.

They generally contain the name of the deceased, age at death, date of death, date of funeral and place of funeral, but can also contain such gems as the grave location, place of birth, relative etc., depending on the record kept by the Funeral Director.

If you have a relative whose date of death is hard to find, please check out the Funeral Directors Records section. This is particularly handy for deaths occurring post 1985 which is the cut off date for official BDM indexes and also our NSW Probate microfiche.

Imagine that your relative is Mrs Christina Campbell Clayton. The entry for her in the records of **FDR003 Wood Coffill** in Katoomba reads “*Date of Death Friday 16 May 1952; Age at Death 83 years, Place of Death Blue Mountains Hospital Katoomba, Date of Burial Saturday 17 May 1952, Place of Burial Northern Suburbs, Religion PR, Minister Waugh, Informant Mr Wallace H Stevenson, Relationship Son-in-law, address of informant 293 Katoomba Street Katoomba.*” As if this isn't enough under the heading Other Details “*Remove to Katoomba chapel where Funeral leaves. Advertisements CLAYTON, Christina Campbell, May 10 1952 at Katoomba & of 28 Barry Street Neutral Bay, beloved Mother of Hazel, Kenneth (Dec) and Peggy (Mrs W.H. Stevenson) aged 83 years. Auckland papers please copy. A Service for the late Mrs Christina Campbell Clayton will be held in the Chapel of Northern Suburbs Crematorium this (Sat) morning at 10 o'clock.*”

Not quite as informative but handy is the entry in **FDR005 Alan Harris McDonald Funerals Wagga** for “*Gary Russell KEW, age 21, Cowabbie Street Coolamon, date of death 29 Oct 1958, date of burial 31 Oct 1958, place of burial Church of England Section of Coolamon Cemetery*”

Closer to home our own Group has been transcribing the records of Simplicity Funerals on the Central Coast. Also **FDR010 Bowdens Family Funerals** (1999-2015).

But wait, there's more!!! Then there is our CD collection under the category ***Cemeteries and Funeral Directors*** which includes ***Max Perrams Funeral Records for Liverpool NSW*** (1962-1997) and ***Logan Funeral Directors in Narrabri*** (1900-2009). Also in this section are the records of ***RH Creighton in Gosford, Gosford Courthouse Burial Records, Charles Kinsela in Sydney, Metcalfe and Morris in Parramatta*** and two ***Funeral Directors in Taree – E W Bridge and W F Howard***.

Finally take a wander into the front computer room and in the top drawer of the microfiche cabinet under the heading ***Funerals and Burials*** you will find the records of ***Olsens in Sutherland*** (1963-1990) and ***Walter Carter*** (1887-1922).

Esther Dean  
LM # 23

## The Drop Files

For those of you newer members of the Group, well may you ask “*what are the Drop Files?*”

The Drop files are a series of manila folders, containing hard copy snippets of information relating to family history research, which have been donated to the Group by members both past and present, over many years. These manila folders are kept in a filing cabinet which can be found in the computer room opposite the Library. I am pleased to inform you that with the help of two other members, namely Maureen Turner and Kerry Clarke, all items in these manila folders have been listed on an excel spreadsheet which is fully searchable. Links to this spreadsheet can be found on the Group's website under the Resources tab, which means that you can check from home for items that may be of benefit to your research, and also under a shortcut on the desktop of the Library laptop and Computer 2 in the room opposite the Library.

Why not have a quick look now? This [\*\*DROP FILES LINK\*\*](#) will take you straight to the file.

A small desk, which was kindly built by Martin Fisher, has been placed beside the filing cabinet and is to be used by those wishing to look through these files. Members are asked to keep items in any folder looked through, in numerical order. Each folder and item contained within have their own letter and number sequence as indicated on the database. Photocopies of any item of interest can be made on the printer in the office provided normal photocopy fees are paid. Please ensure you return the original item to the folder after photocopying.

Should you wish to donate an item for these files (please, not anything that can be readily found on the internet as we don't have storage room), you will find a “Drop Files” tray in the office where such items can be placed. Please ensure that the source of the

information is noted. If the item is considered suitable, it will be added to the database and placed in the relevant file by Library staff. The database will be updated monthly on the website, the Library laptop and Computer 2.

Many varied and wonderful resources are available at the Cottage to assist with your Family History research, remember, **“It’s not all on the internet!”**

I look forward to catching up with you at the Cottage in 2016.

Glenise Clery. Librarian

LM # 284

## New Library Acquisitions for December 2015

### Books

**CEM021B** *Lisarow Cemetery - Forget Us Not - Unmarked Graves.*

This book looks at those people buried in this cemetery who have no headstones. Information on each of the deceased was taken from many sources and gives an overall picture of each individual throughout their life. Indexed.

**ENG042** *Likely Lads and Lasses - Youth Migration to Australia 1911 - 1983.*

This book tells the collective story of some 50,000 young people, both boys and girls, who were brought from the United Kingdom to Australia under various youth migration schemes. The first was the Dreadnought Scheme which was followed by the Big Brother Movement. Other schemes followed - some of them directed at recruiting girls for domestic servants. Indexed.

**ENG048** *Tracing Your Pauper Ancestors - A Guide for Family Historians.*

This is an essential guide to the history of poverty and the poor for the Family Historian researching their British roots. It gives an insight into pauperism from medieval times to the present day and provides full details of poverty records including where they can be found and how they can be used. Indexed.

**LHWA015** *The Glittering Years - Kalgoorlie and Boulder 1907 - 1928.*

Donated by Judy Paterson, this is the story of a town where people believed in living life to the full. It is the story of the people who made the Kalgoorlie of 1907-28 one of the most exciting places to be. Indexed.

**MIL097** *Where Do We Go From Here?* by Ann Howard.

This book narrates the compelling post-war experiences of Australian ex-Servicewomen 1945 - 1948. It includes a list of names of those who contributed their stories as well as a subject index. Donated by Judy Paterson.

**MIL098** *Australian Light Horse.*

This is a beautifully illustrated story of those Australians who served in the Light Horse Brigade in World War 1.

**SHI047** *Shipwrecks Along the Great Ocean Road* by Jack Loney.

Donated by Jean MacLeay, this book is the result of many hours of painstaking research and adds dramatic highlights to the record of maritime disaster from the days of early settlement. It includes rare illustrations and photographs of shipwrecks. It is indexed by ship name, place name, person name and also includes a general index.

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## BOOK STALL BARGAIN BIN

The following second hand books and CDs are currently available for purchase at the Cottage. Please contact the Cottage by phone: 4351 2211 or email: [wfhg06@westnet.com.au](mailto: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 items from the Cottage.

January 2016				
No	Title	ISBN No.	Author	Date
1	<b><i>Hell West and Crooked -</i></b> Autobiographical account of a young Englishman's life in the Outback during the 1920s and 1930s, his days as a drover and station hand in the toughest country in Australia. Author Tom Cole is a living legend, a real-life "Crocodile Dundee". Paperback. Good cond. <b>\$3</b>	0 7322 2403 9	Tom Cole	1988
2	<b><i>Monuments and Memorials -</i></b> A fascinating ramble through 500 monuments and memorials to the people and events that helped make NSW great. Compiled for the NSW Bicentennial 1788 - 1988. Illustrations, listed according to local government areas. Paperback. Good cond. <b>\$10</b>	0 909954 24 0	Royal Australian Historical Society Register	1988
3	<b><i>Australian Pioneers -</i></b> The Australian pioneers came to what seemed a dry and empty wilderness and were almost obliged to dream that the impossible could be brought about. This book covers various aspects of Australian pioneering from 1770 - 1918. It is divided into 4 sections - "The River Men", "The Overlanders", "The Goldseekers" and "The Twelve Makers of Australia". Hardcover. <b>\$5</b>	0 7270 0156 6	Colin and Margaret Kerr	1975
4	<b><i>Old Days: Old Ways - A Book of Recollections.</i></b> Until she went to school at the age of 7 Mary Gilmore travelled widely with her family in country areas of NSW. The sights she saw and the tales she heard round the camp fires remained fresh and vivid in her memory. Includes notes on the life of Dame Mary Gilmore. Hardcover. Good cond. <b>\$8</b>	0 207 15016 8	Barrie Ovenden	1986

5	<b><i>The White Family of Belltrees - 150 Years in the Hunter Valley.</i></b> Belltrees is a story of land and stock management. It is also about people's loyalty and commitment to their land and their country. We read about Belltrees stockmen, horses fighting in the Boer War, 3 famous national collections put together in the Belltrees homestead. How they diversified into breeding and exporting polo ponies, day tours and more. Paperback. Good cond. Signed by the author <b>\$5</b>	0 9593966 0 8	Judy White	1981
6	<b><i>Gosford Model Farms 1885 - A Review.</i></b> In the 1880s a good deal of land in the Gosford district was subdivided into small blocks for farming. One such subdivision between Erina and Wamberal was called "Gosford Model Farms" and consisted of 369 tiny farms and a township. An interesting tale that includes illustrations, maps, extracts of local newspapers. Paperback. Good cond. <b>\$5</b>	0 9594425 0 2	Gosford District Historical Research Association	1981
7	<b><i>Cemetery Inscriptions - St. Stephen The Martyr Church of England Penrith NSW. Record Series No 4.</i></b> The most notable historic landmark in Penrith. The foundation stone was laid in 1837. Its land was a grant to the Superintendent of Convicts John Best in 1814. Paperback. Good cond. <b>\$5</b>	0 9593764 6 1	Nepean Family History Society Inc.	1991
8	<b><i>History of Wyong Rugby League 1893 -1995.</i></b> This is the story of the oldest established club on the Central Coast. Illustrations of teams and players. Paperback Good cond. <b>\$10</b>	0 646 25613 0	George Glading	1995
9	<b><i>CD - NSW Government Gazette 1843.</i></b> This CD contains all 1630 pages from the original. Suitable for Windows 95, 98, 2000 or NT or better or Apple Macintosh CD Rom drive <b>\$10</b>	1 921081 23 6	Archive CD Books	2004
10	<b><i>CD - NSW Government Gazette 1850.</i></b> This CD contains all pages from the 2 volumes of the original Suitable for Windows 95, 98, 2000 or NT or better or Apple Macintosh CD Rom drive <b>\$10</b>	1 921081 23 6	Archive CD Books	2004

Dellas Johnston  
 Assistant Librarian  
 Member # 332



## **SNIPPETS: Extracts from family history magazines and journals**

### **SNIPPETS FOR JANUARY 2016 E-BRANCH**

#### **GOULBURN NOVEMBER 2015, CAMPBELLTOWN NOVEMBER 2015, HURSTVILLE DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016, BENDIGO OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015, MACLEAY RIVER NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015, PICTON OCTOBER 2015**

Local content.

#### **AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNCECTIONS DECEMBER 2015**

Pgs 20-31 Long Lost Relatives. Lists from 1890/1891 found on Trove. Well worth a look.

Pgs 32/33 MacQuillan – what a strange name!

Pgs 43-47 New on the Net. Latest records added to various sites.

#### **BURWOOD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NOVEMBER 2015**

Pgs 27/28 Articles on German Immigrant Ships to NSW and German Church records. Lists of

Articles, found in the group's past journals, which are still available.

#### **CAPE BANKS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. DECEMBER 2015**

Pgs 14/15 From the Internet. A mix of interesting websites.

Pg 19 Transport Web Sites. All Australian states plus the United Kingdom.

#### **COALFIELDS HERITAGE GROUP APRIL-MAY 2014**

Pgs 2-4 Rev. John Jennings Smith (1782-1846)

Pgs 4-19 Old Inns of West Maitland. Details of Inns A – W.

Pgs 24-50 Rutherford Army Camp Part Two. 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Facilities.

Pgs 50-52 Obituaries – Old Hunter Colonists Names – Williamson, Mann, O'Connell, Campbell and Sawyer.

#### **COOROY-NOOSA GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP INC.**

**NOVEMBER 2015**

Pgs 4-6 The Story of 'Digger'. A French orphan smuggled to Australia at the end of WW1.

#### **FAMILY TREE (U.K.) DECEMBER 2015**

Pgs 10-13 All that's great about Scottish genealogy. Explanation of the differences between English and Scottish records and a number of websites to search.

Pgs 18-25 How to get better database results. Examples of case studies.

Pgs 27-31 Making the most of the census. Free website at [www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk).

Pgs 68-70 Our voting ancestors. 220 million names of voters for the period 1832-1932 at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk).

Pgs 82-85 Have theatre, will travel. [www.performingartscollections.org.uk](http://www.performingartscollections.org.uk).

**IRISH ROOTS 2015 FOURTH QUARTER**

- Pgs 10/11 Tracing Your Roscommon Ancestors. Websites and other sources.  
 Pgs 18/19 What's New? Review.  
 Pgs 20/21 Final Part of Our Back to Basics Series.  
 Pgs 26/27 Australian Irish Connections. Earl Grey's Convict 'Exiles' and Irish Orphan Girls.

**MACLEAY RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 1-7 The Macleay and the Great War – 1915.

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. NOVEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 14-16 Migrant Settlement Act 1922. A sample of approved overseas settlers – last names Allden, Allen, Arnold, Atkin, Atkins and Attfield.

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 7-9 An Australian at Waterloo: Lieutenant Andrew Douglas White, RE.

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY DECEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 3/4 Cultural Diversities Among Female Convicts Transported to Australia.  
 Pgs 10/11 Teresa Taylor – Pickpocket and Property Tycoon.

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL DECEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 1269-193 Perpetual Motion? – Mobility in a frontier railway town: Nyngan, 1881 – 1891. Many settler names mentioned.  
 Pgs 194-204 Surgeons' Journals: an underused source for Australian convict history, 1817 – 1843.

**SOUTH EAST (MILLICENT S.A.) FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NOVEMBER 2015**

- Pg 5 Sites to visit – Victorian BDMs now online at <http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/home/family+history/>.  
 Pg 12 Always look for the anomaly. Information not making sense? Good research tip.

**VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. NEWS DECEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 4-10 Family Tree Maker<sub>2014</sub> Family Tree Maker<sub>3</sub>. Sources.  
 Pgs 14-19 Legacy Family Tree. Creating a CSV File.  
 Pgs 20-23 Merging Files/Trees in Family Tree Maker.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. DECEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 90/91 In Search of the 20<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Sappers and Miners.  
<http://sappers-minerswa.com>.  
 Pg 103 The 1939 Register released. Basically a census of the British people.  
[www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com).

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? NOVEMBER 2015**

- Pgs 22/23 Now find your...Ulster Ancestors. Resources.  
 Pgs 49-51 Best websites. Forgotten fronts of World War 1.  
 Pgs 61-63 Focus on Scottish Confirmation Calendars.  
 Pgs 81-86 Around Britain – Glasgow. Resources and websites.

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? DECEMBER 2015**

- Pg 12 Genealogists gain web access to 1939 Register Records of people across England and Wales at the start of World War 2. Does not include details of people born after 1915 or those not known to have died before 1991.  
 Pg 15 South London burials go online. All burial grounds managed by Lewisham Council. Details can be found at [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com).  
 Pgs 19-23 The 1939 Register. How to search guide.  
 Pgs 52-56 Focus on 18<sup>th</sup> century ancestors. Websites and other sources.  
 Pgs 71-73 My ancestor was a Seamstress.  
 Pgs 81-87 Around Britain – Swansea. Best websites, archives and other resources.

Meg Gibson. Member 43.

**Newsletter snippets Jan 2016:**

Local content: Sale & District FHG Nov. 2015:

**Australind FHS Dec. 2015:** WW1 themed articles Pg.14 **Obituaries of South Australian Pioneers** - [www.saobits.gravesecrets.net](http://www.saobits.gravesecrets.net).

**Caloundra FH Research Group Nov. 2015:** Pg. 7 Hints on German research.

**Camden FHS Nov.2015:** WW1 articles, poetry, Pg. 11 The history of the property *Denbeigh*, Pg. 12 St Paul's Anglican Church, Cobbitty , Pgs 18-26 Poppy Park Penrith and a WW1 soldier's records [John Ernest Patterson].

**Casino & District FHG Dec. 2015:** Pgs 3-4 The man who fathered 500 children between 1917-1950, Pgs 4-5 some 'Google' search tips explained, Pg. 11 <http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/> has UK Shipping Records from 1896-1909 [over 5 million] , <https://familysearch.org/> has added over 335,000 Cemetery records from Qld.

**Coffs Harbour FHS Dec 2015:** Pgs 2-3 Italian nicknames used in documents, Reminiscences of Coffs Harbour, Pgs 9-11 The WW1 Journal of Tom Yeomans, Pt.4, Pgs 10-11 An example of Immigration agents allowing the use of another's name to travel on ships. Pg. 12 Ryerson Index reaches over 5 million names.

**Dutch-Australian Genealogy Group Nov. 2015:** Pictorial show and tell material, Pgs 5-6 How foundlings gained their names, Pgs 7-8 How surnames were 'adopted' when taking over a farm, Pgs 8-9 Witch trials in Flanders, Pgs 10-11 6 steps in contacting distant relatives, Pg.13 the 7 deadly sins of genealogy, Pgs 15-16 A Holocaust survivor's story, Pgs 17-19 provinces of The Netherlands explained, Pgs 19- 22 Types of documentary sources explained, Pgs 24- 26 Over 2,600 letters found in a trunk belonging to a postmaster- dating from 1680-1706, now being made available for study.

**Forbes FHG Spring 2015:** Pgs 1-4 Assorted landowners of Walla Walla Run , Pgs 8-9 The debate over the first dawn Anzac service continues, Pgs 12-13 Dame Mary Gilmore's story, Pgs 14- 15 pictorial study of the 1990 Forbes floods, Pgs 18-19 VP day celebrations in Forbes.

**Gen. Soc. of NT. Sept. 2015:** Pgs 39-48 lengthy article on Kalgoorlie, the Brennan and Seddon families, Pgs 49- Private John Beattie, Turkish prisoner's story, Pgs 57-58 Internet sites, especially relating to hotels and alcohol, Pgs 59-60, The loss of the *Minstrel*, emigrant ship from Limerick to Canada 1841 and the *Amanda*, also 1841.

**Ku-ring-gai HS Nov/Dec. 2015:** Pg.2 The activities of Nicholas Baudin, French explorer- 1802 journey. Local articles.

**Lake Macquarie FHG Nov. 2015:** Pg.5 Some ANZAC Day terms explained, Pgs 7- 9 The crossing of the continent by car in 1912, Pg.9 Irish naming pattern, Pgs 12- 14 A WW1 Padre's story cont., other WW1 related articles, letters, poems.

**Maitland & District Gen. Soc. Nov. 2015:** Pg. 8- St John's Convent, Pgs 11-14 A walk along Macquarie St Sydney.

**Manning Wallamba FHS Nov. 2015:** The group celebrates 30 years in style.

**Maryborough District FHS Nov. 2015:** Pgs 10-12 Nicknames list, WW1 related stories and poems, Pgs 19- 21 How to avoid genealogical disaster by being proactive, Pgs 24- 26 5 ways to test accuracy of your records.

**Newcastle FHS Dec. 2015:** " Crossing the line theme- variously interpreted. Pgs 6- 7 Wicklow rebels arrive in Sydney 1806- their story, Pgs.8 -9 revolt at female convict depot, Cork 1827 and the voyage out, pgs 12-13 1950 Trip to Wollombi to view 2 historic houses Mulla Villa and Laguna and a 2015 similar trip, Pgs 18- 19 Yellow Billy, bushranger, Pg. 21 my voyage to Japan on the *MV Tjiluwah* , Pg. 24 Crossing the line [Equator] certificate from a 1963 voyage on *MV Tjiluwah*.

**National Boer War Assoc. Nov. 2015:** Pg. 4 Women cricketers during the Boer War, Pgs 5- 6 Boer War Nurses, Pgs 6-7 VC given to William Thomas Dartnell, Pg. 8 4.7 inch Naval guns, Pg. 13 VC given to Lieutenant Frederick Bell, Pg. 14 The Battle of West Australian Hill, Boer War 9 Feb 1900.

**Orange FHG Dec. 2015:** Pg.3 Trove tips- create a list, <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/war-records/index-to-government-employees-ww1> - contains over 13,000 entries, many pages of local newspaper obituaries/death notices/ farewells/ marriages etc.

**Port Macquarie FHS Nov. 2015:** A lengthy report on the Conference, Pgs 11-13 Irish Roman Catholic Parish registers explained, various stories about Irish ancestors, Pgs 20- My Irish midwife, by Noeline Kyle. Includes a list of known midwives in the Pt Macquarie area that Noeline is researching. Contact her on 0403868051 or email at: [noelinekyle@gmail.com](mailto:noelinekyle@gmail.com) , Pg. 24 Useful Irish records online, Pgs 27-28 changes to Ancestry.com .

**Richmond-Tweed FHS Dec. 2015:** Pgs30-31 Reading degraded headstones.

From Lynda Smith

## IRISH RESEARCH TIPS DECEMBER 2015



Recent searches have put the spotlight on recorded addresses on marriage records. Over a number of separate cases, the question arose as to how much weight we might attach to the address given for the bride or groom as to its being their likely place of origin.

One of the first documents I obtained in my early days of genealogy was the marriage certificate of my great grandparents which took place in Wexford. The certificate gave an address for each party to the marriage, which I took at face value. Using that information, I explored this townland, visited the church, examined the headstones in the adjoining graveyards, attempting to make connections. What I had not done until recently was view the corresponding church record of this marriage. With the parish registers online, courtesy of the NLI, I decided to view this record and was richly rewarded with some additional information.

Yes, there was the address for both the bride and the groom as recorded in the civil certificate. But the priest had recorded, in the parish register, quite different addresses for the fathers of both the bride and groom. This is commonplace in Dublin records, but we don't see it so often in rural parishes. Each father's name had an accompanying townland address, some five miles distant from the place given for the couple. The address given for my great great grandfather was *exactly* the place identified by my aunt in conversation many years ago as to the origins of her maternal grandmother. This was the first time I had documentary evidence to prove that this was a very accurate oral history.

It was clear to me that my great grandparents had both left their homes to work. They married in the church *adjacent to their workplace* and not their place of origin. This is an important consideration when searching for our ancestors born before 1864. Just because a woman marries in a particular church, does not necessarily mean that is her parish of origin, even when the marriage takes place within the known county of origin. Fortunately, in this case, the priest recorded where the couple's parents lived and this has now provided me with more accurate information as to which parish is likely to hold their baptismal records. Plus, of course, the fun of checking to see who is living in these identified townlands in 1901, with the attendant possibility of identifying cousins who remained in Wexford long after my ancestors came to Dublin.

By Expert Researcher,

Carmel Gilbride.

Source: **Eneclann News - December 5th 2015**

For the most part genealogists are immersed in 19<sup>th</sup> century newspapers, parish registers, estate papers, etc., in the hunt for an elusive ancestor. Sometimes however a search can be in the not too distant past, and often that search can be just as difficult! So where do we turn to if we are looking for someone in the more recent past? A source that we often fail to think of is the phone directory, in the days when words such as 'ex-directory' and 'landline' were unknown, a phone directory can be a very quick and simple way of locating an address for a person. The first telephone exchange in Ireland was opened in 1880 and located in Commercial Buildings in Dame Street, Dublin. Of course not everyone in Ireland, by any means, had a telephone in the 1950s and 1960s, but anyone who did, was automatically listed. The National Library holds various sets of phone directories and so if you are looking for someone say in 1955, the library has the directory for that year. And if you happen to see an old 'phone book from twenty years ago, hold onto it, who knows when it will come in useful!

By Helen Moss

Expert researcher

Source: **Eneclann News – December 20th 2015**

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