

DNA for Family History

Sun 2nd July
Kerry Farmer
Cost: \$10
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Cottage for more
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General Meetings

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 10th June.**

WFHG e-Branch



From The President

A Farewell Story: ***Branch to eBranch***

In 2004 our Group was sharing the Chamber of Commerce office in Wyong Plaza where we had one computer, one microfiche reader and one microfilm reader and about five bookshelves with books. Our meetings were held at the Wyong RSL Club. We did not have internet access so there was no Website or Facebook page or electronic journal. Our membership was about 100.

At one of our committee meetings in 2004 our Membership Secretary and *Tree of Life* editor Pam Mansergh came up with the idea of a monthly newsletter to keep the members informed of any new resources the group had and what events the Group was planning. Pam came up with a design that was to complement our tree logo. It was a tree branch, and hence the name *BRANCH* came into play. At this time the new *Branch* was prepared by Pam. It was a two page newsletter printed back to back and produced and printed in time for our monthly meetings which were held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

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

This new *Branch* was well received by members and continued as a printed copy until about 2007 when we were slowly moving into the technology world. We had by this time moved into *The Cottage* and now had internet and were growing rather quickly. About this time, our member Russel Welham became the editor of the *Branch* and began to produce it in pdf format as an attachment to email. However, there were still printed copies available to those who required them. We had begun to use email as a way of conversing with members and so it was decided that we would produce the *Branch* as an *eBranch* and so began the attached pdf to the email for the members to read on their computer. It soon became a larger document including photos of events and other genealogy news items.

As time evolved so did the *eBranch*. Kate Walter took over as editor in 2011. Today it is a much larger issue due to the growth of the Group. New resources and information about subscription sites as well as events were added. It was still being done electronically but was now available via our website. Since the Group had its very own website with much of the information being published to our website and our *Tree of Life* still being produced every three months we thought the members were being kept well informed.

Over the past year our Secretary, Kerry Clarke, has been putting out a Friday email to inform members of events in the coming week, rather than sending random emails. We have found this works well. It has also been at times hard to find content for the *eBranch* so after several months of occasional discussion as to whether we had outgrown the *eBranch*, it was decided at the June 2017 committee meeting to discontinue publishing the *eBranch*.

On behalf of the Group I would like to thank those who have been editors and those members who have provided articles for the *Branch/eBranch* over its 13 year reign. It's time to put it to rest.

Kerrie Metcalfe 80 (LM)

President WFHGInc.

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

NEW: DNA Group - Facilities by Stuart Purvis-Smith. More information coming soon.

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

June 2017

Thursday 29th June - Using British Newspapers

If you would like the Wyong Family History logo embroidered onto a shirt, jacket or cap, contact the Advance Design Clothing Company 14/11 Donaldson Street Nth Wyong. Phone 4351 1555.

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Uniforms & Corporate Apparel

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.

2017 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference

We're delighted to present our [Program 2017 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference](#) with the theme Your Family Story: telling, recording and preserving.

Highlights include opening the cage on your gaolbird ancestors, telling your family story through food, dating Australian portraits through dress, Chinese connections and guest speaker author William McInnes. There is also an exciting program of workshops with experts covering everything from writing to DNA, preservation, photography and copyright.

With the exception of the Conference Dinner all events will be held in Orange's Cultural Precinct on the corner of Byng Street and Lords Place (Orange Civic Theatre/Orange City Library/Orange Regional Museum/Orange Regional Gallery). For more information and registration form go to the website: <https://yourfamilystoryinorange.wordpress.com/>

Are you tracing your Tyrone roots? From-Ireland.net's Tyrone Genealogy subsite offers free access to thousands of records compiled by Dr. Jane Lyons.

<http://www.from-ireland.net/county-tyrone-genealogy/>

<http://cotyroneireland.com/>

I recently had some success on the above websites.

Kerrie Metcalfe LM 80

FROM THE LIBRARY

New Acquisitions for April 2017

Books

CEM328 *Badgery's Creek Cemeteries.*

The areas of Badgery's Creek, Luddenham, Kemps Creek and Bringelly are old farming areas first settled in the 1820's by pioneer families. Three churches, Roman Catholic, Church of England and Methodist (Uniting), established themselves in the area and all had cemeteries consecrated within the church grounds. In 2014 the Federal Government announced that planning and construction of the Badgery's Creek Airport would commence. The Catholic Cemetery was exhumed and relocated to the Greendale Catholic Cemetery at Greendale. This left the Anglican and Uniting Church cemeteries to be exhumed and relocated to other denomination cemeteries outside of the airport boundary. This book contains all known interments in St. John's Church of England (Anglican) and Methodist (Uniting) Church cemeteries.

GUI134 *DNA for Genealogists 3rd edition.*

Written by Kerry Farmer, this publication provides an understanding of DNA suitable for genealogists and discusses the currently available tests that are likely to be of interest to family historians. The second section tells how to interpret DNA test results. It will be a particularly useful read for those who will be attending the Group's DNA Discussion on 2nd July at which Kerry Farmer will be the Guest Speaker. Indexed. This book was donated by Kerrie Metcalfe.

REG089D *Coalmining Related Deaths Hunter Valley, NSW 1951-1975.*

This is the 4th book in this series which has been compiled by members of the Newcastle Family History Society. This book aims to assist family historians to discover information about their extended families, through funeral notices, burial details when available, reports of coronial inquiries and NSW State Records file numbers for inquests and worker's compensation cases. The book also contains a combined index of the 4 volumes of Coalmining Related Deaths 1817 – 1975. Indexed.

- LHW072** *Wyong Flashbacks Volume 1.*
LHW073 *Wyong Flashbacks Volume 11.*
LHW074 *Wyong Flashbacks Volume 111.*

The 3 books listed above contain articles relevant to Wyong and its people as prepared by the Late Mr. Edward Hamilton Stinson, and were published in the regional newspaper, The Advocate, between 10th October 1973 and 26th May 1975. These books were kindly donated by C. C. Libraries North and have been beautifully re-bound as a result of a generous donation received from the RAHS.

An index covering all 3 volumes can be found in a sleeve in the back of each of these books. Due to their large size, they will be stored on the shelf above the Library desk.

New Acquisitions for May 2017

Books

CEM329 *Our Past Blue Mountaineers Vol 1.*

This book provides details of headstones to be found in Mount Irvine, Mount Victoria, Mount Wilson and Mount York Cemeteries. The records were checked clerically against Blue Mountains City Council records to ensure the integrity of the basic details of the inscriptions. Notations after unmarked graves are from Council or other records. Indexed.

CEM330 *Eaglehawk Cemetery Plans Old Monumental.*

Includes maps of all sections of this 5 acre Historic Cemetery which has been in existence since 1863. The surnames of those believed to be buried in various plots are also included. Biographical details of the 6 Sextons from 1864 to 1970 are noted at the end of the publication.

CEM331 *Where Heroes Sleep – Hunter Valley Fallen of the Great War.*

1,981 Hunter Valley men died during the First World War on the ridges and in the gullies at Gallipoli, on the desert sands of Palestine, in the mud of France and Belgian Flanders or in the tunnels and mines galleries under the Western Front. 774 of these men have no known grave.

ENG012 *Tracing Your Birmingham Ancestors.*

This book is about Birmingham's transformation from provincial backwater to the first manufacturing town in the world. It tells how it shaped the modern world and how you can find your ancestors there. Indexed.

ENG013 *Coroners' Records in England and Wales.*

At the time of publication of this book, there were special rules concerning access to coroner's records less than 75 years old. This book is an attempt to itemise all extant coroner's records in England and Wales in public repositories. Included is an Atlas of Coroners' Districts 1888 – 1902 for England and Wales.

ENG016 *My Ancestor was a Bastard.*

A guide to sources for illegitimacy in England and Wales. Indexed.

The above 6 books were kindly donated by Denis Dean. They would have been widely used for research by our dear late member, Esther Dean LM #23.

LHW075 *Celebrating Tuggerah Public School 125 Years.*

In the past 25 years, this school has grown from a small school of 72 students into a school of over 520 students and has been entirely rebuilt with modern 21st century classrooms. This book tells of the entire 125 year history of the school and also gives a glimpse into the local history of the Tuggerah area. The book was kindly donated to WFHG Inc. by the Tuggerah 125th Committee.

Glenise Clery. Librarian. LM#284.

IRISH RESEARCH TIPS

APRIL and MAY 2017



Research Tip of the week *Saturday, April 1, 2017*

DNA Testing – what will you find?

A person's ancestry is written in their DNA. The evidence can be used to trace deep ancestral origins, especially when researchers run out of historical documents to work from.

In the rush to be DNA-tested, we rarely stop to consider what we will find, and what information it will tell us.

DNA research is based on comparison-studies. When a company tests your DNA sample, it compares it to other DNA samples stored in its knowledge bank. So, the comparison is only as good as the number and types of tests done, and the diversity of groups tested.

Six years ago, a good friend, a lady who could document her family history back 15 generations in Ireland, England and Scotland, showed me the results of her DNA test-results completed by an American company. Much to her disgust, she was recorded as '**European, indeterminate.**'

"My Scottish granny..." she fumed, "...is spinning in her grave."

At that time, the number of Irish and British tests completed by this U.S. based company were so small, that DNA-testing was about as relevant to her, as a horoscope.

The moral of the tale is, when you test your DNA,

- Choose a company that has already completed a broad base of tests for your geographic region, and
- Be clear about what you hope to find (deep roots on your mothers or father's line, or tracing relatives on both sides for 5/6 generations).

There are three types of DNA tests:

MtDNA

Mitochondrial DNA, can tell you about your direct line maternal ancestry (mother's mother's mother, etc.) and has value in looking at deep roots (pre-historic)

YDNA

This is a test that men can take of their Y chromosome, and will tell you about your direct line paternal ancestry (father's father's father, etc.). It's very useful in pinning down surname origins.

Autosomal DNA

This tests a selection of your entire genome. It's especially good for tracing relatives back 5 or 6 generations (maximum). After 5/6 generations it breaks down as a useful tool for identifying relationships. However, it can also be used to determine geographic roots, in a variety of ways.

Currently these are the best / most reputable companies listed in alphabetical order.

1. **Ancestry** does the Autosomal DNA test only. They have spear-headed geographic clustering/matching and recently released their Genetic Communities test which has 16 distinct regions for Ireland (and many more for the rest of the world) which is the highest resolution available at the moment. For cousin matching they still have a small Irish sample base.

Irish readers probably saw the results on the *Late Late Show* a few weeks ago. The "100% Irish" result, based on a "gold-standard" doesn't carry any great weight. However their Genetic Communities are much more useful for your research and well worth doing.

2. **Family Tree DNA** is the company that's been around for the longest. They do all three tests at various resolutions. It's the best place for YDNA tests and group/volunteer projects.

3. **Living DNA** do all three DNA tests, and are excellent for Britain. They are only starting to develop Ireland. They offer the best geographic distribution resolution of any of the tests I've seen for Britain, but not yet Ireland.

4. **The Royal College of Surgeons**, Ireland is also running a genetic genealogy project in partnership with the Genealogical Society of Ireland. This holds out the hope of even better resolution to geographic matching if and when they make their results and data public.

By Expert Fiona Fitzsimons.

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, April 1, 2017

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## **Research Tip of the week *Saturday, April 24, 2017***

### **You say it best, when you say nothing at all**

***“You say it best, when you say nothing at all...”*** So the song goes and, along with Rocky Raccoon, it's one of the songs that springs to mind when I think of genealogical records.

One of the things that looking at vast numbers of a given record set teaches you, is that sometimes absence says an awful lot.

Irish civil records, the bulk of which have been made available on Irish Genealogy in the past year, are an excellent example of this. The certificates themselves contain a wealth of information of use to the genealogist, but the forms themselves are prescriptive. And in the hands of a 'diligent' civil servant (registrar) this can mean often columns are left blank for one reason or another.

The most obvious, and numerous, example of this is the registration of births for children born out of wedlock. In the majority, but certainly not all, of these instances the column for father's name is left blank, and only details of the mother are recorded. We can surmise that the dictate given to registrars was that there were not to record the father name and details, unless the couple were married.

However, like in any organisation there are often rogue agents, who take it upon themselves to record what they believe to be the correct information, no matter what 'The Man' dictates. Therefore, you do get anomalies whereby both parents are recorded on a birth certificate, however where the word '*formerly*' is recorded under the name of the mother, this is often struck-through and her maiden name recorded in the column (without a married name).

Where these absences of information can be instructive are on records such as marriage certificates. Marriage certificates are supposed to record the fathers' name and occupation for both parties. However, occasionally we come across certificates where these fields are left blank or have a line through them. This can be indicative of the individual marrying having been born out of wedlock. Only once have I come across an instance like the one below, where the explanation was actually spelled out;

Another example of this, is where a fathers' name is recorded, but no occupation is provided in column 9. This can often be an indication that the father is deceased. Whether or not a father is deceased at time of marriage is something which is occasionally annotated by the registrar, as in the case below;

Often trying to determine what the person creating, or submitting information for, a record is trying to tell us by the information they omit, can offer insights into additional information about those involved.

By Researcher Stephen Peirce.

**Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, April 24, 2017**

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member

## ***Research Tip of the week Saturday, May 6, 2017***

### **The Journals of the Association for the Preservation of the 'Memorials of the Dead'**

*The Journals of the Association for the Preservation of the 'Memorials of the Dead'* in Ireland have recently been digitised by the IFHC. I have always regarded these journals as treasured gems and perhaps mistakenly as one of those 'last resort' items. The Association of The Memorials of the Dead was the brainchild of Colonel Philip D. Vigors, a keen antiquarian, who was dedicated to the preservation and recording of gravestones, tombs and monuments in cemeteries throughout Ireland. The journals were published annually from 1888 to 1934 with volunteers reporting from various counties sending in transcriptions, rubbings, drawings and sometimes photographs.

The entries can be an invaluable resource for family historians, we have for example from the burial ground in Kellistown in county Carlow the following headstone inscription:

***“Erected by DENNIS MURPHY of Kellistown in memory of his Father THOMAS MURPHY who depd this life the 12 August 1829 aged 66 years also his Brother GERALD MURPHY who depd this life the 5th of January 1841 aged 40 yrs also the above named DENIS MURPHY who depd this life the 19th of January 1871 aged 74 years and Also his Brother Revd Thomas Murphy Who depd this life***

***At Wilmington N. Carolina U.S. America 17th August  
1863 aged 60 years Requiescant in pace.”***

Or the following from Old Dalkey graveyard in county Dublin:

***“This stone was erected by Mr. MURTAGH DEMPSY of the  
city of Dublin in memory of his affectionate son HUGH  
DEMPSEY block maker of sd. city who departed this life  
April 7th, 1790 Aged 33 years ISAAC CHRISTY done  
this in memory of his beloved Mother who departed  
this life Jan. 4 1835 Aged 57 years.”***

The journals also published a number of wills, death notices and extracts from parish registers.

It's ironic given Colonel Vigors's central role in the preservation and documentation of burial records that his 'sudden death' was mistakenly reported in the Irish Times on June 12th 1894. The following day the same newspaper had to apologise to its readers and state that it had received a letter from the Colonel with the following polite request: 'With reference to the paragraph in your paper ... recording my death, I have to request that you will contradict it in your next issue.'

By Helen Moss

Research Expert

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, May 6, 2017

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Research Tip of the week Saturday, May 20, 2017

Is the evidence we find in written records always correct ?

The official recording of events in our ancestors' lives are a key block in genealogy. We mine these records for everything they can tell us about our ancestors and indeed bemoan the lack of detail Irish records have when compared to other jurisdictions. We assume, sometimes wrongly, that the information on these certificates is correct.

Recently I had cause to view again my grandparents' marriage record. The certificate resides in a long-archived file somewhere but with marriages now free to view {thank you, irishgenealogy!} from 1882, I could easily view the record without moving from my desk.

My mother settled less than a mile from her parents and so they were very familiar to us and their back story was very well known to us. My grandmother was my grandfather's second wife, his first wife having died tragically young. My grandfather, with his second wife, reared his surviving son.

Imagine my surprise then when the marriage certificate records grandfather as a *bachelor*. My grandfather had appeared, a few short years before this marriage, on the 1911 Census with his first wife and child who would die shortly after. Whatever the reason, clerical error or whatever, this certificate was incorrect.

We rely so much on the evidence we find in written records. But as this example shows, such reliance is not always well placed.

By **Carmel Gilbride**

Expert Geneaogist

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, May 20, 2017

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member

SNIPPETS FOR MAY 2017 E-BRANCH**TAMWORTH MARCH 2017** Local content.**AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS MARCH 2017**

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 Pgs 43-47 New on the Net.

BENDIGO REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IN. JAN/FEB/MARCH 2017

- Pgs 3-5 Old Photographs. Could they be of your relatives?

BLUE MOUNTAINS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. MARCH 2017

- Pgs 16-18 Researching a Soldier – Thomas Augustine Keenan.

CAMPBELLTOWN DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. MARCH 2017

- Pgs 15-17 Queensland Births Deaths Marriages and Divorces. Now possible to purchase and download certificates online. www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research/.

CAPE BANKS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. MARCH 2017

- Pgs 18-23 Unwanted and Unrelated Certificates Continued. Names: J to Z.

FAMILY TREE (UK) CHRISTMAS 2016

- Pg 7 Boost for UK family historians as new BMD indexes go online. The General Office's new index provides a search field for the mother's name for births from July 1837 to December 1915 and age at death field for deaths between July 1837 and December 1957. Register at www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates.
 Pgs 20-25 How to start tracing your Victorian ancestors. Suggestions and websites.
 Pgs 26-28 Legislating for a better world. Top 10 Acts of Parliament of Victoria's reign.
 Pgs 46-49 Take your next steps online – Part 2.
 Pgs 54-59 Ancestors in the Queen's Empire. The expansion of Britain's diaspora during the reign of Queen Victoria. Number of websites.
 Pgs 62-66 Ancestors making ends meet in old age. Annuities, pensions and the workhouse in the Victorian era.
 Pgs 88/89 Learn your letters. 6 handy hints for reading old documents & gravestones.

FAMILY TREE (UK) APRIL 2017

- Pgs 12-17 How to start your family tree at home.
 Pgs 32-38 Shipshape: How to research shipbuilder ancestors.
 Pgs 60-63 Hard Times. Ancestors from all walks of life faced financial hardship or even ruin. Follow the paper trail.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC. MARCH 2017

- Pgs 20-22 Pioneers of Esperanto in Victoria.
 Pgs 28/29 ScotlandsPeople—the new website. Improvements, additions and changes.
 Pg 40 Public Record Office Victoria. Record openings of 2017. See prov.vic.gov.au for a full list.

IRISH ROOTS 2017 FIRST QUARTER

- Pg 4 Findmypast Launch Catholic Heritage Archive. www.findmypast.ie/catholicrecords.
 Pg 5 ...and another thing... Headstones and other records. Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives. Igp-web.com/IGPArchives.

Pgs 6/7 Civil Registration Registers Online. How to search the index.

Pgs 10/11 Tracing Your Kilkenny Ancestors. Sources and websites.

Pgs 16/17 7 Unusual Ways to Trace Your Irish Ancestors.

NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY MARCH 2017

Pgs 3-9 Our Local Fallen Soldiers – March to May 1917. Names: Purdon, Bennett, Gardiner, Giddy, Stuckey, McLean, Eaton, Luke, Earp, Skelton, Bunyan, Peck and McGuinness.

Pgs 24-27 Pioneers of Scone and Aberdeen. Names: Dodd, Solomons, Cook, Thomas, Bromhead, Ferguson, Parker, Stevenson, Asser, Baker, Hardcastle, Stewart, Hall, McKenzie, Hall and Schrader.

THE HERALDRY AND GENEALOGY SCTY OF CANBERRA INC. MARCH 2017

Pg 23 Baptisms and Burials in Iden (Sussex), 1785. Baptisms mistakenly recorded in the burial register.

Pgs 24/25 The Benaud-Pratt Family.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. MARCH 2017

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Pgs 12-16 Legacy Family Tree. Tags, Focus Groups and Hashtags – Part 2.

Pgs 16/17 Reunion – Important update for MacOS Sierra.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENE. SOCIETY INC. MARCH 2017

Pgs 262-264 Finding the 20th Company, Royal Sappers and Minders in Western Australia.

Pgs 264/265 Uncovering 16th Century Family Stories. 1570 Norwich Census of the Poor. 2353 individuals recorded. <http://wellbank.not/norwich/1570/>.

Pgs 272/273 Can a DNA Test Identify your Ethnicity.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? MARCH 2017

Pg 10 Findmypast launches Leicestershire Collection.

Pg 11 Highgate Cemetery Records go online at www.deceasedonline.com.

Pgs 17-21 Newspaper Sources. Includes UK and Overseas newspapers. Websites both pay and free and top tips for searching the British Newspaper Archives.

Pgs 49-51 Best Websites Wales.

Pgs 52-56 Gypsy Ancestors. What is available online and in the archives.

Pgs 58/59 How to scan photos and documents on the go.

Pgs 61-63 Focus on 1911 Census.

Pgs 71-73 My ancestor was a Baker.

Pgs 82-87 Around Britain. Kent. Archives and resources.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? APRIL 2017

Pg 10 Catholic records go online for the first time. Three million records from Britain and the USA can now be searched on findmypast.co.uk.

Pgs 17-23 Find a new direction. Maps, their use, and where to find them.

Pgs 46/47 Brunel Institute (S,S, Great Britain). In 1852, the vessel set sail from Liverpool to Melbourne and Sydney. A teenage diarist kept a diary of the historic voyage. www.ssgreatbritain.org.

Pgs 49-51 Nonconformity. Online resources for researching nonconformist forebears.

Pgs 71-72 My ancestor was a Ship's Stoker. Top sources.

Pgs 81-87 Around Britain... Wiltshire. Top resources.

Pg 94 30 minute genealogist. Welsh wills. How to break down brick walls.

Meg Gibson Member 43.

SNIPPETS FOR JUNE 2017 E-BRANCH**AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS MAY 2017**

Pg 8 The Origins of Kurnell

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FAMILY TREE (UK) MAY 2017Pg 7 Wiltshire Resources. Pre 1837 baptisms, marriages and deaths available as A4 booklets, CDs or download. www.wiltshirefhs.co.uk.Pg 8 New resource to trace civil war ancestors. www.british-history.ac.uk.

Pgs 12-16 5 Key genealogy skills to boost your research. Number of websites to sharpen your skills.

Pgs 28-31 Investigating Smuggling Ancestors.

Pgs 36-41 Was your ancestor a Nonconformist? History of Nonconformist worship in England and Wales and the best websites and archives to search.

Pgs 47-54 You're A – Z of family history. A genealogy jargon buster. Also contains helpful websites.

Pgs 86/87 Map-reading for family historians. Top 20 websites for researching old maps.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. APRIL 2017

Pgs 4-11 Merging two files into Family Tree Maker.

Pgs 12-17 Legacy Family Tree. Mapping the Pacific War.

Pg 23 The Big 4. Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage. See www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton.

Pgs 24/25 Social Networking for Genealogy >>Facebook – from Cindi's List.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. MAY 2017

Pgs 4-10 Family Tree Maker 2017 – First Look.

Pgs 11-15 Legacy Family Tree. When all else fails.

Pgs 16-20 Reunion Charts – Printing Tips.

Meg Gibson Member 43

E Newsletter snippets: May 2017

Local content: Wyong Museum & Historical Society March 2017; Ku-Ring-Gai HS April & May, Maitland April & May, Mildura & District Gen. Society Dec. 2016,

Botany Bay Mar 2017: Pg.24 The Naval Historical Society of Australia produces a newsletter – *Call the Hands*. To register as a reader, email callthehands@navyhistory.org.au. Pg.25 For anyone who had rels in England and Wales in the 1800s, the *Lost Cousins* website at <http://www.lostcousins.com/> is a must and it is free to join.,Pg.29 Ad for FH Conference in Orange, in Sept. this year, Pg.31 Ad for Australasian Congress, hosted by SAG in March 2018, Pgs 33-34 Websites.

Gen. Soc of NT Mar.2017: Ps 4-10 Private Jack Beattie and his experience with the Soldier Settlement Scheme and the Dept. of Repatriation, Pgs 10- 14 Palmerston Cemetery, Darwin and other Cemetery related stories.

Hurstville April 2017: Pgs 1-4 The Sydney cenotaph- design explained and stories of attendance over many years.

Mildura & District Gen. Society May 2017: Pg.7 **Tasmanian Convict Database** can be accessed via the following link. LINC Tasmania <https://www.linc.tas.gov.au>, Pgs 9-10 Nursing Sister ETHEL MARY ANN GIDDINGS, WW1 Nurse, Pgs 11-12 WW2 soldier, William Arthur Shimmins, lost at sea, Pgs 14-16 The Chapman Code.

Orange FHS newsletter- can't open

Port Stephens FHS Autumn 2017: military theme featuring WW1 Private Leslie Cole, Private George Glover, Private Charles Ross, Sgt James Dalton, Gunner William Dalton, Private Leonard Royal Rooke, Trooper Walter Joseph Rooke, and Sister Lt. Elizabeth Stella Croarty, WW2 nurse.

Old FHS May 2017: Pgs 4-6 The hospital ship Centaur, sunk off Brisbane, with loss of 299 lives, including Nurse Mary McFarlane, Pgs 8-11 A Nun's story- Frances Jane Wrentmore, known as Sister Josephine, Pgs 12-13 More on the sinking of the Centaur, Pg. 16 The Roehrig Family drowning 1893, near Cairns, Pg.17 Western Australian Biographical Index (WABI), recently made available on the State Library of WA website, <https://data.gov.au/dataset/western-australian-biographical-index-wabi>, Pg. 18- The wreck of the Centaur is found, Pgs 22- 23 Pioneer families featured in the Miles Historical Village Museum, Pg. 27 List of Qld resources given to Findmypast for royalties, Pg.37 Railway time as a concept

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Local: Ku-Ring-Gai HS March 2017;

Adelaide & Nth Districts FHG Mar. 2017 : Pg.6 New app to help you locate records in Ireland – Ancestor Network av. from App store.

Armidale FHG Feb. 2017: Lots of articles relating to Enmore-Mihi district which is located some 30 km to the south of Armidale.

Australind WA April 2017: Pgs 5-6 Australind beginnings cont. Pg. 11 Simple relationship chart showing cousins etc. Pg.12 List of useful military websites covering Aust. UK, Canada.

Bega Valley GS Feb. 2017: Pgs 4-6 Remembering Bega Servicemen Pt.3, Pg. 18 If you have German ancestors, Dirk Weissleder, who is the national chairman of the umbrella organization Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft genealogischer Verbände (DAGV) of the genealogical societies in Germany. His aim is to find "Germans worldwide" and also those who are researching on German genealogy. dirk.weissleder@dagv.org , Pg. 21 Tips on using the 1939 UK Register on Findmypast .

Caloundra FHS Mar. 2017: Pgs 14- 17 Alexander Gordon's journey to Australia 1883 per Loch Lomond.

Casino FHG Feb. 2017: Pgs 3-4 Findmypast additions to records relating to Rutland and Leicestershire, Pgs 5-6 Looking beyond Census records- hints, Pg. 9 useful info on new web resources.

Coffs Harbour FHS March 2017: Pg.4 Date search hint for NSW BDMs online- sometimes events that were registered at the end of the month will come up with an invalid date, like Feb 30. Pgs 6-8 local entries from Trove newspaper searches, Pg.12 **Ancestry** has added many records including: **Australia** Births and Baptisms 1792-1981; **Tasmania** Passenger and Crew Lists 1834-1837 and 1841-1887; and **Baden, Germany** Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1783-1875.
* **FindMyPast** has also added additional datasets including: **NSW** Passenger Lists (Assisted and Unassisted); **Mackay, Queensland** Funeral Notices and Funeral Director Records; **Queensland** Passports Index 1915-1925 and Custom House Shipping Passengers and Crew 1852-1885; **Victoria** Petty Sessions Registers; **New tool for State Records NSW indexes:** Digital historian Tim Sherratt has developed a tool that harvests data from all digitised records from State Records NSW's wonderful collections, making them available for download in CSV format. This means you can easily search and sort results without having to manually type in multiple spellings of a name, potentially saving a lot of time for those of us with NSW or colonial era ancestry. More at <https://github.com/wragge/srnsw-indexes> .

Dutch Australia Gen Group Feb. 2017: Pgs 4-6 photos can provide us with lots of clues, Pgs 7-9 Various versions of Internet fraud in genealogy.

Forbes FHS Feb.2017: Assorted articles on Blink Bonnie- a property south of Forbes, Pgs. 11-13 Wongajong Public School 1882-1965 history,

Old Convict Connections Feb.2017: Pgs 8-10 The naming of Port Jackson, Pgs 11-14 The celebration of 26 Jan. through the years, Pgs 18- 20, Billy Blue, Pgs 21- Commandant Childs of Norfolk Island, Pgs 24-31 William Henry Barber, an innocent man convicted, Pgs 33-36 Sir Henry Browne Hayes, Pg.36 List of convicts who joined the NSW Corps, Pgs 37- John Kermond, Pgs 40-42 three free e books of FH interest from Gutenberg website, Pg.42 City of Sydney website <http://atlas.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/> .

Hawkesbury FHG March 2017: Pgs 3-5 Windsor as it was 1910, Pgs 9-11 Focus on Scotland's People website, lots of local info on interesting headstones and footstones, Pgs 25-26 Mapping our ancestors.

Irish Lives remembered Winter 2016: Pgs 4-5 Irish valuation Records, Pg.6 Irish Historic Towns Atlas explained, <https://www.ria.ie/researchprojects/irish-historic-towns> , Pgs 8-13 National Archives of Ireland holdings and digital records, Pg.14-15 Findmypast has Royal Irish Constabulary records 1816-1922, Pgs 16- 17 Merchant Navy Crew Lists, Pgs 18-26 Irish Quaker Archive and other Quaker related records, Pgs 26- 29 irishgenealogy.ie has some new civil records, Pgs 31- 33 The Irish who died for Canada in WW2, Pgs 48-51 The O'Donnell Family name.

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Manning-Wallambah FHS Feb.2017: Pgs 4-5 12 problem-solving tips when researching.

National Boer War Memorial Association Feb.2017: Pg.2 memorial design explained in detail, memorial casting pictures Pgs 6-7, Pg. 5 15 pounder guns, Pgs 8-9 Major General Sir Edward Chaytor NZ Army [ANZAC forces], Pg.10 Trooper, later Colonel, Charles Cameron Stewart - A boy soldier of the Boer War – a soldier of three wars and two armies. , Pg.11 Captain Jonathon H B Martin MID-Vet, Soldier of two wars & two armies.

Newcastle FHS has a CD for sale called Rembrance, which covers Newcastle's WW1 memorials and biographies \$35 plus \$5 postage... av. after ANZAC Day.

Newcastle FHS Mar.2017: Hotels theme: Pg.4 Gold Miners Arms Hotel Lambton, Pg.5 Ryerson Index update, Pgs 6-7 Jane Ison, Newcastle publican, Pgs 8-15 various other hotels, Pg.15 Facebook friends you should have, Pg. 17- References and Copyright Pt.2 ,Pgs 18-20 The War Chest effort in Newcastle- coordinated by Miss Dora Sparke, Pgs 23-24 more Lambton hotels .

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Wagga Wagga & District FHS Feb 2017: Pgs 14-15 Local newspaper items from Trove, Pgs 16-17 3 ways to write a biography.