



Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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DIARY DATES

Annual State Conference
18th to 20th September 2009
Davis Heritage 24.10.2009
Newcastle F.H. Soc 07.11.2009
Hulbert Reunion 10.10.2009

DISCUSSION GROUPS.

Scottish 19.09.2009
Australian 17.10.2009
Legacy Family Tree 21.11.2009

SPEAKER

Today's Speaker is Brian Walsh
Who is the author of a book called
Convicts of Tocal.

The speaker for October will be Mike
Evans, a visitor from the UK, here to
attend a Family Reunion at Vacy.



COMMITTEE NEWS

As nobody took up the position of Publicity Officer at the election we are still looking for a kind soul to volunteer.

The Committee have received three new discs:
Orange & District Pioneer Registers Vol 1 & 2
Liverpool Asylum CD 1881 – 1902.
Liverpool Asylum CD Vol 5 1890-1893.
Vol 6 1893 – 1897 & Vol 10 1909 -1912.

Once again we are having a Christmas Raffle and we ask you to bring along a non-perishable item for the Hamper. (tins, packets, chocolate, wine) and anything that you feel people would like to see in the hamper.

Tickets will cost \$1 and the raffle will be drawn on 12.12.2009.

Terry Eakin the Irish Genealogist will be our speaker for November it will be a Question & Answer Day for the Irish so get all your questions ready for Terry to answer

World War 2 Memories

For anyone who may be interested there is a very interesting website containing archives of WWII memories. President Jenny's cousin sent this site to her when writing an article about Doodlebugs:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar/>

LEGISLATION HAS NOW PASSED TO REVOLUTIONISE PUBLIC ACCESS TO NSW HISTORIC RECORDS

Australians will now for the first time be able to access on line both the indexes and original images of historical records held by NSW Government. This is due to new legislation which permits **the government libraries and archives** to work with commercial partners to digitise and host their historical records. Ancestry.com has been actively involved in lobbying for this legislative change and is the first commercial partner to sign an agreement under this law with State Records Authority of NSW. You can now search on Ancestry.com for Convict Death Registers 1828 - 1879.
NSW Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists 1828 - 1896.
NSW Unassisted Immigrant Passenger Lists 1826 - 1923.
Convict Ship Musters 1790 – 1849.
1841 Census Abstract Returns.
1828 Census – NSW Historic Electoral Rolls.
1842 – 1864 Convict's Applications to Marry.
1826 – 1851 NSW Certificates of Naturalization 1834 – 1903.
(Press release from Ancestry.com)

NEWS FROM SAG

My Family Health Portrait

This free website, My Family Health Portrait, is a tool allowing genealogists to record their family history from a health perspective. Developed by the US Surgeon-General it is nevertheless of interest regardless of where you live or where your ancestors come from. To create a new family history you will be asked to fill in a form with details such as name, gender, date of birth, height, weight, specific diseases or conditions, ethnicity and race. Except for gender and date of birth, all fields on the initial form are optional. Once you have created your own profile you can enter information about other family members. Information entered on to the site is completely private. Once you enter your information online, it is available only to you for downloading to your own computer.

Genseek.com Catalogue 2

The Genseek.com Catalogue 2 Session was previously scheduled for Saturday 1 August but had to be postponed due to a delay in launching the new site. The session will now be held on Saturday 17 October at 10.30 am. The Genseek.com website is the next generation of FamilySearch's Family History Library Catalogue which some pre-release publicity also claims will revolutionise research by searching the 'deep web', an area not previously accessible when you 'Google'. Join us to learn more. Presenter: Vicki Eldridge. Bookings Essential. \$20 (\$25 non-members).

WEB SITES AND WEB NEWS TO BROWSE



Toowoomba & Darling Downs have just uploaded some more indexes onto their Society Blog. <http://tddfhs.blogspot.com/> Darling Downs Gazettes 1881-1885. These indexes have been updated recently and contain more entries than the previously published fiche.

An interesting site for anyone with Melbourne Interests. <http://150.theage.com.au/index.asp> (Passed on by Jenny Myers)

IRISH FAMILY HISTORY FOUNDATION has now added the records of Derry ~ Londonderry Genealogy covering parishes and districts of County Derry. The number of records now searchable on line is 16.2 million <http://derry.brsgenealogy.com>.

VOYAGE OF THE FLYING CLOUD TO MARYBOROUGH 1870:

The Maryborough Family Heritage Institute Inc. will be compiling a book on the 1870 voyage of the Flying Cloud and would like to contact as many descendants of the passengers from this voyage as possible. Hopefully this book will be published to coincide with the 140th year since its arrival in Maryborough. Anyone willing to share information on their ancestors on board and who know where they settled would be appreciated. Photos of these passengers and/or children are also requested for publishing in this book. .

The following is a summary of the voyage. The Black Ball ship Flying Cloud, J. L. Owen, Esq., Commander from Liverpool with Government immigrants, being the 99th ship under the Queensland Immigration Act, arrived in Hervey's Bay on Tuesday, 30th August having made one of the fastest passages on record. She left Mersey on 4th June and rounded Break Sea Spit at 1 p.m. on the 29th June, on Tuesday 30th June anchored in Hervey's Bay at 5p.m. On Thursday 1st September. The Immigration Agents (Mr. Faircloth and Mr. Travis) went down to the vessel on the Lady Bowen, the Rockhampton portion of the immigrants were forwarded by this steamer. The immigrants for Maryborough were brought on by the Queensland and arrived on the morning of 2nd September 1870. (Sent to us by Kay Gassan President MFHI Inc) please send any information you may wish to share to Kay at PO Box 913 Maryborough 4650 Queensland Australia Maryborough Family Heritage Institute Inc.

BOOKS TO READ

Family History for Beginners & Beyond

This book, first published in 1981 has now been updated, expanded and released in its fourteenth edition. \$25.00 plus \$9.50 p+p

Google Your Family Tree

Unlock the power of Google for your genealogy research. Google is the most powerful tool available worldwide for online research! This book explains how to use the many powerful capabilities within Google to jumpstart a family history search - and does so in simple, easy-to-understand language. \$39.95 plus \$9.50 p+p

The Sydney Sailors' Home 1859-2009

Jan Bowen's entertaining story of the Sydney Sailors Home, the people who drove its formation and the sometimes colourful characters who rested there. \$45 = p&p \$9.50.

Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian.

Genealogy attracts a stunning mix of people. Hobbyists curious about their ancestry. Geneticists in search of medical breakthroughs. Legal researchers gathering evidence to defend individual or ethnic rights. Anthropologists, archaeologists, demographers, geographers, historians and sociologists probing the past to better understand the present. Evidence! provides a common ground upon which all can meet, speak the same language and share their results. \$33 + p&p \$7

WHATS ON LOCALLY

THE DAVIS HERITAGE

Commemorating Charles Davis 19th June 1842 - 26th October 1909

Venue St. John Anglican Church Hall Cnr. Dawson & Parry Sts Cooks Hill NSW 2300

Date Saturday 24th October 2009 Time 9.30 - 3.00

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Charles Davis founded the well known family firm C. Davis and Sons, Newcastle Builders they were responsible for many well established buildings in and around Newcastle including the Newcastle City Hall A book of over 130 pages has been compiled of Davis Heritage History and Family Tree and will be on display at the gathering.

Orders can be placed to purchase a copy.

Newcastle Family History Soc. invites you to a Seminar to be held at Wallsend Diggers Club Tyrrell St Wallsend Newcastle. Saturday 7th November 2009. Speakers include: Don Lowe, Kim Phillips, Ed Tonks, Tom Yeo & Sue Ryan. \$20 per person includes morning & afternoon tea. Lunch available at the club. Please book your seats by 1st October through the Secretary NFHS P O Box 233 Lambton 2299 or email nfhsinc@gmail.com

HULBERT REUNION: The descendants of Convict James Hulbert are invited to attend a reunion to mark the 173rd anniversary of his arrival on board the "The Lady Kennaway" at Port Jackson

NSW.in 1836 on Saturday 10.10.2009 from 10am at Butterfly Farm Wilberforce NSW. For more information visit their website at hulbertfamilyreunion.com or contact Mel 0419 297 920 or Wanda 024 729 2034

Lake Macquarie City Library recently ordered genealogy resources:

1. New South Wales Police Gazette Complete Set 1862-1938
2. New South Wales Telephone Directories: Compendium 1 - set of 4 Northern and Western Districts Directories 1946-48 These New South Wales Telephone Directories contain country exchanges including: Armidale, Bathurst, Beaufort, Cambridge Park, Collarenebri, Emerald Hill, Fernbrook, Glen Innes, Gladstone, Gunnedah, Inverell, Lightning Ridge, Moree, Narrabri, Orange, Pilliga, Quirindi, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Warren and Warialda. Directions on how to make local and trunk calls including their costs are listed along with general but relevant information.
3. New South Wales Telephone Directories: Compendium 2 selection of 21 Directories 1913 New South Wales Sydney 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939-1943, 1945-1947, 1949-1953 1946 North-North Western Districts 1948 Western Districts 1948 North Coast Districts 1948 North-North Western Districts



Our next meeting will be held on 17th October.

The Hall will be open at 10am for the use of resources.

Meeting will commence at 12.30pm.

You are reminded that the Hall is always open for the use of resources on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm till 5pm

NEW JOURNALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

<p>“Links & Chains” Journal of the Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc. August 2009</p>	<p>Articles “James Meehan A Fine Measure of a Man” - Paul Horne “Memories of the War Years” - Pat Rutledge (Nee Haerse) “Image of My Scottish Pioneer to Australia”- Reg Bonney “Neither Honour or Glory: Redcoats on the North Coast” – Caroline Cavanagh.</p>
<p>“Lachlan Valley Gold” Journal of the Forbes Family History Group Inc. Winter 09</p>	<p>Articles: “Pubs in Eugowra” “Forbes Parkes Gazette – 1888 Births Deaths & Marriages” “Gunning Gap Church 100years” “Brisbane Courier Wednesday 4th December 1861”: “The Lachlan Rush (From the Border Post)” “Petition for Municipality, Municipal District of Forbes (N S W Gov. Gazette 242-1869) – Names Signatories.” “Researching your family in Italy”</p>
<p>“Time Traveller”– Journal of Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc August 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Newspaper items from the Shoalhaven Telegraph 1907, 09, 10.” “Loss of the Hibernia 1833 – Part 1” - Marianne Faull</p>
<p>Journal 187 - Newcastle Family History Society Inc September 2009</p>	<p>Articles:”The First Railway” Adapted from a paper: by D Campbell, J Brougham & R Caldwell. “Edmond Lonsdale – A Station Builder” – Maree Shilling “Pead Family Railway History” – Tina Chaffe (nee Pead) “Life on the Railways” – Robyn Jeffriess Railway Workers” – Nita Fraser “A Number of “Firsts” – A Dual Book Launch – Maree Shilling “Railways and the Arkley Family” – Colin Hay “Wallsend Book Launch” – Ron Goodhew “Member Profile” – Nita Fraser “British Research Part Four” – Sarah Minney</p>
<p>“Ballarat Link” Journal of the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society Inc August</p>	<p>Articles: “Bank Details Found” – Tricia Hilder New York Emigrant Savings Bank details - as found on ancestry.com “Registration of Dogs”- The Star Ballarat - July 29 1856 “Ballarat Diggings”- The Argus-September 13 1851</p>
<p>“History” –Magazine of RAHS September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “The Local Heritage Movement in Sweden” Anna Eskilsson “The Donnithorne’s of Camperdown Lodge” Pt2 John Godl “Sydney A Chemical Weapons Depot and Dumping Ground” from details of books written by Geoff Plunkett. “A New Study of W W 1 Soldier Settlement in NSW” Melanie Oppenheimer & Christine Yeats. Exciting finds from Colonial Days” Helen Proudfoot</p>
<p>“The South Australian Genealogist” – Journal of the SA Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc August 2009</p>	<p>Articles:” Newsletters of the South Australian Railways” by Diana Pocius “150th Celebrations- (Old) Noarlunga Primary School” Margaret Duell. “More than a Catalyst” by David Sweet. “The London Gazette” by Richard Goodwin. “What’s the Best Way to Mark Photos?” by Gillian O’Mara.</p>
<p>“Family Ties “ Journal of the Bundaberg Genealogical Association Inc September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Returns of Provincial Schools” “Committees for Provincial Schools” “What can be found in Police Gazettes” “Blue Books & Education Gazettes” “Convicts Records” “Buried in Woollen”by Val Messer “Five Shiploads: How Some Irish Pioneers Came to Australia” by Dr B Barrett</p>