

Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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DIARY DATES

Davis Heritage 24.10.2009
Newcastle F.H.Soc 07.11.2009

DISCUSSION GROUPS.

Australian 17.10.2009
Legacy Family Tree 21.11.2009
General Research Day
and Christmas treats 12.12.2009

SPEAKER

Today's Speaker is Mike Evans a visitor from the UK here to attend a Family Reunion at Vacy.

Next Month's Speaker is Terry Eakin the Irish Genealogist. The day will be a Question & Answer Day so get all your Questions ready for Terry to answer.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

The position of Publicity Officer is unfilled and the Committee are looking for a volunteer take on this role. Assistance is available from Carole Burman.

We now have a new photocopier as the old one gave up the ghost. There hasn't been any news on the photocopier grant as yet. We didn't get the Telecom grant that was applied for internet access.

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, cake, pudding, custard, biscuits, nuts) 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.

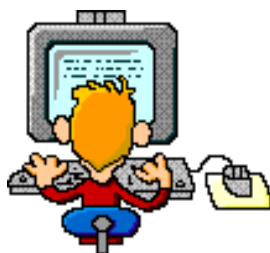
Ancestry has released more updates for Australian Electoral Rolls London Births & Baptisms 1813 -1906, Marriages & Banns 1754 -1921 Deaths & Burials 1813 -1980 Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1538 - 1812 fully indexed. You need to look under the New Records at <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/recent.aspx> (*Press release from Ancestry.com*)

Find My Past has added five more Census counties they are Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Cheshire, Sussex and Hertfordshire (*Press release from Find My Past*)

Marilyn Rowan is giving 10% off any order between now and 10th December 2009. If you are not on the internet Glenys has order forms on the table.

Pam Harrison has written a book called Man The Lifeboat! Feats of Heroism & Endurance Newcastle Lifeboat Service 1838-1946: The Rocket Brigade 1866-1974. The Newcastle library are launching the book on Thursday 12th November and Peter Morris President of the Newcastle Maritime Museum will be speaking. Pam has listed the Lake Macquarie Family History Group to receive an invitation and if you wish to go would you please ring Pam her number is on the flyer that will be on the table with an order form if you are interested in attending the launch or if you wish to order a copy. The price of the book has been reduced to \$30 for the launch.

WEB SITES AND WEB NEWS TO BROWSE



Lost in.... Seminar. The Seminar this year is being hosted in association with the Orange Library on the 7th/8th November. The focus this year is on Black Sheep in the Family History. Bookings are now open \$85 members & \$95 non members. For more information see Sags site.

Could I have a Convict in my Family Tree
Monday 19th Oct (10am – 1.00pm) Finding, tracing and proving a link to a convict is not always easy or straightforward. Find the difference between types of records and then undertake a hand's on research. Experienced researchers are available for guidance and assessment. You must bring your own documents/charts etc along.
\$45Members & \$55 non members.

Commemoration & Exhumation – Resources for Camperdown Cemetery. Saturday 24th Oct (1.30pm-3.30pm) Ralph Hawkins will take you through the new online Camperdown Cemetery guide. Bookings essential
\$20 Members & \$25 Non members.

North of the Border – Queensland Research
Saturday 31st Oct (10.30-12.30) Join Judy Webster as she explains the resources and research techniques for tracing your Queensland ancestors. Bookings essential
\$20 Members & \$25 Non members.

Colonial Secretary's Correspondence. If your ancestors were in NSW in 1800's you shouldn't miss this one. This NSW Colonial Secretary's Correspondence contains a treasure trove of information and you may find the answer to that brick wall, it contains everything from your ancestor applying for a land grant to orphan children and foreign immigrants. Bookings essential

\$20 Member \$25 Non members.

BOOKS TO READ

Leases of Auriferous Lands CD's

A series of CD's indexing registers of leases relating to a particular NSW mining district in 1876-1908.

Tumut & Adelong Mining District. Registers of leases of auriferous lands in the Tumut and Adelong Mining District (Adelong, Albury, Bombala, Bungendore, Captains Flat, Cooma, Cootamundra, Four Mile Creek, Germanton, Gundagai, Gunning, Junee, Kiandra, Narrandera, Nimitybelle, Queanbeyan, Reidy Flat, Temora, Ten Mile Creek, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Wagga Wagga, Yarrara, Young).
15 Jun 1875 - 19 Mar 1908. Provides lease & application number, dates of possession and application, applicant & surveyor names, receipt name. Was \$22.00 Now \$11.00 plus p+p

Mudgee Mining District. Registers of leases of auriferous lands in the Mudgee Mining District (Capertee, Cobbora, Dubbo, Gulgong, Hargraves, Hill End, Ironbarks, Mudgee, Parkes, Peak Hill, Sofala, Tomingley, Wellington, and Windeyer).
17 Mar 1875 - 13 Nov 1908. Provides lease and application number, dates of possession and application, applicant & surveyor names, receipt name. Was \$22.00 Now \$11.00 plus p+p

Apprenticeship's in London & England – English Research Group Meeting.

Saturday 24th Oct (10.30-12.30) Paul Kettle will demonstrate on how to research London apprenticeships using both Sags library collection and online resources. Bookings essential \$8 member's \$12 non members.

Sydney Benevolent Asylum. This is a new website that details the historical records associated with the Sydney Benevolent Asylum. The index contains 78,000 records and is a listing of all inmates between 1857 to 1900. Search the index by name and if you find a positive match you can complete an online request form to obtain further information from the notes field. There is no charge for this service which is limited to private researchers.

Historical Atlas of Sydney

The Historical Atlas of Sydney has been produced by the City of Sydney Archives and is a digitised version of maps and related cartographic resources, covering mainly the City of Sydney local

government area but also more widely in the County of Cumberland region.

The maps are presented as downloadable PDF files which can be panned and zoomed. Screen views can be printed for study purposes. Each set of maps has a background note with information useful for understanding how and why the maps were produced.

The Atlas went live a few months ago, it is being added to on a regular basis. Recent additions include the City of Sydney 'Civic Survey' (1938-1950), and some radical post-1945 schemes in which Surry Hills and Redfern would be transformed as planned communities centred on high-rise apartment blocks set in parkland. The next additions will include the 1909 Royal Commission for the Improvement of Sydney and its Suburbs, and the 1945-55 County of Cumberland Planning scheme.

From Jenny Myers Custom-printed books I heard about this on the news the other day. Some of you can probably avail yourself of the service now -- a great way to get affordable hardcopies of genealogy-related books: Put this address into Google.

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/TECH/09/18/google.books/index.html>.

OF INTEREST

For those searching Parish Registers at Ancestry.com they refer to the registers of the established church i.e. Church of England. You will not find any registers of Roman Catholic churches as these churches which are officially termed 'missions' not 'parishes' in the collection and they are very hard to research try searching catholiclibrary.org.uk/index.html for information. Between 1754 and 1837 your Catholic ancestors would have had to marry in the Church of England. This applied to protestant non-conformists too though not to Quakers or Jews who were allowed to maintain their own records on the basis that these were accepted to be very well regulated. Every marriage if it took place in London should be there until 1837 unless it took place within the many large churches in the City of Westminster which covers a large part of the central area. These registers are held by the Westminster Archive Centre, not the LMA or the Guildhall Library, (*passed on from the eng-surrey mailing list*)

CAN YOU HELP

Jill Innes has written asking if we can help her with any information on her family. They are buried at Whitebridge Cemetery, she has the D.O.B and needs the D.O.D. Jill has ordered a copy of the Whitebridge Cemetery Book and if you have any information on this family Jill would like to hear from you. The details are:-

Robert Merritt b.1891 d. 1946 Cowra.

Pearl Merritt (nee Cockburn) b. 1900 d.1955

Samuel Waterman Merritt b.1862 d.1937

Mary (known as Polly, nee Jordan),
b.1862, d.1933.

William Cockburn, b.1862, d.1929

Eleanor Cockburn, born 1857

Pearl's siblings were George, Minnie, Ella, Joseph.

Robert's siblings were William, Samuel and Ivy Edna.

If you can help Jill please email her on Jillyinnes at bigpond.com



**Our next meeting will be held on
21st November.**

**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>“Timespan” Journal of Nepean Family History Society September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Pioneers of Molong (Part Two) and Pioneers of Rylestone” Extracts from “The centennial History of N.S.W 1888” by Frederick Morrison. “The Early History of Emu Plains Public School” by Audrey Walford-Smith. “Once Upon A Time – Granny Cochrane’s Penrith” by Albert Evans. “French Connections” by Joan Birtles. Various articles from the “Nepean Times” of 1909</p>
<p>“The Genealogist” Journal of the Australian Ins. of Genealogical Studies September 2009</p>	<p>Article” Remembrance Day (formerly Armistice Day) “ by Dan Cerchi “Mines Railways and Families” by Lesley Haldane “Missing – Body Not recovered” by Colin Holt “Having trouble finding your ancestor on the UK census?” by Philip Marston.</p>
<p>“Descent” Journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists. September.2009</p>	<p>Articles” A Short Story: How New Electronic Resources Solved the Mystery of Governor Bligh & Captain Short” by Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker “ The Ryerson Index “ by John Graham. “Baptisms in Strange Places or The Reverend Connolly Keeps His Registers” by Dr Craig James Smee. “Industrial Genealogy Using the Victoria County Histories” by John M Stanhope.</p>
<p>“The Cedar Log Journal of Richmond – Tweed Family History Soc. September 2009</p>	<p>Articles “Charles Eaton Taplin” by Leigh Wilson . “William Jamieson” by Judith Batterham. “William & Eleanor Clement – Pioneers of the Richmond” by Ron Clement. NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages – A Comparison of Microfiche, CD and Internet (NSW Registry) Resources” by Ross Sergeant. “London Gazettes as a Research Tool”</p>
<p>“Lemon Tree” Journal of Port Stephens Family History Society. August 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Persons Advertised For” from the 1868 Sydney Morning Herald April May June. “Extract From’ Convicts of the Australian Agricultural Company 1825-1850” “The Glover Family Story” by Denise Gaudion.</p>
<p>“Maitland Reminiscences” Journal of Maitland Family History Circle. September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Who Was Phoebe Foreman” by Beth Williams. “The Story of Two Irish Families in the Early Days of Maitland” by Lesley Evans & Faye Sheridan (John Jennings & Bridget Hobin/Hogan) and Thomas Grant & Ellen Jennings) “Michael Murray – Butcher, Maitland 1838-1926” by Mary Kleinschafer</p>
<p>“The Argyle Bulletin” Journal of Goulburn & District Hist. & Fam.Hist. Soc. August 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Numerous short articles from the Goulburn Evening Post “The History of the ‘Loop Line’ Railway between Picton and Mittagong” By Roger Bayley.</p>
<p>“Kith & Kin” Journal of Cape Banks Family History Society September 2009</p>	<p>Articles:” Convict’s Tale” by Gwen Gates “ The Bevan Family” by John Bevan “John Cairns – Sailed on the ‘Strathallan’ in 1859 150 years later” by Robert Carter.</p>
<p>“Inverell E-History “Newsletter” of Inverell Genealogical & Hist. Soc. September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Inverell Salvation Army – Community Centre” Sponsor Donors. “Warialda – Rocky Dam World War 1” Members of the Rocky Dam Rifle Club Who Served the Empire 1914 – 1918 by Ross Smith.</p>
<p>“The Ryde Recorder”. Journal of Ryde District Hist. Soc. & FHG. September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Who was Samuel Terry?” by Janice Eastment & Kevin Shaw. “The Spirits of Gallipoli” by Kim Phillips. “Two Victims of the 1918-1919 Flu Pandemic” by Helen Patterson.</p>
<p>“Western Ancestor” Journal of Western Australian Genealogical Soc. September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “The Match Girls” “Good And Efficient” Michael Throssell And His Heritage by Jean McDonald.</p>
<p>“The Ancestral Searcher” Journal of the Heraldry & Genealogical Soc. of Canberra.</p>	<p>Articles: “A pupil at the Greenwich Hospital School” by Wendy Benson “The rose not without a Thorn” by Judith Rule. “Don’t get me started” by Rosemary McKenzie. “God Save the Lady Student” by Judy Thomson “The Family Gathering” by Ted Frost. “ The complexities of locating two Sharp families (of Cracoe YRK, West Derby LAN & Hobart TAS) by Trish Frei.</p>