

Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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DISCUSSION GROUPS.

Legacy Family Tree	21.11.2009
General Research Day and	
Christmas treats	12.12.2009
Scottish	16.01.2010
Australian	20.02.2010
Irish	20.03.2010
Legacy Family Tree	17.04.2010

SPEAKER

Today's Speaker is Terry Eakin
Irish Genealogist.
Have your questions ready for Terry
to answer.

December

Shane Frost is our speaker and he
will be speaking on the Awabakal
people

January 2010

Shirley & John Smith speaking on
researching at the Mitchell Library

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COMMITTEE NEWS

The South Western Victoria Cemeteries upgrade DVD has been received and the computer will be updated. Also received is a copy of From the Mountains to the Marshes Outback Cemeteries Burials Vol.4.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome John & Shirley Smith number 186.
John & Shirley are long time researchers and will be giving us a talk
at our January meeting on researching at the Mitchell Library.

THE TERALBA COMMUNITY HALL

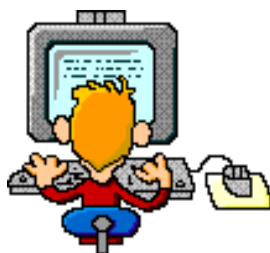
Will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on 2nd April 2010.
The Hunter Valley Scots Club Inc are custodians of the hall.
They would like to celebrate the halls 50 years of service to the
Teralba Community, especially as the hall was built with money
raised by the residents of Teralba, together with a donation by the
then joint coal board. Joan Elliott a member of the Scots Club has
been asked to write a brief history of the hall and asks if anyone has
any photos or information on its construction, particularly on the
opening day. If you are can help Joan in any way please email her at
jelliott@idl.net.au

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Once again we are having a Christmas Raffle and ask you to bring
along a non-perishable item for the Hamper. (tins, packets, wine,
chocolate, cake, pudding, custard, biscuits, nuts etc) 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.

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

WEB SITES AND WEB NEWS TO BROWSE



Army Campaigns Abroad. This website was created by Rob Alexander and contains free databases compiled from information in various books dealing with campaigns such as Crimean War, Boer War, Indian Mutiny and more. Go to Surreygenealogist.com. (*Sent in by Elspeth Bradbury*)

Irish Roots Magazine the only magazine solely dedicated to Irish ancestral research within the whole island of Ireland. This magazine aims to empower its readers to trace and embrace their Irish roots. There is something for everyone from helpful tips on using research repositories, interviews, letters and news updates. This magazine is published in March June September & December. It is available from this site. Type this into your browser. Irishrootsmedia.com
Do not go through google for this one as it will take you to facebook.

A CAUTIONARY REMINDER

With increasing access to records such as the London Metropolitan Archives on Ancestry it's opportune to remind users to be cautious. Robert recently found the burials of a couple where the husband was buried aged 64 and his death cert. shows age 70 and his wife was buried 3 year later aged 78 and her death certificate shows age 87.

NEWS FROM SAGS

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Library at 379 Kent St will close 4pm on Wednesday 23rd December 2009 and reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2010 at 10am. There will be no access to this building during this period and the phone 9299 5151 will not be answered.

The last day the manuscript collection and library stack material at Richmond Villa will be open for research is Saturday 20th Dec and reopens on Thursday 7th January 2010. Administrative staff will be working in this building during this time and membership enquiries and renewals can be taken over the phone on 9247 3953.

Irish Group Meeting Saturday 5.December.2009

1.30 – 3.30 at Richmond Villa 120 Kent St Sydney. This session will explore how you can tell from Australian sources whether you have an Irish ancestor and will introduce the terminology and resources you'll need to understand to successfully trace the family to Ireland. Bookings essential \$8 members \$12 non members.

Presenter Perry McIntyre.

The Master Genealogist. The user group will meet Saturday 12th December 2009 120 Kent St Sydney 1.30-3.30. Bring your laptop if possible. The meeting will allow 1 on 1 also small groups. Think in advance about aspects of TMG where you would like to "see how others do it" or problem areas that you would like to address. \$8 members \$12 non members. Bookings essential.

Census & Census Substitutes – South Asia Research Group. Saturday 28th November 1.30-3.30. Who took censuses and when in colonial India? What records remain of these censuses? Get the answers to these questions and more, discover what sources can be used to fill in the gaps. Sylvia Murphy will share her research and provide examples.
Booking essential \$8 (\$12 non members).

We Relate this is a genealogy wiki site. For those that do not know what that means (is a site that allows the easy creation and editing of any number of interlinked web pages). It claims to be the world's largest genealogy wiki with pages for over two million people and families. As a wiki site the aim is to provide a place where individuals can collaborate with each other. While sites such as Ancestry allow you to build your own family tree, the aim of WeRelate is to build a single tree across the site with one page per individual. WeRelate is not designed as a replacement for your genealogy software but as an add-on tool for sharing and collaborating with others. To find out more go to the ReLate site. After looking at this site it seems to deal mainly with America.

BOOKS TO READ

Macquarie County A History of the Hawkesbury. This is a standard history of Richmond & Windsor areas. The chapters include material on Aborigines, ships, shipping, local bushrangers, prominent families and well known buildings. This book is a companion volume to Hawkesbury Journey. \$18.95 +p&p.

Tracing your Family History Online for Dummies. This book is an introduction to family history research. It starts with how to organise what you already have, helps you to plan your research and then guides you through the process of tracking down your ancestors and fleshing out your family history. This book has been adapted by Heather Garnsey of SAG's for Australian readers and includes a CD Rom full of goodies to get the beginner off to a good start. Cost \$39.95 +p&p

Norfolk Island and its Third Settlement. An account of Norfolk Island's third generation as a home for the descendants of the Bounty Mutineers and a centre for Christian evangelism throughout the Pacific. Subtitled "The First Hundred Years", the book covers "The Pitcan Era" 1856-1956 and also tells the story of the Melanesian Mission 1866-1920. \$24.60 +p&p.

OF INTEREST

Blayney Pioneer Register Settlement to Federation. A reminder that Blayney History are still taking names and stories of people who lived in or were born in the Blayney Shire and surrounding areas from the first settlement through to 1901. Entry forms can be downloaded from their website at abercrombiecaves.com or send an email to blayneyhistory@yahoo.com.au or you can contact either Rhonda on 0263663089 or Molly on 0263682860 and an entry form will be posted out to you. Closing date is 26th January 2010.
(*Passed on by Glenys*)

IRISH ORPHANS – THE FEISTY COLLEENS
After a successful public launch at the State Library Queensland on 2nd October, the Feisty Colleens series of three e-books is now available for all interested family historians and researchers. Jennifer Harrison, noted historian and author, helped launch the Feisty Colleens series and provided guidance and support during the writing of the three books. Other well-known historians, Trevor McClaughlin and Libby Connors provided input to the series. (*passed on by Warren*) For those that don't know what an e-book is, it is a book that you buy on line and you can either read it on your computer screen or you can print it out.

SCOTLANDS PEOPLE

Has now made the Catholic Parish Register births and baptisms available online, they have also added indexes (not images) to modern marriage records from (1934 -2006).

Commissions of Peace (JP's) Vol 3 (1936-1958) is a new CD compiled by Kaye Vernon & Billie Jacobson in conjunction with State Records NSW. It lists the names and full addresses of the Commissions of Peace, also known as Justices of the Peace (JP's) who were appointed between 1936 and 1958. It includes JP's from all states in Australia and also from a few other countries. It is a pseudo census as in most cases the full address of the JP is given. You will find many famous local identities from all areas of Australia as well as many from other countries of the world. This valuable information is transcribed from the following original records from State Records NSW. Commissions of Peace [7/7/066] - [7/7/083] The index is in Exel format and sorted alphabetically by name and also by item number and year. A page number that refers to the original document also included to assist in obtaining a copy of document. Cost \$55 plus postage \$3 for CD and \$60 plus postage \$5 for book form. For more details go to teapoygenealogy.com or email kjverbon@bigpond.net.au



Our next meeting will be held on 12th December.

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>“Dust of Ages” Journal of Armidale Family History Group October 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Private Roderick Donald McRae” by Dorothy (nee McRae)Griffey “Mistakes, Myths, Lies, Damn Lies and the family Historian” by Mick Reed. “Canadian Census Record Collections Now online” by Mechele Collins “Lost and Found ” by Marjory Bryant “Two Hillgrove Petitions” by Robyn Crossle</p>
<p>Renfrewshire Family History Society Journal September 2009</p>	<p>Article “Using Business Archives for Family History Research – Part 2” by Claire Paterson. “Surnames from Medieval Renfrewshire. Part 5: Jamieson to Kyle” by Alan Steel. “Woodside Cemetery, Paisley” by Frank McFadyen “Robert Brown 1810 - 1895” The Ferguslie Fireclay Works cont. by F G Hay. “The Diary of William Allison of Mearns and New Kilpatrick 1817 – 1866” by Dorothy E McGuire.</p>
<p>Newsletter of Berrima District History & Family Society. August 2009</p>	<p>Articles “Delve into southern Highlands past” “ Exhibit Impresses Germans “</p>
<p>Newsletter of Berrima District History & Family History Society. September 2009</p>	<p>Articles “Down Memory Lane” by John McColgan. “From the Newspapers” by Carol Nolan.</p>
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<p>“The Fig Tree” Journal of Manning Wallamba Family History Society October 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Memories of Convicts” by Gloria Toohey. “Having Trouble finding British Ancestors” “Civic Registration in England & Wales”</p>
<p>“The Hawkesbury Crier” Newsletter of Hawkesbury Family History Group Sep 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “The Collision Connection: John Collison & Hannah Cupitt” by Eric William Cupitt. “The Grono Family in Australia” by Karen Mills. “Home on the Terrace” ~ The story of Haldane and Thomas & Ethel Strang” by Cathy McHardy.</p>
<p>Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Soc. September 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Swansea’s Awabakal” by Harold Ellercamp “A Memorable Hero – Charlie Hollis”</p>
<p>Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Soc. October 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Memories of Holidays at the Blue Pacific Hotel” by Carey Dawes. “The Voluntary Defence Light Horse Brigade” by Roy Broadbent</p>
<p>“Progenitor”. Journal of the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Sept. 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Simon Family journey from Yorkshire to New Zealand” by Judith Simon. “Northern Territory Index of Probates and Letters of Administration granted by the NT Supreme Court” “St Mary the Virgin, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire” by June Tomlinson</p>
<p>“The Millstone” Newsletter of Kurrajong – Comleroy Historical Soc. Sept-Oct 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Hawkesbury Ho” by Valerie Holland “Kurrajong’s link with Riverstone Meatworks” by Valerie Holland. “John Tebbutt 1834 – 1916” by Chris Upton</p>
<p>“Inverell E – History”. Newsletter of Inverell Genealogical & History Soc. October 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Bukkulla” (Wyndham property) “Myall Creek and Sister Ignatius” by Mervyn Williamson. “Frederick Ward” by Errol Thorn</p>
<p>“Tomaree Tattler” Journal of Tomaree Family History Group. October 2009</p>	<p>Articles “The Story of Two Remarkable Albino Sisters” by Michelle Gilliver-Smith</p>
<p>“Lachlan Valley Gold” Journal of Forbes Family History Group. Spring 2009</p>	<p>Articles “Various articles about the Forbes P.A & H Association and its history. “Owners of Firms in Forbes 1903” “O Canada: An Introduction to Canadian Research”.</p>
<p>“Vet Affairs” Newspaper for the Veteran Community September/October 2009</p>	
<p>Newsletter of Berrima District History & Family Society. November 2009</p>	<p>Articles “Boyd Disaster – 200th Anniversary” “Down Memory Lane” by John Colgan</p>
<p>“Trickles from the Castlereagh” Newsletter of Coonamble Family Hist. Soc. Nov 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Coonamble & District Archive Centre” “French/Coonamble Connection” by Ailsa Firth “The First Squatters along the Castlereagh” by Gloria Chambers “People who arrived in the Coonamble District before 1920” by Gloria Chambers</p>