



Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

SPEAKERS

Today's Speaker is Shane Frost
Shane will be speaking on the
Awabakal People

January 2010

Shirley & John Smith speaking on
Researching at the Mitchell Library

February Meryl Bolin will speak
on Deciphering Handwriting on old
family documents.

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**COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Committee would like to wish everybody a
Happy & Safe Christmas and New Year

Robert has passed this site on and tells you not to be confused by the name as this Italian Genealogical Group has a useful collection of on-line databases of New York USA at <http://www.italiangen.org/VRECLIST.stm>

After getting into the site go to Databases Naturalization, don't get confused when it says no more databases, scroll down to bottom of the page and click on the box that says in red to continue on to databases.

Jenny Myers has passed on these sites;
1939 National Registration of UK - This site tells about the progress and what it will mean when this information is available.
http://www2.newsbbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/magazine/8363341.stm

More QLD indexes on line - Queensland Historical Records have increased the years available for research on line to;
Deaths 1829 - 1964: Marriages 1829 - 1934: Births 1829 - 1914
<https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/entry.m> and then select the Historical Index Searching link.

Elsbeth has passed on this website that she saw on the Hunter Valley Rootsweb list. <http://archivesoutside.records.nsw.gov.au/>
This website was developed to create a meeting place for people who have archival collections around New South Wales and researchers who wish to access them.

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you for your generous donations towards the Christmas Raffle- Good Luck to all for the draw.

WEB SITES AND WEB NEWS TO BROWSE



Find my Past has changed its terms and conditions, and privacy policy, they consist of **fair usage limits**, the monthly limit has been increased for subscribers and it is simpler for you to calculate. The new limit is 5000 record views per month and you will be sent an email when you get close to the limit. They will shortly be adding a counter on the site to let you know how close you are getting to the limit.

Continuous membership for subscribers.

It has been made easier for you to cancel your subscription from My Account area. If you use the continuous membership your loyalty discount of 20% is automatically applied when you renew.

Free Trail period of 14 days now applies to new members. There is a lower **Fair Usage** limit of 400 record views during the free trial period this doesn't include access to the 1911 census. It had also been made clearer about lookups for other people. There has been a change of company name to brightsolid on line publishing Ltd this doesn't affect users in any way.

The 1851 census is complete so now you have access to every record from England & Wales between 1841-1911 census. This is the only site that enables you to do this. There is also their first "Ask the Expert" which sees Steve tackle questions on the First World War deaths and elusive baptisms.

The new counties that have just been added are: Derbyshire: Durham: Northumberland: Nottinghamshire: Somersetshire: Wiltshire: Isle of Man: Ships at Sea: Royal Navy at Sea: and British Ships in Port.

Discover the precise age of your ancestor's the 1851 census was the first to reveal the precise age of each householder, on the 1841 census everyone over 15 had their age rounded down.

NOW & THEN ONLINE NEWS

The latest additions to online indexes and resources on this website include: New Index – Closer Settlement Transfer Registers 1919-1925.

New Web page called Today in History.

Online' microfilm of shipping lists available. State Records has recently completed a pilot project to digitise the microfilm copies of the Persons on bounty ships (Agent's Immigrant Lists), 1838-96 (NRS 5316); Persons on bounty ships arriving at Port Phillip, 1839-51 (NRS 5318) and Germans on bounty ships, 1849-52 (NRS 5320).

Follow this link to find out more

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/news/online-microfilm-of-shipping-lists-available>.

New Digital Gallery on Lachlan Macquarie is in the development stage.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS Friday 25 December (Christmas Day) - CLOSED

Saturday 26 December (Boxing Day) – CLOSED

Monday 28 December – CLOSED

Tuesday 29 December - OPEN

Wednesday 30 December – OPEN

Thursday 31 December – OPEN

Friday 1 January (New Years Day) - CLOSED

Saturday 2 January - CLOSED

CHANGES TO THE COPY SERVICE OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

There will also be changes to the copy service over the Christmas/New Year period. With several public holidays and staff on leave over the festive season copy orders will be completed within the standard time frame of 20 working days. Please note that the 5 day urgent order option (incl. 25% surcharge) will not be available. If it is vital that an order be completed within 5 working days during this time please contact the Reprographics Officer on (02) 9673 1788. For anymore info go to the site.

Hills Shire Council Records: The Hills Shire Council (formerly Baulkham Hills Shire) in Sydney, NSW has been placing local history content on their website for the past few years. A SAG-E reader has suggested the following resources which may be of interest if you had ancestors from this area of Sydney.

Early Rate Books: Covering the period 1907-1909 these records generally display the name of the owner, the name of the occupier, a description of the property, the value and the rates.

Hills Wartime Heroes: Some of the information in this section can be accessed on the WW1 and WW2 nominal roll sites, however other sources have also been consulted and there is material here not readily available elsewhere.

Origin of Street Names: A table containing a brief summary of the origin of many street names in the area and often includes details such as previous owners and dates of subdivisions.

For general information on the local area and its history, see also the Heritage and History page of the council website.

NEWS FROM SAGS

Saturday 16th January 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Do you want to be a professional Genealogist? In this discussion based seminar Jeremy Palmer will cover the basics of how to be a professional researcher, where topics such as getting qualified, what to charge, presentation and record keeping will be examined. Bookings are essential \$20 (Non members \$25)

Wednesday 20 January (1.30pm - 3.30pm) -

English Research Group Meeting –

The Workhouse. A place dreaded by the paupers in England. There were many reasons why people entered the Workhouse. The discussion will centre on the workhouse before and after the Poor Law of 1834. You will discover the conditions and hardships that the poor had to endure within the walls of these institutions. Also how to obtain information about those who were placed in the workhouse will be also covered.

Presented by Pauline Kettle.

Bookings are essential. \$8 (\$12 non-members).

Saturday 23 January (9.00am - 10.00am) -

Orientation Tour: A one hour orientation tour of the library at 379 Kent Street - find out how the library is set out and what services are offered there. Bookings are essential. Free a donation to their Building Appeal on the day would be appreciated.

BOOKS TO READ

Narellan Hidden Treasures. Narellan (1827) is one of the oldest villages in the local area. It pre-dates Camden and has a number of important heritage buildings. \$25.00 plus P+P.

Pictorial History: Canberra. A feast of historic photographs of Canberra wrapped up in a potted history outlining its origins and development. \$20 plus P+H.

Pictorial History Warringah embraces the area from Harbord, Manley Vale and Killarney Heights in the south to Narrabeen and Cottage Point in the north. \$20 plus P+H.

Pictorial History Pittwater includes the area north of Narrabeen Lagoon to West Head and Barrenjoey. \$20 plus P+H.

CD'S TO WATCH

1901 Census of County Clare This is the earliest surviving census for the county, from which so many people emigrated to Australia. Details of over 112,000 individuals are included. You can search by 38 different fields. \$36 plus P+H.

Sydney Directory 1847 Low's Directory of Sydney 1847 contains information for anyone wishing to know about the people and society of Sydney as it was in 1847. \$28 plus P+H



**Our next meeting will be held on
16th January 2010**

**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 Liverpool Genealogy Society November 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “First World War” by Linsie Tan. “The Story of Two Soldiers – Nearly 80 years Apart” By Kathleen Smith “My Mate” by Ted Fraser “Richard & Roo ” by Judy Judson “Neither Honour or Glory: Redcoats on the Northern Coast” by Caroline Cavanagh (cont. from the August journal)</p>
<p>“The Parramatta Packet” Newsletter of Parramatta FHG November 2009</p>	<p>Article” Beginners Luck” by George Simpson “Until Death do us Part by Margaret Austin, nee Murphy” by Helen Patterson. “Mary Loveridge – A Hawkesbury Pioneer” by Ken Miles “Among the Tombs – St John’s Cemetery” by William Freame</p>
<p>“Voices from the Past” Newsletter of Inverell District Family History Group Nov 2009</p>	<p>“How to get a Thrill about Family History when not expecting it” by Margaret Bottom</p>
<p>Journal of Newcastle Family History Society. December 2009.</p>	<p>Articles “Sarah’s Story” by Elaine Sheehan “The Berkenshaws of Parramatta” by Marilyn Wood. “Bushrangers on the Liverpool Plains” by Russell Willis “The Story of Convicts” by Robyn Jeffries “What was grandpa doing during the Irish Rebellion” Russell Willis “British Research – Part Five” by Sarah Minney – Convict Research</p>
<p>“ Inverell E-History” Newsletter Inverell Genealogical & History Society. November 2009</p>	<p>Articles “The Diamond in the Anvil” by Doug McCaw “Ashford Masonic Lodge” by Mervyn Williamson</p>
<p>“Ballarat Link” Journal of Ballarat & Dist. Genealogical Society. November 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “How to Hold a Successful Family Reunion” by Jeannette Gillivray. “Saving your Research online” by Carmel Reynen</p>
<p>“Family Ties” Journal of Bundaberg Genealogical Assoc December 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Changes in the Police Force”. “Bella Skyring – Early 20th Century War Bride” by Jan Skyring “St Helena Convict Indexes 1863 – 1936” “Some Danish Records available to researchers” “Using a timeline in Family History Research” by Val Messer</p>
<p>“ The Ryde Recorder” Journal of Ryde District Historical Society. November 2009</p>	<p>Articles:” Rebadging the Ancestors” by Sabina Fielding-Smith “Established for their Comfort” by Richard Wright “The Bartons in St Anne’s Churchyard” by Julie Dawson & Kevin Shaw</p>
<p>“Tree of Life” Journal of Wyong Family History Group November 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Missing – Josiah Williams” by Beryl Whatson. “Wyong History – William Woodbury looks back on Early Wyong” by Marilyn Cridland “The Reeds who became Rileys” by Beryl Whatson</p>
<p>“The Tamworth Family Historian”. Journal of Tamworth & Dist. FHG November. 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Extracts from the Maitland Mercury” by Shirley Cridland 1871 “My Margaret” by Val Leet “Who was who on the Liverpool Plains - 1841” by late Syd Ware</p>
<p>“Dugullumba Times” Journal of Logan River & District FHS November 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “A Short History of the Beenleigh Area Part 2” by Graham Popple “Christian Fredrich Wilhelm Spann” by Graham Popple & Noel Spann.</p>
<p>“The South Australian Genealogist” Journal of S A Gen. & Her. Soc. Nov 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “The Blakeby Family of South Australia (Part 2)” by Bronte Gould. “Dinner on the Coromandel” by Bill Othams. “The Devon Wills Project” by Brian Randell</p>
<p>“The Argyle Bulletin” Journal of Goulburn & Dist.Hist.Family Hist. Soc. November 2009</p>	<p>Articles “A number of short articles”</p>
<p>“History” Magazine of the Royal Australian Historical Society December 2009</p>	<p>Articles “NSW Heritage Grants - 2009” “Layers in the Historic Landscape.2009 RAHS Local Hist. Conference” by Mari Metzke. “Coming up for air – developing knowledge of Australia’s maritime heritage” by Nigel Erskine “The Australian register of Historic Vessels connecting communities” by Diana Fletcher “The Lady Denman eritage Complex”Heritage Complex” by Graham Hinton</p>
<p>Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society. November 2009</p>	<p>Articles “Fangs and Faith: The search for an effective antidote against snake envenomation in Australia” by Murray Johnson “From Bullets to Pullets: Bankstown Soldier Settlement” by Glenys Allison. “ Military settlers: the men of the Royal Veteran Companies and Royal Staff Corps (1825)” by Christine Wright. “The Case of the Disappearing Chaplin: Reverend Richard Johnson’s ‘Missing years’” by Peter G Bolt.</p>
<p>Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society. November 2009</p>	<p>Articles “Goodbye to our mate and Local hero – William Arthur Wood” “Town started by an Auction” by Norm Barney “ A time when Gloaming was a Bus”</p>
<p>Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical. Society. December 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Threlkeld’s Pioneer Road” by Clive Read “The Story of a “Bad Boy” as told by his wife Aileen Williams “Melbourne Cup Fun” by Late Matt Diver</p>
<p>“The Muster” Journal of Central Coast Family History Society December 2009</p>	<p>Articles: “Pass it on – New records on Ancestry” by Kay Radford. “An incredible Immigrant Voyage” by Ted Waugh “Am I who thought I was” by Margaret Berryman “Ruby Irene Davies – The little old lady that sat in the corner” by Karen Taylor “Barefoot & Shipwrecked” by Dasha Brandt</p>