

# Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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**DISCUSSION GROUPS.**

Scottish	16.01.2010
Australian	20.02.2010
Irish	20.03.2010
Legacy Family Tree	17.04.2010

**OUR SPEAKER**

**February** Meryl Bolin  
has practised the science of  
graphology for over fifty years.  
Meryl will speak to us on  
Deciphering Handwriting on old  
family documents.

**March's** speaker is Vicki Williamson  
who will speak to us about Artist  
Emlyn Britton Dickson who was  
apprenticed at the State Capital Tivoli  
Theatres in Sydney and the Civic  
Theatre Newcastle

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The Committee welcome you all back from your  
Christmas and New Year break.

Robert has now loaded the latest CD arrivals  
including the NSW & Tasmanian Police Gazette  
discs onto the computers.

**LACHLAN MACQUARIE**

The 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lachlan Macquarie's swearing-in as  
Governor of New South Wales will be commemorated this year with  
a state wide celebration program aimed at enriching our knowledge  
of the past and inspiring our vision for the future. For more  
information go to: <http://www.macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au/>

There will be several events throughout Sydney and Western Sydney  
as well as community events run by government agencies, local  
councils. Organisations will provide opportunities for everyone to be  
part of this historic year. To see what has been planned already go to  
events calendar at <http://www.macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au/events>

State and local government agencies, community organisations,  
business and individuals are encouraged to be part of history by  
organising a new activity or theming an existing event 'Macquarie'  
To read more about this forthcoming celebrations here are a few  
links .

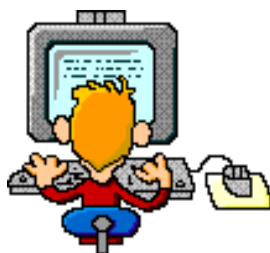
This link takes you to the Lachlan Macquarie Room within the  
library <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/lmr/> from here you can read  
about Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie.

<http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/digital/lema/index.html>

From this page you have online access to digitised documents.  
<http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/digital/lema/documents.html>



## WEB SITES AND WEB NEWS TO BROWSE



### NEWS FROM SAGS

Sags have a new service that they can now offer members access to the National Archives (UK) Documents online in the Kent St Library. This means you can now download and read the PCC (Prerogative Court of Canterbury) wills 1384-1858, WW1 campaign medal cards, Royal Marines Registers of Service 1842-1925, Death Duty Registers (County Courts 1796-1811) and more without paying the normal charge of £2.00-£3.50p (\$3.48 - \$6.10Aus) per document download, all you pay for is the normal print-out or electronic copy fee.

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline)  
Everything you want to know is explained at this link. Sags also have a pay to view on line to Find My Past UK and Origins.

### Change to LDS Film Service

In the past, the SAG had to place these orders on your behalf, but from now on you are able to set up an account at <https://film.familysearch.org> and place your own orders and pay by credit card. As part of your personal account set-up you'll need to nominate the library or FHC where you wish to view your films, you scroll down the list and select say Charlestown, your nominated films will then be sent to Charlestown and you'll receive an email notification when your film arrives. Films are now available for up to 90 days before return and there is the opportunity to extend the loan for a further 60 days, and microfiche can also be ordered. The cost to order a film or set of microfiche will be \$5.00. When you go to view your film/fiche you will pay a viewing fee of \$2.95 (this is a one-off charge per film or set of fiche).

### SAG Window 7 CD's

A few people are finding that since they upgraded to Windows 7 their Sag CD's such as Waverley, Rookwood & AGCI do not work properly. To fix this problem go to [Sag.org.au](http://Sag.org.au). Then go to the Help Tag, and at Technical support you will find details of a simple fix you need to do.

**Australia Day:** All Society Libraries will be closed on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010. They will be open as normal on the preceding Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

**Queensland BDMs** The Queensland births, deaths and marriages [online historical indexes](#) have been recently updated. Births are now available to search up to and including 1914, deaths up to and including 1964, and marriages up to and including 1934.

### Rookwood - Anglican & General Cemeteries

The [Rookwood Anglican & General Cemeteries](#) now have a deceased search facility available online. You need to register as a member, this is a free service. To search you must enter a first name and surname you can enter a partial name or initial to broaden your search results. The search facility is a work in progress and enhancements to the data and functionality may appear over time. There is also a search help desk.

**National Library of Wales Wills** The National Library of Wales now has online access to 193,000 pre-1858 wills. You can view the will for free but there is a charge to receive a printed copy. For more information go to <http://cat.llgc.org.uk/probate>

### OF INTEREST

**Archives Office of Tasmania has made available** Tasmanian Wills 1824-1989 that have been digitised and can be looked up free at <http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=9> (sent in by *Glenys Jupe*)

**Woronora Cemetery** now has an online grave search facility go to <http://www.woronoracemetery.org.au/> then to Name Search (Passed on by *Glenys Jupe*)

**MAPCO** have revised their site, they have reworked the map images to take advantage of the wider format. The click to enlarge feature has been improved also. They now have their own domain name which is LONDON 1851.com.

[www.google.com/alerts](http://www.google.com/alerts), is a new service to try it enter your search terms, your email address, then click "Create Alert". Google then sends you an email. You will not receive Google Alerts on your topic until you click the link in the verification email to confirm your request. When it finds your phrase, you will receive an email with a link to the website, and hopefully information about your ancestor.

For easier searching when using **Google Books** view the Contents at the front and Index at the back for items of interest, **on the left hand side** there is a box where you can do a search of the book.

**The Irish Family History Foundation** has announced that some of its member centres are making further records available to search and purchase online. As part of its reinvestment in completing additional records by its county genealogy centres, various updates and corrections have been applied and a total of over 230,000 new records have been added, including: Co. Antrim 25,000 Church of Ireland birth records

Co. Armagh almost 2,000 records from the 1821 census records

Co. Down 3000 Church of Ireland birth records

Co. Leitrim 18,000 birth records 7,000 marriage records 54,000 census records

Co. Mayo 42,000 baptismal records, 25,000 marriages 3,500 deaths 28,000 census records

Co. Cork 11,000 births 4,000 marriages 21,000 Gravestone inscriptions 9,000 census They are working towards making the records of Counties **Lois, Offaly and Wexford** available on the site in early 2010.

**ROOTSIRELAND** have given the website a new name [RootsIreland.ie](http://RootsIreland.ie). This has been done to make it easier for people to find the site, The old name [brsGenealogy.com](http://brsGenealogy.com) is being phased out over time.

**ScotlandsPeople** are pleased to give you advanced notice of the New Year's statutory images containing records from the Statutory Register of Births for 1909, the Statutory Register of Marriages for 1934, and the Statutory Register of Deaths for 1959.

Available on the Scotlandspeople website: Lost Sailors for Scottish marine deaths, the relevant authority the Registrar General for Scotland, and the information on these records are at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=554&404>

**Lost Sailors** Here are some links pertinent to maritime law. Having said that, not everyone complies with laws as they are written and they vary from location to location. It also appears the laws vary if you are a seaman (woman) in the military vs. commercial ventures vs.

pleasure crafts. Some links are US specific. Others are not.

<http://www.theshipslist.com/Forms/BMD.htm>

<http://www.mariners-l.co.uk/UKDeathsAtSea.html>

<http://www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library/research-arch-guides/general-introduction/research-guide-a3-tracing-family-history-from-maritime-records>

<http://www.aamh.asn.au/news/0081.pdf>

<http://www.freewebs.com/maritime-history-2nd-edition/chaptereleven.htm>

<http://www.usmm.org/contact.html>

<http://www.admiraltylawguide.com/codes.html#US>

<http://www.mlaus.org/article.ihtml?id=460&folder=90>

[http://www.sbic.com/pdfs/marcomcat/uslh\\_priemer.pdf](http://www.sbic.com/pdfs/marcomcat/uslh_priemer.pdf)

*(information has been passed on by Jenny Myers)*



**Our next meeting will be held on  
20<sup>th</sup> February 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

Newsletter of Orange Family History Group December 2009	Articles: "Boer War memorial Project" by Keith Smith. "Various News Articles of Obituaries in local papers 1898 to 1961"
"The Ancestral Searcher" Journal of Heraldry & Gen Soc. Of Canberra. December 2009	Article "Discovering Jewish Ancestors" by Miriam Benn. "They came from Germany" by Dr Raoul F Middelman. "Where was George Ah Kin buried" by Barbara Moore. "Are you an ethical family historian? – Sharing information on the internet" by Trish Frei. "ALLEN'S INDIAN MAIL and Register of Intelligence for British and Foreign India, China and all parts of the East" by Margot Girlie. (A Hot Source for Indian Research)
"Lemon Tree" Journal of Port Stephens Family History Society. No 3 2009	Articles: "What If Your Family Stories Are Not The Same As The Rest Of Your Extended Family" "The Glover Family Story" by Denise Gaudion.
"Kith & Kin" Journal of Cape Banks Family History Soc. December 2009	Articles "The STRACHAN Family's Journey" by Helen Fatouros. Various short Christmas articles
The Genealogist" Journal of Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies. December 2009	Articles "An Eminent Citizen of this Town" by Ann Major (Richard Tunstall) "Emanuel Charles Green(e)" by Lesley Avery. "Finding Grandfather" by Pamela Hore "Baths in Early Melbourne" by Gail White.
"Timespan" Journal of Nepean Family History Society December 2009	Articles: "Pioneers of Maitland" Extracts from "The Centennial History of New South Wales 1888 " by Frederick Morrison. "Once Upon a Time – Grannie Cochrane's Penrith (part2)"-by Albert Evans. "The Tales of Two Men and One Woman" by Ian Bradshaw. "Joseph Gilbert Montague Wykes" by Hazel Magann. Various short articles from the "Nepean Times" in 1909 & 1910.
"Khanterintee" Journal of Kiama Family History Centre. November 2009	Articles: "Shellharbour Pioneer Cemetery" by Ray Thorburn "The Late Joseph Weston" by Barbara Wyles. "A Short Trip to the South" 1862 by Susan Lark "A Family Treasure" by Susan Morrison. Various short articles from the Kiama Independent.
"The Cedar Log" Journal of Richmond – Tweed Family History Soc. December 2009	Articles: "Wesleyan/Methodist Records" by Rosemary Playford. "Godgiftu – (Lady Godiva) – Fact or Fiction? 31 x Great Grandmother" by Paul Selman "Clara Wright, Pioneer and Poet" by Margaret Henderson – (granddaughter) "Brown History – My Great-Great-Great Grandparents" by Faye McLeod. "My Great Grandmother – Amelia" by Carol Donaghey. "A Toast to Israel Bates" by Carole M Brown. "A Tale of Two Runaways" by Coleen Moulder.
"Maitland Reminiscences" Journal of Maitland Family History Circle. December 2009	Articles: Various short Christmas stories "Maitland and Paterson Police Force 1835" - Report
"GhostBuster". Journal of Campbelltown District Family History Soc. December 2009	Articles: "Great Grandfather John Durie & Great Grandmother Mary Wilson" by June Durie Wilson. "Fulbourn Chronicles Part 11"
"Western Ancestor" Journal of Western Australian Genealogical Soc. December 2009	Articles: "Beating the Drummers" by Robyn Hukin. "Who would be a Pioneer" by Betsy Lord ( Nee Rolland) "Tracing Your Ancestry In The Oriental And India Office Library" by Michael Gandy. "The Beginning of Writing Our Family History" by Marie Bond.
"Inverell E-History" Newsletter of Inverell Genealogical & Hist. Soc. December 2009	Articles: "Jesse Judge" "Soldiers Farewell" Inverell Times December 14 <sup>th</sup> 1915 by Errol Thom
"Time Traveller" Journal of Shoalhaven Family History Society December 2009	Articles Various short articles taken from local newspapers 1891 to 1906. "Loss of the Hiberbia Part 2" by Marianne Faull
"Descent" Journal of Society Of Australian Genealogists. December 2009	Articles "Campaigning for Camperdown Cemetery 1896 – 1851" by Megan Martin "Drowned in Sydney Harbour" by Jan Worthington.
"Tomaree Tattler" Journal of Tomaree Family History Group December 2009	Articles Members share their story about how they got started in Family History. Enlistments at Nelson Bay (non residents).
	N.B. The Group have an invitation to hear a presentation by Irish Specialist Researcher TERRY EAKIN on Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February at Tomaree Community Centre 9.30am \$5.00 non members(includes morning Tea) R.S.V.P.27.1.10 to Marilynne PH: 49710 177