

Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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DISCUSSION GROUP.

Irish	20.03.2010
Legacy Family Tree	17.04.2010
Scottish	15.05.2010

SPEAKERS

The Speaker for this month is Vicki Williamson. She will speak to us about Artist Emlyn Britton Dickson. Emlyn was apprenticed at the State Capital Tivoli Theatre in Sydney and the Civic Theatre Newcastle.

April's speaker Jill Maher will speak on Animals Used in War.

May's speaker will be member John Smith who will speak about Researching at the Mitchell Library



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

The committee wish to welcome two new members to our Family History Group

Bill Brooks, Member No: 190
Linda Wallis Member No: 191

We hope you have an enjoyable experience with us. Please don't be afraid to ask for help.

N S W HERITAGE WEEK

Newcastle Family History Society Inc. invites you to an Open Day on Saturday 17th April at 9.00am to 4.00pm. At the Historic Lambton Mechanics Institute, 68 Elder Street. You are invited to inspect their research library of over 5000 books, holdings of software computer microform indexes and databases, they also have internet access for you to peruse.

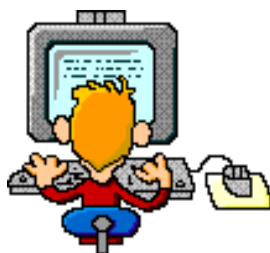
WILLIAM BAKER – NEPTUNE 1790 DESCENDANTS

An open invitation has been extended to all descendants of William Baker- convict arrived Sydney Cove 1790 on the Neptune. The Reunion will be held on 26th June 2010 at St Matthews Church of England Windsor, NSW. Anyone interested in attending should get in touch with Bev Borey: by email borjobe69@bigpond.com She would like to know how many adults and children will be in your party. There are two recent publications The William Baker Register with over 11,000 names and growing. William Baker Gentleman a Documented Family Story Vol.1 & 2 by Thomas Le Sueur 1984- Published 2009 with permission

Sometimes you see two different dates for a marriage and think it is a mistake what has happened is that the couple are of different faiths and have married in one church then gone along to another and got married again. This example is taken from the Sydney Morning Herald 1831-1842.national Library of Australia.

By special licence on the 29th November 1840 at St Mary's Cathedral by the Rev Michael Brennan R.C.C and afterwards at St Phillips Church by the Rev Thomas Steel.(Passed on by Mary Hollis)

WEB NEWS AND SITES TO BROWSE



NEWS FROM SAGS

Certificate in Genealogical Research the society is offering a new course in genealogy. The course can be undertaken over an eighteen month period, you must complete the eight components of work. To take part you must be a financial member of SAG and this course can be undertaken by people living outside the Sydney area, work will be done via email. For more information go to SAG.org.au

Repeat Sessions The April session of '**Is Your Irish Ancestor on the Web**' **'The Documents on line**' is full and a repeat has been scheduled for Tuesday 4 May at 10.30am. You can book for any of the repeat sessions, by going to Online Shop and selecting [Course Bookings](#)

Hearth Tax [Hearth Tax Online](#) is a website providing data of records of the hearth tax. The tax was introduced in 1662 to England & Wales it provided an income for King Charles II and was a tax on dwellings, according to the number of fireplaces in the dwelling. The site is a work in progress and there is limited information available at present however you can read about the history of the tax, and view some general information for Durham & Kent counties.

OUR ROOTS

Our Roots/Nos Racines for researchers with **Canadian links**. This site is an online library/archive of Canadian local history. , and provides access to books and periodicals which can be easily searched by author, title or subject.

BOOKS TO READ

Writing Interesting Family Histories: Are you keen to write an engaging family history? Stuck with little more than names and dates? This book will help you to structure a simple family history and begin writing, learn how you can use simple words and sentences to evoke drama and tension, this book will help turn your dusty piles of notes and photocopies into a riveting family history
Cost: \$22 + p & p \$2.75

Once More to be Free: The lives of Joseph, Rebecca and her son, the brothers William and James are forever linked by their convict chains, at the penal colony of New South Wales. There, set against the turbulent background of Britain's farthest flung outpost, they will face starvation, shipwreck, brutality and murder, to emerge survivors \$30. + \$9.50 p&p

Single & Free, Female Migration to Australia, 1833-1837 this book focuses on the first scheme for female migration to Australia, drawing on the life, experiences and writings of the women themselves, showing they came from a wide cross-section of 19th century society. \$39.95 + \$9.50 p&p

Tips for Queensland Research: This booklet gives general information about certain aspects of genealogical research in Queensland. Many of these sources are very useful, but not widely known.
\$15.00 + \$2.75 p&p

Tours of Haberfield, Part 1 & 2 Self-guided tours of this heritage suburb. Founded in 1901/2 Haberfield was Australia's first planned garden suburb. The comprehensive notes are well illustrated by many old and modern photos. Part 1 \$33+ \$9.50 p&p & Part 2 \$15+\$2.75p&p.

TMG Sydney Email List (The Master Genealogist)TMG Sydney is an email list (set up as a Yahoo! group) for users of this program to ask and answer questions Anyone interested in joining the group should go to <http://au.groups.yahoo.com> and search for TMG Sydney, then select "join this group".

FIND MY PAST

Find my past has just launched 'The London Collection' which is also on Ancestry under the name of Metropolitan London. The London Collection includes records of baptisms, marriages and burials which date back to 1538. The collection also includes the records of baptisms in London's Docklands. They have also just launched the parish records for Lincolnshire from the Lincolnshire Family History Society.

OF INTEREST

WHATS ON AT CHARLESTOWN LIBRARY FOR THIS MONTH

Thursday 15 April at 10 am. Family History on the Net at Charlestown Library. Learn all about online indexes, databases and other resources to grow your family tree.

GENEALOGY RESOURCES RECENTLY RECEIVED AT LAKE MACQUARIE LIBRARY SPEERS POINT

These CDs have been added in the last month
Deaths on Emigrant Vessels to South Australia 1849-1865
Tasmania Police Gazette Compendium 1896-1900
New Zealand Burial Locator (New Zealand SOG)
Official Records of the Australian Military Contingents to the War in South Africa 1899-1902 (compiled and edited for the Department of Defence by P.L. Murray).

Genealogical database of Australia's Travelling Showpeople (1880s - 1950s)
Queensland Government Gazette Consolidated Index 1859-1919

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FOR ENGLAND & WALES

G R O if you are thinking of sending for certificates, do it now as on April 6th the price is going up by £2.25 to £9.25 that's a difference of \$4.25 per certificate

After reviewing the range of services the GRO provide and in full legal compliance they have regretfully withdrawn their reference checking service.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS

A valuable source of information. I "borrow" and browse a journal here and there, this month I purloined Wyong FHG Inc "Tree of Life" (before it hit the table) To look at the articles. Things I found of interest, which you may or may not already know was the article on page 10 "How to create a "Google Alert" for your ancestors (from Legacy Newsletter Dec 2009) and "Deceased Drovers" by Meg Gibson page 15, a list taken from a memorial plaque at Newcastle Waters NT. Meg has diligently copied the list- worth a look. While on the subject of JOURNALS Elspeth would like to congratulate our Editor and contributors on last month's issue of "The Chronicle" a very interesting publication. Knowing just how hard it is to keep the interest for each publication, Elspeth joins with Jenny on asking each and every member to help Eloise and PLEASE submit an article. (*Submitted by Elspeth Bradbury*)



Our next meeting will be held on 17th April 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>“Inverell E-History” Newsletter of Inverell Genealogical & Historical. Society February 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Myall Creek District” by Mervyn Williamson Various short articles</p>
<p>“Links ‘N’ Chains” Journal of Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc. February 2010</p>	<p>Article” Archdeacon Hammond. The man who played god.” By Peter Horne.”Liverpool Bicentenary 1810-2010” “Devonshire Street Cemetery” by Dr Lisa Murray. “Transport Ship Fortune 1813” by Betty Fieldus. “2073 Corporal George Edward Smith MM” by Jennifer Bull. “How do family research in the National Archives of Australia”</p>
<p>“Tree of Life” Journal of Wyong Family History Group February 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “How a Decision to immigrate changed a family name” by Beryl Whatson “19th Century Sydney morning Herald Death Notices” by John Selwood. “How to Create a “Google Alert” for your Ancestors” “Deceased Drivers” by Meg Gibson.</p>
<p>Newsletter of Berrima District Historical & Family History Society. February 2010</p>	<p>Articles “Rev William Stone & Mrs Susan Stone nee Johnson” by Jean Keen. “Early History of District Churches. “Joseph Wild opened the way south, taming bush and convicts” by Philip Morton</p>
<p>“The Argyle Bulletin” Journal of Goulburn & Dist. Hist. & Fam. Hist. Soc. February 2010</p>	<p>Articles Many short articles from early Goulburn newspapers “Australia’s Bluebeard” by Roger Bayley.</p>
<p>“The South Australian Genealogist” Journal of S A Gen & Heraldry Soc. February 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Some ideas on how to find out about that elusive ancestor” by Anne Leech. “The Spirits of Gallipoli” by Kim Phillips & Sandra McKessor. “Dr John McNaughton” by Ken McNaughton. “Commerce, Cousins and Clerics – and Connections with South Australia” by M J Fitzgerald.</p>
<p>“Tracks” Newsletter of Lake Macquarie & District Historical Soc February 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “The formation of the Lake Macquarie District Ambulance 1917 - 1922” by John MacFarlane, A/O Retired.</p>
<p>“Lachlan Valley Gold” Journal of Forbes Family History Group February 2010</p>	<p>Articles:” The CWA in Forbes” “Robertson – Hall wedding” The Argus, Melbourne 5th April 1935. “Catherine found at last” Researching Your German Ancestors</p>
<p>“Dugullumba Times” Journal of Logan River & District F H S February 2010.</p>	<p>Articles “Which Ship did my Great Grandparents Arrive On?”by Heather Cuthbert. “Search for a Certificate. Great Grandfather Thomas Newton” by Suzanne Blanch.</p>
<p>“Dust of Ages” Journal of Armidale Family History Group February 2010.</p>	<p>Articles “A Life Cut Short” by Marj Hague “Alma Stores, Rocky River” by Peter & John Vickery. “Vandalism at Armidale Cemetery” by Robyn Crossle. “New England Links with East Arnham Land NT in World War 11” “The Merchant Seaman’s Orphan Asylum – Wanstead” by Margaret Woods. “Wrights and Oldhams” by Jillian Ryder. “Some farms for sale in Armidale in 1884 & 1885” by Robyn Crossle.</p>
<p>Journal of Newcastle Family History Society. March 2010</p>	<p>Articles “The Golden Age’ of Radio” by Maree Shilling. “An Early Letter Home Gets Published” by Barry Keen. A number of other shorter articles about Newcastle.</p>
<p>“Family Ties” Journal of Bundaberg Genealogical Assoc. March 2010</p>	<p>Articles “Electoral Rolls. Electoral District of Musgrave January 1895” “Lutheran Emigrants to Australia on the ‘Zebra’ and ‘Catharina”” Four Obituaries from the local papers. “What was the Benevolent Asylum?” “Researching in France”</p>
<p>“Kith & Kin” Journal of Cape Banks Family History Society March 2010</p>	<p>Articles “Convict Patchwork” by June Marks. A number of short articles on W W1, WW11 and the Korean Wars. “One of Australia’s most enduring maritime tragedies – HMAS SYDNEY” by Helen Fatouros. “The Irish Martyr’s Memorial – Waverley Cemetery” by Eileen James.</p>
<p>-E Bulletin No 62. Federation of Australian Historical Societies 23 February 2010</p>	<p>Articles “Heritage listing of Wollongong Harbour Precinct” “Newspaper use in research libraries”</p>