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DISCUSSION GROUP.

Legacy Family Tree	17 04 .2010
Scottish	15.05.2010
Australia	19.06.2010

SPEAKERS

The Speaker for this month is
Jill Maher. Jill will speak to us
about Animals Used in War.



MAY'S speakers will be members
John & Shirley Smith who will
speak about Researching at the
Mitchell Library

JUNE'S speaker is **Meryl Bolin** who
will speak on deciphering handwriting

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Our guest will be Carol Duncan



Movie "Beneath Hill 60" tells the story of Wallsend diggers in WWI

THE amazing true exploits of father and son miners from Wallsend who tunnelled under the German trenches on the Western Front during World War I will be told on the big screen next month when the movie Beneath Hill 60 opens in cinemas around the country in the lead-up to Anzac Day. And helping to transform their unsung heroism into a nine million dollar motion picture are two former Hunter men, screenwriter David Roach and costume designer Ian Sparke. "Beneath Hill 60" tells the remarkable story of Captain Oliver Woodward, a Queensland miner who earned the Military Cross for his service with the 1st Australian Tunneller's Corp, a battalion of miners and engineers recruited to tunnel silently under the German lines in France and Belgium in Among the tunneller's were Walter Fitzgerald Sneddon, who enlisted on July 7, 1915, and his father, James Brown Sneddon, who joined on October 30 the same year. Both were experienced coalminers from Wallsend. Their mission was to detonate a massive store of explosives 30 metres underground and plunge the German troops in the trenches above into chaos. At 3.10am on June 7, 1917, their work culminated in what was then the largest man-made explosion in history as a series of 19 underground bombs, totalling 450,000 kilograms of high explosive secretly placed in Allied tunnels under German lines along the Messines ridge in the Ypres area of Belgium, were detonated in a mighty eruption that was reportedly felt in London, 200 kilometres away. An estimated 700 Germans died instantly and thousands more were injured or taken prisoner, shocked and unable to fight. "Beneath Hill 60" was shot in Townsville last year. It has its world premiere in Sydney on April 8 and opens nationally on April 15. The film was scripted by David Roach and based his "Beneath Hill 60" screenplay on Captain Woodward's diary entries but was also inspired by the true story of the Sneddon's from Wallsend. "Once you start writing a film about World War I, you soon realise that there are so many stories, and so much information and so much research, that you can pretty easily get lost in it because it is so fascinating," Roach says in the current issue of "Filmink" magazine. "I knew that the majority of [the film] would be set underground in these tiny tunnels, and that forced me back to the characters and the dialogue and the real stories of these men." Former Hunter Valley man Ian Sparke was responsible for the historical accuracy of hundreds of British, Australian and German uniforms. The Maitland-born, Dungog-raised military history enthusiast owns Australia's largest wardrobe of military uniforms and props. Now based in Queensland, Sparke has previously lent his expertise to History Channel docu-dramas "Beyond Kokoda" and "Long Tan" and such Hollywood-backed films as "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" and Steven Spielberg's upcoming World War II TV mini-series "The Pacific".

(Taken from E-Herald Saturday 27th March 2010. written by James Joyce)

SAG NEWS AND SITES TO BROWSE



NEW SAG WEBSITE COMING SOON

Shortly you will see the results of the first stage of this new site. When you visit in the next few weeks it will have a new look with more news items, more pictures and quick links to their Facebook and Twitter pages and more. You will be able to check an on line calendar to see what activities and events are coming in the future and then be able to go to the bookshop to book yourself in.

NEWS FROM INVERELL DISTRICT FHG

The group has new premises near the central business area of town, just along from the Post Office. Although there are stairs, the rooms are very nice with air-conditioner and carpet. They are reorganizing themselves while waiting for their insurance to be finalised. The fire brigade were able to salvage some of their family files which have been copied and have accessioned about 100 books into their library. They are now back in business, managing to complete mail research inquiries and assisting out of town visitors at their new centre. It's a mammoth job to start again but with the enthusiastic support and wonderful spirit from their members it is making the task easier.

The most difficult items to replace are donated local family histories. If anybody can help with these items please go to inverellfamilyhistory.org.au and download and complete the donation registration form, then return to them, so that they will know what resources are available for them. Please ***do not send*** any material until asked as they are unable to take everything at once. The Pioneer Register closing date has been extended to 30th September. The Inverell Family History Group would like to say a special thank you to all for your wonderful support through this crisis.

WHATS ON APRIL/MAY

Help Files & Search Tools - The National Archives UK website - Saturday 24 April (1.30pm - 3.30pm)

The National Archives website is a powerful tool which provides a broad range of guides to assist with a range of general family history. Several search tools are linked from the home page including the Catalogue, Access to Archives (A2A), Local and House History. If you have ancestry in England, this

session is for you. Presenter: is Sylvia Murphy. Bookings are essential. \$20 Members \$25 non-members

New Australian Newspapers online & TROVE
Saturday 1 May 1.30pm-3.30pm. This presentation will provide background to and highlight the importance of the Australian Newspapers online project and demonstrate different methods of searching to get the best results. It will also cover the National Library's TROVE project which aims to link the resources of 1000 libraries and repositories from Australia to provide a 'one stop shop' for searching on Australian related data.

\$20 Member, \$25 Non member.

Presented by Ann Manley

New Family Tree Maker User Group

Saturday 8 May.10.30-12.30-

Members Information session on the latest version of Family Tree Maker (FTM) software. Q & A session on both recent and all previous versions will then follow. It would be appreciated if any items that you would like to be discussed on the day, be posted beforehand on the FTM UG Forum.

\$8 Member, \$12 non member.

Facilitator: Larry Czarnick

They Really Didn't Swim Here.

Thursday 20 May at 10.30 to 12.30pm

Finding the arrival of ancestors into NSW pre 1922 used to require trawling through film after film of unindexed shipping arrivals. Thanks to the work of commercial data providers, private indexers and State Records, that's all changed. Find out how a few hours in the SAG library might help determine that they really didn't swim here! Presenter: Member. \$20 Non Member \$25. Presenter Heather Garnsey .

BOOKS TO READ

7 Generation Charts. Ornate blank chart printed in green ink, ideal as gift for family members. Parchment-style paper, suitable for framing. Poster size \$4.50 plus \$7.00 p&h for 2 charts, \$9.50 p&h for 3 or more charts.

Hill End Heroines & Tambaroora Treasures - This book describes the journey taken by the early settlers who pioneered the Hill End, Tambaroora and surrounding districts in the 1800s. It outlines their voyage from England to Australia and then over the Blue Mountains to Bathurst and beyond. Softcover A4, \$30.00 plus \$2.75 p&h

The Irish Vanguard, The Convicts of the Queen, Ireland to Botany Bay, 1791 This is Barbara Hall's fifth book in her series of Irish convicts transported to New South Wales prior to 1800. Her meticulous research brings to life those who arrived on the Queen. Discover their crimes in Ireland and their fate in the penal colony. \$50.00 plus \$7.00 p&h

The Hidden Thread, Huguenot Families in Australia.

This illustrated publication includes a list of almost 500 known Huguenot families who are represented in our country, along with their places of origin (where known), their first country of refuge, the dates of their arrival in Australia, and sources of information that verify their identity. \$40.00 plus \$2.75 p&h

Tracing Your Ancestors in the National Archives -

Aimed at researchers on all levels from family historians to academics, 'Tracing Your Ancestors' fully explains the institution, the records, and how to use them most effectively, \$49.95 plus \$9.50 p&h

Who Do You Think You Are?

A Family History designed as a fill-in book for you to keep forever as a record of your family history, it also gives valuable information and useful hints as to how to go about your research. \$19.95 plus \$9.50 p&h

OF INTEREST

Dr William's Library is a research library of English Protestant nonconformity and general information about nonconformity; it has few records of Family History. The Surman Index Online is the pre-eminent research library of English Protestant nonconformity. This site provides general information about nonconformity and some information about where records and registers of interest to family historians may be found. The Surman Index is searchable in Alphabetical, Surname, Career, County/Country & Academy. If you wish to find out more about Protestant nonconformity just type into Google and you will find a lot of information.

www.familynotices.org

This site has just been launched by Nigel Penton Tilbury which is a totally non-commercial and privately-owned site. Nigel hopes to attract postings from the past as well as new social events. Following the death of a close family member, he was surprised at the charges. It made him think through the whole 'death notices' thing and he created FamilyNotices.org- which is an on-line repository for all notices of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Engagements, Anniversaries and Missing Persons. It has the advantage of being free and doesn't get thrown away. Feel free to help yourself and post anything which is relevant and appropriate. It doesn't have to be current. Details of Old Aunt Millie died 1865 is just as relevant as a modern day wedding notice. (Submitted by Jenny Myers)

www.kensalgreencemetery.com

Kensal Green Cemetery is located in the heart of London bordering Kensington, Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham it is one of the oldest and most distinguished burial grounds in London. (Submitted by Jenny Myers)

<http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/cms/1183.htm>

Probate Records and Family History Information from Probate records, can provide vital pieces of the genealogical puzzle. Although often not as useful as records of births, marriages and deaths, which can evidence crucial links to previous generations, they can provide evidence of relatedness within generations, and often contain fascinating insights into the financial affairs of people in times past. (Submitted by Jenny Myers)

West Somerset Parish Register Transcriptions: For those researching Bristol & Somerset area the sites includes West Somerset Parish register transcriptions. www.wsom.org.uk and www.wsom.org.uk/Parreg.html (taken from the Bristol and Somerset mailing list)

NSW JUSTICES ASSN. MORISSET BRANCH

Invites all to its meeting on Monday 3rd May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Dining Room of the Lake Macquarie Hotel, Dora Street, Morisset, where a representative from the Glaucoma Association will be giving a talk on glaucoma. Any person interested in eye care is invited to attend. (Submitted by Jenny McCarthy)

From Now & then

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT LOAN FILES

Over 300,000 soldiers returned to Australia from WWI. In all some 40,000 returned servicemen and women took up an offer of farming land, made possible by Soldier Settlement schemes in all the states of the Commonwealth; fewer than half remained on the land fifteen years later. At present the State Records' Volunteers are working on an index to the NRS 8058 Soldier Settlement Loan Files. When this index is complete you will be able to search it via the online Indexes. In the meantime it is possible for the staff to check the unfinished database on your behalf as long as you know the location of the land and name of the returned soldier. The loan files concern the applications for financial assistance by returned soldiers and include correspondence relating to the maintenance of properties and repayment of loans. A website dedicated to these pioneer soldier settlers - A Land Fit for Heroes <http://soldiersettlement.records.nsw.gov.au/> - has been developed by State Records NSW in conjunction with the National Centre for Australia Studies <http://arts.monash.edu.au/ncas/> and the University of New England.

There are a number of indexes relating to Soldier Settlement records which are available to search on the website at <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/indexes-online#land-records>

From Sags SHIPPING ROUTES TO & FROM AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

The site www.findboatpics.net.au lists and/or includes pictures and images of ships to Australia and New Zealand from 1918-1970 as well as ships which carried service men and women from these countries to the Middle East, Singapore, New Guinea and back from the Middle East in WW2.

An earlier site, www.findboatpics.com provides details of passenger and emigrant ships to Australian and New Zealand including a list of ships and where to find pictures of them. It has details of about 700 sailing ships from 1840 to 1880 and 500 steamers from 1880 to 1914

FLICKR UPDATE

Currently at 1,042 uploaded images with 57,193 views our popular photo stream grows weekly. We'd like to thank all our Now & Then subscribers who have spent time researching and commenting on images in our Flickr photo stream. We continually marvel at the different techniques you use to identify a date or location of a photo and we love all the extra information you include in your comments. It all helps to provide more insight into these snapshots in history.

Some of the latest Sydney additions include: Newtown Court House View from Darlinghurst Queens' Square and more go to the Now & Then site at nowandthen@records.nsw.gov.au for more information.

ORIGIN OF "THE LAST POST"

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition which mark the phases of the day. Where "Reveille" signalled the start of a soldier's day, the "Last Post" signalled its end. It is believed originally to have been part of a more elaborate routine, known in the British Army as "tattoo", that had its origins in the 17th century. During the evening, a duty officer had to do the rounds of his unit's position, checking that the sentry posts were manned and rounding up the off-duty soldiers and packing them off to their beds or billets. He would be accompanied by one or more musicians. The "first post" was sounded when the duty officer started his rounds and, as the party proceeded from post to post, a drum was played. The drum beats told off-duty

soldiers it was time to rest - if the soldiers were billeted in a town, the beats told them it was time to quit the pubs. "Tattoo" is a derivation of doe den tap toe, Dutch for "turn off the taps", a call which is said to have followed the drum beats in many a Dutch pub while English armies were campaigning through Holland and Flanders in the 1690s. (It is also from this routine that American practice of "taps" or "drum taps" originated.) Another bugle call was sounded when the party completed their rounds, when they reached the "last post": this signaled the night sentries were alert at their posts and gave one last warning to any soldiers still at large that it was time to retire for the evening. "Last Post" was incorporated into funeral and memorial services as a final farewell and symbolises that the duty of the dead is over and that they can rest in peace.



THE WORDS TO THE LAST POST

Come home! Come home! the last post is sounding
for you to hear.
All good soldiers know very well there is nothing to
fear
While they do what is right, and forget all the worries
They have met in their duties through the year
A soldier cannot always be great, but he can be a
gentleman
And he can be a right good pal to his comrades in his
squad
So all you soldiers listen to this
Deal fair by all and you'll never be amiss
Be Brave! Be Just! Be Honest! and True Men

(Taken with permission from Defence Dept.gov.au)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Vicki Williamson for her enlightening talk about Emlyn Britton Dickson.



**Our next meeting will be held on
15th May 2010
The Hall will be open at 10am for the use of
resources.
The 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**

JOURNALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

<p>“Pelican Press” Newsletter of the Central Coast Family History Soc. March 2010</p>	<p>Article: Pub History Society</p>
<p>“The Parramatta Packet” Newsletter of Parramatta Family History Group March 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Lachlan Macquarie – A timeline” by Beth Matthews. “The Sydney Cenotaph” by Brenda Gardiner “HIS LAST WARP – An Old Parramatta Hand” The Cumberland Argus and Fruit growers Advocate 12 July 1902</p>
<p>The Cornwall Family History Society Journal for June 2007</p>	<p>Articles: “Letters from Canada” by Audrey Dingle “A Century and a half on Roseworthy Farm, Victoria” by Peter Hendra & Chris Mooney. “What did happen to Annie & Mary Bowden” Tom Bowden “A Donne Family History in West Cornwall 1581-1855 Cambourne and St Erth” by Roger Donne. “Trying to find a link between Kent & Cornwall” by Yvonne Gill “Cornish Orphans in Essex” by Lorna Leadbetter “Ancestors Here I come – Part 2” by Maryann Eustice Spangler “Facey & Related Families” by Jean Facey Spearin</p>
<p>“The Cedar Log” Journal of Richmond-Tweed FHS. March 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “The development of Civil Registration in England and Wales” Frank Harvey “Australia Day” by Esme Smith “A peep at the past - Scottish Wedding of 1845” by Judith Batterham “Memories from my Mother” by Lois Wilson “David Lobb & Mary Ann Ellis” by Margaret Schmitt “James Arundale – My Great-Great Grandfather” by Faye McLeod</p>
<p>“The Ryde Recorder” Journal of the Ryde District Hist Soc & FHG March 2010</p>	<p>Articles: A Seventh First Fleeter in St Anne’s Churchyard “by Kevin Shaw “Murder in the Family Tree” by Lesa Harris “Mary Britten in St Anne’s Churchyard” by Julie Dawson & Kevin Shaw</p>
<p>Journal of Renfrewshire Family History Society February 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Family History from Old Newspapers” by Barbara Morrison “What’s in a name” by Margaret Kane “Scottish Records before 1707” by William Cross. “Researching Your Scottish Ancestor At National Archives, Kew” by William Cross “James Buchanan: Mystery Solved (Or is it?)” by Cathy Craig</p>
<p>“The Genealogist” Journal of the Australian Institute of Gen Studies March 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Dr Leslie Hatton Whetter: Eccentric Explorer and Curious Citizen” by Susan Enns & T Fred Smith “The London Gazette ~Treasure Trove of Historical Information” “Whatever happened to Ellen Wright(Roy)?” by Lesley Haldane “Why I started my family history journey” by Marilyn Grant nee Maher.</p>
<p>“The Ancestral Searcher” Journal of the</p>	<p>Articles:” Sophie’s Story” by Lois Grosse</p>

Heraldry & Gen. Soc. of Canberra. March 2010	<p>“George Coatsworth Hopwood – infamous cutthroat?” by Margaret Nichols</p> <p>“Methodist Ministerial Index for Australasia and New Zealand 1914” by Geoffrey Burkhardt</p> <p>“Guernsey connections” by Elaine Gifford</p> <p>“The Wartime Camps at Tatura” by Julia Trainor</p> <p>“The Whiteley Brothers at War or putting flesh on the bones of history” by Peter Grills</p>
“Descent” Journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists. March 2010	<p>Articles “George Marshall’s Campbell Street Property, Sydney” by Frank Murray</p> <p>President’s Report for the year ending 31 December 2009</p>
“History” Magazine of R.A.H.S. March 2010	<p>Articles “Macquarie Place Park Sydney” by D Anne-Maree Whitaker FRAHS</p> <p>“Tis folly to be wise’...commemorating Mrs Macquarie in a new millennium” by Dr Siobhan Lavelle OAM</p> <p>RAHS Annual Report</p>
“Maitland Reminiscences” Journal of Maitland Family History Circle. March 2010	<p>Articles “The Ryerson Index 2010 and beyond” by John Graham</p> <p>“Total loss of the S.S. Dandenong. Upwards of fifty lives lost” by Maree Solomons</p> <p>“William Mobbs and his forgotten Millions” by Diane Blishen</p> <p>“A Little Bit of My Family” by John Hughes</p>
“The Muster” Journal of Central Coast Family history Society April 2010	<p>Articles: “Mining Family History” by Marie Riley</p> <p>“Passage to Australia” by Beth Phillips</p> <p>“Annie’s Story” by Maeve Davies</p> <p>“How lucky was that?” by Joanne Abbott (Free)</p> <p>“I can’t see the trees for the Forrest” by Warwick Forrest</p> <p>“William Wood and the 2/95th Rifle Brigade” by Ian Wood</p>
“Vetaffairs”	Newspaper of the Department of Veteran Affairs
“The Tamworth Family Historian” Journal of Tamworth & Dist. FHS. March 2010	<p>Articles “Extracts from the Maitland Mercury - 1871” by Shirley Cridland</p> <p>“Who was Who on the Liverpool Plains – 1841” by late Syd Ware</p> <p>“Extract taken from ‘Pioneers of a Great Valley’” by I.M. Simpson”</p>
“Time Traveller” Journal of Shoalhaven Family History Soc. April 2010	<p>Articles: Various news articles from the “Nowra Colonist” for 1899 and 1900</p> <p>“The Condie Family at Bellfield”</p>
“Inverell E-History” Newsletter of Inverell Gen. & Hist. Soc. March 2010	<p>Articles: “Unknown Kurrajong”</p> <p>“POULTNEY, Leonard Cyril”</p>
“Timespan” Journal of Nepean Family History Soc. March 2010	<p>Articles: “Lachlan Macquarie (1761-1824) Part 1 – His life before NSW” by Lorraine Stacker</p> <p>“Pioneers of East Maitland” Extracts from “The Centennial History of NSW 1888” by W Frederick Morrison</p> <p>“The Mountains Murders” by Pat Curry</p> <p>“Jesse Upton faces a charge of Bigamy” by Peter Lovell</p> <p>Various short articles from the Nepean Times for 1910</p> <p>“The Bushranger Dropped by for Tea” by Angie Testa</p>
“Khanterintee” Journal of Kiama Family History Centre March 2010	<p>Articles: “Street Names of Kiama”</p> <p>“The Distress in Lancashire Relief Fund” The Illawarra Express 9th Aug 1862</p> <p>“Greville’s Post Office Directory 1872 – Kiama & District</p>
Newsletter of Orange Family History Group	<p>Articles: “Great Great Grandmother Jane Stone” by Shirley Duckworth & Various short local articles</p>
“Inverell E History” Newsletter of Inverell Gen. & Hist. Soc. April 2010	<p>Article: “Australian Light Horse” Inverell Times Feb 8th 1910 (Prize shoot)</p> <p>“Honour rolls – Warialda Presbyterian Church WW1”</p> <p>“WW1 – Sacrifice of North West Sons”</p> <p>Bingara Public School – Roll of Honour – 1914-1918</p>