



Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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DISCUSSION GROUP.

Scottish	15.05.2010
Australian	19.06.2010
Irish	21.08.2010

SPEAKERS

Members John & Shirley Smith are the speakers for this month and are speaking to us on Researching at the Mitchell Library.

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

CAROL DUNCAN will be joining us as our guest for **CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER**

AUGUST speaker for this month will be Jeremy Palmer who is from Anzestry and will speak on Beginning Irish or UK Research



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Find My Past is coming to Australia. The Australian Road Show of Find My Past is being organised by Unlock the Past. Elaine Collins the director of content acquisitions will be in Australia for a week of the events to promote the range of services that findmypast offer. Elaine will speak about the other websites that are part of Brightsolid online publishing. They are the 1911 census, Scotlandspeople, Ancestors On Board, Genes Reunited and Friends Reunited. The Road Show will be in Sydney on Monday 24th May at Ryde R S L (Grand Pittwater Function Centre,) Corner Pittwater Road and Magdala Roads, North Ryde. Unlock the Past will also be in attendance to let you know about the future planned expo's in October in Sydney, the National Road show in November and the History & Genealogy Conference Cruise in March 2011. I have had a look at Unlock the Past and found it interesting. The site came about with discussions between Shauna Hicks (Shauna Hicks History Enterprises) and Alan Phillips (Gould Genealogy & History, Archive Digital Books Australasia) in June 2009 it then became into being in September 2009 with the website unlockthepast.com.au. At first I was unsure of what it contained but I looked at the Recent Blog Posts and found it interesting. These are on the left hand side. I also went along and clicked on the tags at the top of the page and then you can click on the highlighted words to take you to things you are interested in. This site is a work in progress but worth looking at. If you wish to go to the Road Show go to unlockthepast.com.au then go to bottom of page left hand side Popular Content and you can book here. The cost is \$10.00 entry paid on the day

While Karen was searching through parish registers she was surprised to find this little gem. For Epileptic Fits. Get some Missletoe leaves. Bake them in an oven till they will powder, take as much of the Powder as will lay upon a sixpence in the morning fasting, in a wine glass of wine, or beer, Continue the same. I have known the above to cure epilepsy in one dose only. Try it Geo Pawson 1847, Little Tey. George Pawson was Rector of the Parish Church of Little Tey Essex from 1806-54. Many of the Essex parish registers are online and whilst they are not indexed the quality of the scans are so good that it is a joy to browse through them. Seax.essexcc.gov.uk/displayParishContents.asp. You have to keep linking till you find the right register, very good images.
(submitted by Karen Eldridge)

SAG NEWS AND SITES TO BROWSE



WHATS ON MAY/JUNE

English Research Group Meeting – Female

Outworkers: Saturday 22nd May 10.30am -12.30pm.

In the mid 1800s many women from the poorer communities especially in the cities, were forced into working at home to avoid the family being placed in the workhouse. The bad conditions under which they worked have been documented by many writers of the time. Pauline Kettle's talk covers various forms of work they undertook to keep bread on the table for the family. \$8.00 Non Members \$12.00 .Bookings Essential.

South Asia Research Group Meeting: SAG's

Primary Records: Saturday 22nd May 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Discover the value of SAG's Primary Records collection, how to search and use it and examine some of its treasures which aid in researching ancestors in India and the South Asia region. \$8 Non Members \$12. Bookings Essential

The Harp in the South: Understanding your Irish Ancestors in Australia.

Now on 19th June (cancelled on 29th May). 1.30pm - 3.30pm. What sorts of documents, materials, photos or objects help you to understand the experience of your Irish ancestors in Australia? This presentation takes you not only into the world of personal documents such as parish registers but also reveals those sites and objects which tell you so much about being Irish in the colonies. What was it like for example, to dig spuds from Victorian black soil, sign up as a domestic servant, milk cows in the Illawarra, go to mass in urban Sydney, or be a member of an Orange Lodge? You can't really understand your Irish immigrant family history until you have begun to see beyond those shadowy names on a parish register or in a newspaper article into the 'lived' life here of those who left 'old Ireland' to build a new society under the Southern Cross. Presenter: Richard Reid.
\$20.00 Non Members \$25.00 Bookings Essential

English Essentials Online & In House Saturday 5th June at Richmond Villa: Kick start and reinvigorate your English family history research. We'll cover the basic framework of births, deaths and marriages, parish registers, census and probate records - tailored specifically for those who are just starting to explore their English research or who need a refresher. We'll be concentrating on both what you can do online and at the SAG. Morning and Afternoon tea supplied. B Y O lunch. Presented by Heather Garnsey and Martyn Killion. \$50.00 Non Members \$60.00 Bookings Essential

DNA for Genealogists on Saturday 26th June at Richmond Villa. 10.30am - 12.30pm. Learn how the genetic markers in DNA can help you find your ancestors, when genealogy is combined with genetics. How do you decide which DNA tests and which DNA testing companies best suit what you want to know? Presenter Kerry Farmer. \$20.00 Non Members \$25.00 Bookings Essential

Scotland – Free websites to further your research

Sat 26th June: Richmond Villa 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Are you researching your Scottish Ancestry? Julie Morgan will introduce you to many free websites, which will enable you to appreciate the physical and social conditions in which your Scottish ancestors lived and perhaps discover more about them. These sites will cover subjects such as county and regional repositories, maps, newspapers, trades & occupations, wills, historical timelines and the Statistical Accounts of Scotland. \$20.00 Non Members \$25.00 Bookings Essential.

BOOKS TO READ

1788 The Brutal Truth of the First Fleet The biggest single overseas migration the world has ever seen. Combining the skill of a vigilant journalist with the magic of a master novelist, David Hill brings the sights, sounds, sufferings and triumphs of the First Fleeter's back to life. \$24.95 plus p + h \$7.00

Family History for Beginners and Beyond - This book was first published in 1981 as 'Family' in its fourteenth edition. The concept arose out of notes to accompany lectures at Beginners Courses run by the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra. The Council of HAGSOC considers that what has evolved warrants a place among the more comprehensive manuals for Australians, one which goes 'beyond' the needs of a beginner. \$24 00 plus p +h \$7.00

Google Family Tree Unlock the power of Google for your genealogy research. Google is the most powerful tool available worldwide for online research! With over 20 billion pages in Google's index of the Web, it's likely that some of them contain clues about your ancestors. Finding these pages, however, requires an understanding of filtering and other techniques that have never been explained to many computer users - until now! This book shows you how to tap the full potential of the Internet's most powerful free online service. \$39.95 plus p and h \$9.50.

The Other Anzacs: Nurses at War, 1914-1918 is a very human story from a different era, when women had not long begun their quest for equality and won the vote. They were on the frontline of social change as well as war, and the hurdles that had to overcome and the price they paid, personally and professionally, make them a unique group in Anzac history. \$49.95 plus p and h \$9.50

Pictorial History: Pittwater. A feast of historic photographs from this area of Sydney, wrapped up in a potted local history outlining its origins and development. Including the area north of Narrabeen Lagoon to West Head and Barrenjoey. \$24.95 plus \$9.50 p and h.

Web Sites for Genealogists. The 2008 edition of this ever popular guide. Created as an alphabetical address book and designed to help users efficiently access the Internet, it contains up-to-date addresses for useful and well-designed sites for family historians to pursue their research. \$25.00 plus \$7.00 p and h.

WEB TIPS

Griffith's Valuation has been known for many years as an important resource for genealogists searching for Irish ancestors. The Valuation was the first full-scale valuation of property in Ireland, published between 1847 and 1864. The complete valuation is now available online and can be searched for free at www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml You must enter a family name to search but can also add optional search terms including first name, county, parish etc. In the search results you will see the name and location of any matches as well as links to details of the valuation record, a scan of the original document page and a Griffith's Valuation map. There is also a place name search option allowing you to find everyone who lived in a particular place

Immigrants in New England. Janis Wilton of the University of New England is well known for her work on non-English speaking immigrants who settled in the New England area and would like to draw attention to a website <http://hfrc.une.edu.au/heritagefutures/neimmigrants> for her project. This features an online database of over 550 people from backgrounds such as China, Italy and Germany who are known to have settled in the New England / Northern Tablelands area. She's interested in adding further names to the database so if you can help please visit the website and use the contact details provided.

SITES OF INTEREST

This site is giving free access to search and to read some of the older newspapers from New Zealand paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast (Submitted by Jenny Myers)

David Hale has updated more of the MAPCO maps of London archivemaps.com. (Submitted by Pat West)

Glynda Nolan has asked me to thank Karen Eldridge for her talk at last month's meeting on Sourcing in Legacy Family Tree. Glynda now understands what it is all about.



**Our next meeting will be held on
19th June 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

Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society. March 2010	Articles: "The Halls of Swansea" "Swansea's First School at Galgabba" by Louise Boon c. 1950's
Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society. April 2010	Articles: "Pit Town with Service Record" NMH 12.2.1971 "A Diggers Tale – Private Daniel Hyslop 1889 to 1974" by Daniel James Hyslop
"Western Ancestor" Journal of Western Australian Genealogical Soc. March 2010	Articles: "Tracing your Ancestry in The Oriental and India Office Library" by Michael Gandy. "A Death at Albany" by Jean McDonald
"GhostBuster" Journal of Campbelltown District Family History Soc. March 2010	Articles: "Great Grand-Parents" by June Durie Vercoe. "Planning a research trip to England and Ireland" Dennis Allsopp and Jenny Bowden. "Fulbourn Chronicles Part 12"
Newsletter of Berrima District Historical & Family Society March 2010	Articles: "From forge and anvil, smithies supplied the stuff of life" by Philip Morton "In memory of George Thirkell"
Newsletter of Berrima District Historical & Family Society April 2010	Articles: "Private Walter Geoffrey Harris" "Captain Frederick Oswald Aarons" "The History of Medway coal mines"
"The Fig Tree" Journal of Manning Wallamba Family History Soc. April 2010	Articles: "Edith Jessie Richardson 22-7-1884 to 1-7-1964"
"Trickles from the Castlereagh" Journal of the Coonamble Family History Soc. April 2010	Articles: "Coonamble Remembers" by Pauline Ditchfield "Life at Teridgerie 1928 to 1950" by Marjorie Paddison
"Lachlan Valley Gold" Journal of Forbes Family History Group. April 2010	Articles "The Jewish Faithful" "Pioneer History of Parkes" "Well Who was Fenn?" "Early Solicitors of Forbes" "Researching your Ancestors in Norway"
"The Hawkesbury Crier" Newsletter of Hawkesbury Family History Group. March 2010	Articles "The truth about Louisa Rule's assault" "Hawkesbury Elections 1872" "A view of Windsor in 1828" "News reports in January 1862"