



# Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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**DISCUSSION GROUP.**

Australian	19.06.2010
Irish	21.08.2010
Legacy Family Tree	18.09.2010
Scottish	16.10.2010
Australian	20.11.2010
Irish	11.12.2010

**SPEAKERS**

**JUNE'S** speaker is **Meryl Bolin** who will speak on deciphering hand writing. Have you brought your letter or document for Meryl to decipher for you?

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

**AUGUST** speaker for this month will be **Jeremy Palmer**. Jeremy is from ANZestry he will be speaking on beginning Irish or UK Research



**More News from Find My Past.co.uk**

A development for Australian genealogy has just been announced, FindMyPast have taken over the Australian operations of World Vital Records [www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com).

They have launched the new [FindMyPast.com.au](http://FindMyPast.com.au) website with 35 million records, including many Australian directories, government gazettes, post office directories and other publications. When you find an item of interest you can view the full text of the original entry in a PDF document. FindMyPast.com.au are offering a free 24 hour trial (no credit card required) and you can also subscribe to a free regular newsletter so you can keep up to date with this new site. Go to [FindMyPast.com.au](http://FindMyPast.com.au) to see all the Australian info that is available. In separate news from FindMyPast.co.uk the British Library and brightsolid have formed a partnership to digitise up to 40 million pages of historic newspapers. The project will make these newspapers available online and in the Library's reading rooms they will also include 52,000 local, regional, national and international titles. The project will enable the digitisation of a minimum of 4 million pages of newspapers over the first two years and over the ten years of the partnership they aim to deliver up to 40 million pages. This project will be one to look forward to with material previously only available in the UK to be made accessible via a pay-to-view website for researchers from anywhere in the world.

**ANCESTRY.COM**

Ancestry have added a lot more information on their American databases. If you have already searched and found information go back and have another look as they keep adding more all the time. They have up dated and improved the 1820, 1830, 1840 federal censuses

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER**

Would you put some of your family history research into a folder and bring it along with you to the Christmas in July meeting. Others can then have a look and who knows, someone may be able to give you some missing information.

Have you read the Christmas in July sheet on the table to say what you will be bringing for lunch and also ticked the right box.

## SAG NEWS AND SITES TO BROWSE



**Online Survey Feedback.** In February SAG's randomly selected a number of members and non-members who subscribe to SAG-e to participate in a short online survey. Top of the wish list was online access to resources and databases, so members could research from home at any time. Particularly popular with those who don't live in the city. The help and advice received from volunteers and staff was highly appreciated, and the range of resources and services available (including the library, publications, education programs, volunteer help, and general atmosphere) was highly valued. There were also many individual concerns and suggestions for improvements. The Society is now analysing the responses in detail to determine which ones can be developed and implemented within current resources and priorities.

## WHATS ON MAY/JUNE

**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. Presenter Kerry Farmer.  
\$20. Non Members \$25.00 Bookings Essential

**Scotland – Free websites to further your research**  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> June: Richmond Villa 1.30pm - 3.30pm.  
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. \$20 Non Members \$25.00 Bookings Essential.

**Using the SAG Library Catalogue** Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> July 10.30am-12.30pm. Would you like to know how to use all the features of the online library catalogue? Go along to this demonstration and discover things you didn't know. \$20 non members \$25 Bookings Essential

## BOOKS TO READ

**Rare Book: Secondhand General Muster of NSW 1814.** Two copies only - now out of print, this book rarely becomes available. Details shown include name, where mustered, ship of arrival, current status, on/off stores and remarks. \$55 plus \$9.50 p&h.

**Dr William Bell's "The Settlers Guide"** The Settlers' Guide" or Modern Domestic Medicine and Surgery, Windsor NSW 1849. This is a unique, never before published, comprehensive Australian Medical Guide for Families, Settlers, Bushmen, and Invalids, for use in the absence of a medical man. "The Guide" is a must read for family historians who will wonder at their ancestors' treatment and at their subsequent survival. \$30. plus \$9.50 p&h

**Recent Publications:** Compiling our Family History Completely revised and updated, this 22nd edition of SAG's classic beginner's guide is essential reading for those starting out tracing their family history. \$9.95 plus \$2.50 p&h

**Writing Interesting Family Histories** Keen to write an engaging family history? Stuck with little more than names and dates? Uncertain how to begin? This book is a must-read. With advice ranging from how you can structure a simple family history and begin writing, \$22. plus \$7.00 p&h

**Resource County Leitrim CD-ROM.** Databases, source material, maps for local and family historians. Requires Adobe Reader 5+, Win 98/XP, Mac OSX. \$20 plus \$2.50 p&h

**Resource County Roscommon CD-ROM** John Hunter, who has been researching family in this county for many years, released Resource Roscommon Disk 1 in 2004. Disk 2 followed in 2006 and this edition (2009) contains information from both CDs, together with more new data on a single CD-ROM. It includes details on how to track down information relating to County Roscommon. \$18. plus \$2.50 p&h

**Voyage of the Migrant Ship 'Palmyra'** covering the 1838 voyage of the 'Palmyra' from London to Sydney this book includes a comprehensive list of passengers. \$30. plus \$9.50 p&h

## IRISH RESEARCH

**1901 Irish Census** The National Archives of Ireland has announced that the 1901 Irish Census will be freely available for viewing on its website from 3 June. Go to <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/about/futureplans.html> for more details

**North East Donegal (Inishowen)** records added to Online Record Search. The Irish Family History Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of circa 60,000 baptism, marriage and death records from north east Co. Donegal covering the parishes of the Inishowen peninsula along with the parishes of Doneyloop, Killygordon, Lifford and St Johnston. Derry Gravestone Inscriptions have been added to Online Record Search. **Derry Genealogy Centre** has computerised 66,000 headstone inscriptions from 117 graveyards plus the pre-1930 registers of Derry City Cemetery. This database will normally return the name of the graveyard, date of death, name of deceased, age and townland together with a comment recording relationships, where provided, to other people recorded on the same headstone. These records can be accessed on the Derry site at [derry.brsgenealogy.com](http://derry.brsgenealogy.com) Check out the interactive map of the Online Research Centres to see which county genealogy centres have data available online.

## **FAMILY SEARCH    INDIAN RECORDS**

Pilot Search section has added over 800,000 records of births, deaths and marriages for India covering: India Births and Baptisms, 1786 to 1947 India Marriages, 1792 to 1948 India Deaths and Burials, 1719 to 19. They are still working on the pilot so keep going back if you don't find what you are looking for the first time.

## **ASSISTED BOUNTY IMMIGRANTS 1828-1842**

<http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp> includes a link under the 'Search Records' tab. The pilot includes a transcription of the Bounty Index and digitised copies of the reels. The index was originally compiled many years ago by The Church and subsequently microfilmed (reels 30-37). To locate the Bounty Index follow the prompts to the list of 'Australian Resources'.

## **MONMOUTHSHIRE RECORDS**

The Monmouthshire Parish Record Transcripts website provides access to transcribed and indexed versions of the Bishop's Transcripts and Parish Records for the county. There is no central search facility but a wide range of parishes and dates are covered and can be browsed by parish. [The Monmouthshire Parish Record Transcripts](http://www.monmouthshireparishrecords.com)

## **NOW & THEN NEWS**

**RUSSIAN MIGRATION & SETTLEMENT IN NSW**  
New Archives in Brief 121 - Russian migration and settlement in NSW. These Archives in Brief (AIB) provides an overview of record series which may be useful in tracing Russian settlement in New South Wales. Read it at <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/guides-and-finding-aids/archives-in-brief/archives-in-brief-121-russian-migration-and-settlement-in-nsw>

## **SITES OF INTEREST**

Merged Convict Index makes for a monster search! They have recently combined six of the convict indexes into a single, easy-to-search database. With around 120,000 entries you can search the following all at once:  
Certificates of Freedom, 1823-69  
Convict bank Accounts, 1837-70  
Tickets of Exemption from Government Labour, 1827-32  
Tickets of Leave, Certificates of Emancipation and Pardons, 1810-1819  
Tickets of Leave, 1810-1875  
Ticket of Leave Passports, 1835-1869  
Included in the new index is a new addition; the Index to Tickets of leave, 1810-1875 compiled by Dr Perry McIntyre. State Archives acknowledge and thank Dr McIntyre for giving them permission to add it to their website.  
<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/indexes-to-convict-records>



**Our next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 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

“Progenitor” Journal of Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory March 2010	Articles: “Muriel Alexander – An Interesting great great aunt” by Meegan Ferguson. “Your relative could have been a Gypsey!” by June Tomlinson. “Amsterdam’s Archives online”
“Tomaree Tattler” Journal of Tomaree Family History Group. April 2010	Articles: “Irish Ancestor Stories – various” “Drownings in Port Stephens”
“Dugullumba Times” Journal of Logan River & District Family Hist. Soc. May 2010	Articles: “The Finding of Bridget” by Graham Pople “Irish Research”
“The South Australian Genealogist” Journal of South Aust. Gen. & Her. Soc. May 2010	Articles: “Wrong conclusions” by Kevin Bowden. “Records of Mental Hospitals in South Australia: Part 2” by Andrew G Peake
“Tree of Life” Journal of Wyong Family History Group 2010	Articles: “Wyong in the Days of Tall Timbers” by Edward Stinson. “Sources & Citations” by John Owen
“The Ryde Recorder” Journal of Ryde District Hist. & Family History Group May 2010	Articles: “Winifred Drury – 1900 to 1987” by Eve Trevitt “What’s in a Name” by Betty Willis “A Sixth First Fleeter at St Anne’s” by Kevin Shaw
“The Argyle Bulletin” Journal of Goulburn District Family History Soc. May 2010	Articles: “Various short articles from Goulburn Newspapers etc.
“Journal of Newcastle Family History Society June 2010	Articles: “Making Do And Lasting Out” by Vera Deacon & Ron Goodhew. “Cup of Soup” “Hard Times in Lambton” by Patricia Neal. “The Depression!” by Joan Murray. “Keay Brothers and the Long Depression” by Myra Keay. “More from the Surgeons’ Journals” by Ken Shilling “Deep in the Heart of Texas” by Jan Richards“
“Newsletter of Tea Gardens Hawks nest Family research Group.” April 2010	Articles “A Childhood Yarn” by Susan Bailey (nee Konz) “A Lonely Place to Die” by Ron Stewart
“Inverell E-History” Newsletter of Inverell Gen. & Hist. Soc. May 2010	Articles “Alan Cunningham – His Life” by Mervyn Williamson “Bukkulla – George Wyndham’s property”
“Family Ties” Journal of Bundaberg Genealogical Association June 2010	Articles: “Various short extracts from Bundaberg Papers” “New Zealand and Australian Research” “Italian Research”
“Journal of The Royal Australian Historical Society June 2010	Articles: “Whiteness on the Frontiers of Empire: Hebridean Scots and Group Settlement In Western Australia 1923-1928” by Timothy S Forest “The South Head Peninsular of Sydney Harbour: boundaries in space and time “by Robin Derricourt “Australia’s mixed gauge railways system: a reassessment of its origins” by John Mills “How Arthur Griffith came to despair of the industrial arbitration system in New South Wales” by Morris Graham “Maypoles and electric fences: Centenary celebrations in 1950 Victoria” by Jessie Mitchell
“History” Magazine of the Royal Australian Historical Society. June 2010	Articles: “The Historian and Heritage” by Ian Jack “The Roxy Caf� in Bingara” by Sandy McNaughton “ The Two Wives of Hector Macquarie” by Pauline Connolly “Thomas Vermouth/Turner” by Brenda Mortimer “The Sydney Bathing Company’s Natatorium” by Donna Newton
“Lemon Tree” Journal of Port Stephens Family History Society Vol 25 No 1 2010	Articles: “Persons advertised for: From the Sydney Morning Herald April, May & June 1868 Miscellaneous Notices: From the Sydney Morning Herald April, May & June 1868 “Extract from: Convicts of the Australian Agricultural Company 1825-1850”
“Ballarat Link “Journal of Ballarat & District Genealogical Society. May 2010	Articles: “Thomas Stoddart 1828-1905” by Jennifer Burrell “Tracking down pre-1837 baptisms and marriages” by Bill Johnson “Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages” by Anne Levens “Eady Hart (1848-1931)” by Kath McDonald
“Western Ancestor” Journal of Western Australian Genealogical Society March 2010	Articles: “Letter to Sarah” by Lynn McKenna and Irene Wilson “London Hospitals” by Marian Crew “Tracing Your Ancestry in the Oriental and Indian Office Library – Part 3” by Michael Gandy “Pioneer Heritage in Decay” by Harold Coppock
“Dust of Ages” Journal of Armidale Family History Group June 2010	Articles: “John & Edna (nee Kelly)Hartmann – their Golden Wedding Anniversary” by the Hartmann Family “1859 Petition lodged following election of Member for Electorate of New England” by Marj Hague “Was an ancestor at Cambridge?” by Caroline Gaden “An interesting exercise in newspaper research” by Beryl McMillan “Outback gravers” by Caroline Gaden “Railway workers at Armidale during construction of the Northern railway line c. 1885 by Marj Hague “Cyril Herbert Dodson Lane” by Judy Grieve