



Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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

SPEAKERS

CAROL DUNCAN the ABC
Daytime shift Presenter will be
joining us as our guest for
CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH

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



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given of our intention to hold our Annual General Meeting of the Lake Macquarie Family History Group Incorporated to be held on Saturday 21st Aug. 2010 at Marmong Pt Community Hall at 1.00pm. Nominations Forms are available from the Secretary, Warren Oliver for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Six (6) Committee Members. All nominations from Financial Members are to be Seconded and Signed by the accepting Nominee. Nominations close on Wednesday 4th August 2010

NEW PHOTOCOPIER

Our new photocopier that was purchased with our Volunteer Grant has been delivered. If you have at any time a document or multiple pages to be printed in either A3 or A4, your portable drive will plug in and print directly through one of our computers into the photocopier. It is now time to pension off our Mita A3 Platen Photocopier which reduces to A4. The black toner cartridges for this copier are approx. \$12-\$15 each. Added to the working copier is another copier usable for spare parts. If you have a use for this old workhorse and would like to take it home for FREE please see Robert Eldridge.

U K NATIONAL CENSUS TO BE AXED AFTER 200 YEARS

Francis Maude, said the Census which takes place every 10 years, was an expensive and inaccurate way of measuring the number of people in Britain. Instead, the Government is examining different and cheaper ways to count the population more regularly, using existing public and private databases, including credit reference agencies. The suggestion is likely to be approved by Cabinet next week. It will be too late to prevent the next Census on March 27, 2011 from going ahead. The online publication last year of the 1911 Census proved hugely popular. Mr. Maude said "Britain needed a new way to keep track of the population because the Census was often inaccurate and out of date" About 1.5 million households failed to fill in their forms in 2001.

The information from the 2011 Census will not be published until the middle of the following year, at the earliest. By that time, many of the people whom the Census had counted would have moved or died.

The minister said the Census was out of date almost before it has been done and was looking at ways to count the population more frequently perhaps every five years using databases held by credit checking firms, Royal Mail, councils and Government. "This would give you more accurate, timely data in real time. Questions for next year include the name, sex and date of birth of any visitors staying overnight Government is required by European Union law to count the population regularly.

To read the article go to telegraph.co.uk then Search and type in Francis Maude. Saturday

SAG NEWS AND SITES TO BROWSE



Hyde Park Barracks: Request for Reunion Photo's

The Hyde Park Barracks is putting together a new semi-permanent exhibition about convicts in Sydney. They are looking for a photograph of a large family reunion of people descended from a convict. It would be preferable to have descendants of a convict who resided in the Hyde Park Barracks, but any Sydney-based convict would be welcome. If you recently had a family reunion of convict descendants, had a group photograph taken and are happy to have this on display in the Hyde Park Barracks, please contact Kate Bruxner at the Museum of Sydney on 02 9251 5988 or email kateb@hht.net.au.

Can You Help Identify Ned Kelly's Skull?

The SMH reported on 21 June that the Victorian Attorney-General is appealing for public help to confirm the identity of a skull believed to be that of bushranger Ned Kelly. The skull was handed over to authorities in Melbourne last year, and could be the one stolen from a glass case at Old Melbourne Gaol in 1978.

Online Classes at FamilySearch:

The FamilySearch Family History Library is now making its' popular classes available at FamilySearch.org where anyone anywhere in the world can access them for free. There are currently 23 classes available, with subjects ranging from European research to United States military records.

WHATS ON AT SAG'S

Forums and Mailing Lists

Saturday 21st July (10.30-12.30)

Their archives hold a wealth of information maybe about your family. Sylvia Murphy will show you how to use and get the most out of these online resources. Bookings essential \$20 Members \$25 Non-members

Writing Interesting Family Histories:

Saturday 24 July (10.30am - 12.30pm) – Are you keen to write an interesting family history? Stuck with little more than names and dates? Then go along to Carol Baxter's session and find out how to write an interesting family history. Bookings essential \$20 Members \$25 Non-members

Guild of One-Name Studies

Sat 7 Aug 10.30am-12.30pm.

The Guild of One-Name Studies is a charitable organization, founded in Britain in 1979, with a worldwide membership. The Guild brings together those with an interest in one name studies and other forms of surname study (such as DNA projects). A one-name study is a project researching facts about a particular surname (and its proven variants) and all the people who have held that surname. Karen Rogers will educate you on how to form a one name group (ONG) and what is involved and what benefit there can be to researchers in contacting an ONG.

Bookings essential \$20 Members \$25 Non-members

Child migration schemes: UK to Australia

Wed 11 Aug: 10.30am-12.30pm. Following WWII a number of schemes were initiated specifically to bring children to Australia One of those schemes was the Big Brother Movement and Eddie Steel, a Little Brother himself and a director of the BBM today will tell us about the scheme and who were involved. He will be joined by Fiona Burn from the National Archives of Australia to tell us of other such schemes approved by the Commonwealth during that time.

Bookings essential \$20 Members \$25 Non-members

Family Tree Maker (FTM) Software User Group meeting

Sat 14 Aug: 10.30am-12.30pm. 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 topics that you would like discussed, be posted beforehand on the FTM UG Forum. Facilitator: Larry Czarnik.
Bookings essential \$8 Members \$12 Non members

The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software User group meeting Charts Large and Small in TMG

Sat 14 Aug: 1.30pm-3.30pm. The Master Genealogist program gives users full control over the appearance of family history charts that can be created. Barbara Toohey will show some of the tricks and tools you will find useful, whether you want to create a page about your immediate family or a large wall chart.
Bookings essential \$8 Members \$12 Non members

IRISH Individual HELP sessions

Fri 20 Aug 10.am-3.pm Greg O'Connor archivist from the National Archives of Ireland, is visiting Australia in August and will be available for individual consultation sessions of 20 minutes duration. Sessions are limited and only available to current SAG members.
Bookings accepted ONLY BY PHONE on (02) 9247 3953, when an interview time will be allocated.
\$25. Strictly Members Only & Bookings essential. Elspeth tells us the membership fee is now \$70 single member plus joining fee \$20 (Concession \$10) if you want to take advantage of this event.

Greg is also booked for an afternoon of Irish research Sat 21st Aug 1.pm-3.30pm Greg O'Connor, Archivist from the National Archives in Ireland will deliver two sessions highlighting the many Irish records which may further your genealogical research.
Session One: An Overview of Genealogical Sources at the National Archives of Ireland - This lecture will cover 1901 & 1911 census returns, Wills and other Testamentary Documents. Primary (Griffith) Valuation, 1820 & 1830 Tithe Applotment Books, and Landed Estates Court. It will also highlight those records with genealogical value which can be used as substitutes for the documents destroyed in 1922, such as Rebellions of 1798 & 1803 and the Fenian Rising of 1867. Session Two: Research in Ireland prior to 1800 Greg will show you how to "think outside the box" and nominate which institutions you should be searching to maximise your chances of finding family history information in this period Bookings are essential by 15 August.
\$40 Members \$50 Non members includes light afternoon-tea

SAG SPECIALS FOR THIS MONTH

Australian Genealogical Computer Index Volume 2 CD-ROM. A comprehensive name index to the New South Wales Government Gazettes, 1832-1863. Over 830,000 entries. Includes names, government notices, land transactions, convict pardons, abscondments, arrests and assignments, wills & administrations, and more.
Normally \$85. **NOW \$72.** + \$2.75 p & h

1800-1802 Muster Lists NSW & Norfolk Island (ABGR) Settler's Muster Book 1800, Governor King's Lists 1801 and the Norfolk Island Victualling Book 1802, together with index, appendices and *Taken from the Eng/Surrey mailing list with permission of author Cliff Webb* historical background material.
Normally \$39.50 **NOW \$27.** + \$9. p & h

Pictorial History: Warringah: A feast of historic photographs from this area of Sydney, wrapped up in a potted local history outlining its origins and development. Embracing the area from Harbor, Manly Vale and Killarney Heights in the south to Narrabeen and Cottage Point in the north..
Normally \$24.95 **NOW \$18.** + \$9.00 p & h

BOOKS TO READ

Queenslanders: Pioneer Families 1859-1901: The Queensland ancestors are honoured in this book which chronicles the many trials and tribulations of the pioneers as told by their descendants. book will bring alive the efforts of the many unique Queenslanders living in the colony during this period..
\$19.95 + \$2.75 p & h

How Did They Get Here? Arrivals after 1924: This modern, easy to use book has been designed to help you find arrival records for members of your family who came to Australia after 1924. The latest Internet resources are included with details on how to use them. Topics covered include: Using the National Archives of Australia resources, passenger records, naturalisation records, alien and internee records and much more. \$10. + \$2.75 p & h

Family History on the Cheap: Genealogy is one of Australia's leading hobbies but it can be expensive and time consuming looking for family history information. With the growth of the Internet and more information online it is, however, becoming easier and quicker if you know where to look. This Australian published book examines a broad range of topics and highlights numerous tips and tricks for how to get the most from research trips to archives, libraries, family history and local historical societies, visits to relatives, social networking sites, commercial websites, and of course, Google.. \$15. + \$2.50 p & h

Your Family Reunion: How to Plan It:

This book is a guide for organising a successful and exciting reunion, regardless of whether it is a casual backyard barbecue, a get-together at a hotel or resort, or a week long cruise, \$29.95 + \$9.00 p & h

Of Infamous Character - Third in a series of five, this book traces the lives of 145 Irish convicts transported in 1793. \$49.50 + \$2.75 p & h

Barefoot & Pregnant Irish Famine Orphans in Australia Vol.2

This companion volume to Trevor's first book (out of print) helps to expand the knowledge of the family historian by revealing further details about the lives of these orphan girls, particularly as regards their work experiences. \$49.00 + \$9.00 p & h

OF INTEREST

For those researching Canadian Censuses these years are free. For 1891 1901 & 1911. To search go to <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1891/001081-100.01-e.php> for 1891

For 1901 <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/>
For 1911 <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census11/>
(Contributed by Barry Wilks)

DARLING DOWNS GAZETTE

Judy the Blog Minder has just updated the downloads for the TDDFHS indices of the Darling Downs Gazette on The Society News page <http://tddfhs.blogspot.com/>
These cover births, deaths, marriages, obituaries and anniversaries. They now cover the period from 1861-1910. Many of the names come from outside the region The Darling Downs Gazette was an early Toowoomba, Queensland area newspaper. The links are on the left hand side of the webpage. You are free to download the .pdf files. The Society can provide you with further details of each entry.

(Passed on by Jenny Myers from the tddfhs site)

New site with lots of Central Coast photos
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gostalgia/>

This is a useful site which contains digitised copies of the Manchester Guardian, News of the World, Daily News and Weekly Dispatch from selected years. Free to search and view
www.uk-family-history.com/newspapers.html

Newcastle Cultural Collections: Maintained by the Newcastle Regional Library allows you to search the collections of the Newcastle Region Art Gallery, the Newcastle Region Library and the Newcastle Regional Museum. The website provides access to the following Newcastle region databases: Hunter Photo bank, Hunter Sports Database, World War One Diggers Database, The Newcastle Earthquake Database, Artsearch and the Newcastle Regional Museum Collection.

<http://collections.ncc.nsw.gov.au/keemu/pages/nrm/>

Tips to help you when using Ancestry.com

These tips are for searching the London Parish Records

(1) Before you do anything else, make sure you turn on "old search" mode. To do this, click on the (very small) words "old search" in the top right of the search page. Then check the "exact matches only" box (it doesn't actually mean what it says!). This simple procedure will put you in much greater control of your research.

(2) Make full use of the wildcard facility. wildcards can be used at the beginning and in the middle of names, as well as at the end. You should get into the habit of always using a wildcard version of any name you are searching for Sus* rather than Susannah, for instance, or *alter rather than Salter (as it is often the initial character which foxes the Ancestry transcribers).

(3) If you want to work your way through the images of a particular parish in the indexed LMA parish registers, then use the Browse facility (available on the left of the home page of each of the indexed datasets). Selecting the right London borough will bring up a list of churches to choose from.

(4) The one largish group of registers which are not available via Ancestry are those for the City of Westminster, as the originals are at the City of Westminster archive, not the LMA. Alas, these include some of the largest, most popular and fashionable churches in the capital at the time, such as St George's Hanover Square, St Martin in the Fields and St James's Piccadilly. The Ancestry collection does include some BTs for these churches, but these are not comprehensive.

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St Mary Newington registers will be found under the Southwark tab in each section. They are indexed for post 1754 marriages and post 1813 baptisms and burials but the standard of indexing is very poor. I have not checked Newington for this but there are also many examples where the label given by Ancestry does not match the contents, and/or where they have only digitised part of a register, sometimes only a small part. Also, these are very large registers, and it is a long and difficult search to find any individual.

I am engaged in an extensive program aimed at providing accurate transcripts and indexes to all this material using online transcribers and indexers from all round the world. The results will be put on CDs published by West Surrey FHS and on various pay per view sites to give them as much availability as we can. (Newington was of course in the ancient county of Surrey). The next edition of "Surrey Burials Index" for example will include amongst other goodies St Mary Newington 1707-1812 and the next edition of the "Surrey Baptisms Index" will include St Mary Newington 1707-76. We are actively working on other sections of this vast parish. New CDs will be announced on this site as they appear, and, with the permission of the Administrator we will list the parishes and periods covered. *(Taken from the Eng/Surrey mailing list with permission of author Cliff Webb)*

St Mary Newington marriages 1561-1837 have now been indexed and will appear on the next edition of the Surrey Marriage Index on CD to be produced by West Surrey FHS. Hopefully it will be this year. The index will eventually be added to the British Origins ppv website but I cannot at the moment estimate when that will be either. *(Taken from the Eng/Surrey mailing list with permission of author Cliff Webb)*

Familyrelatives.com

The records of commissioned officers of the Royal Navy dating back 163 years have been published online for the first time by Familyrelatives.com. Familyrelatives.com is pleased to release the most comprehensive online collection of Royal Navy Lists from 1847 to 1945. More than 2 million names are included in the Lists which date from the mid - 19th Century (or the Eleventh Period in Navy History) when Britain was involved in a number of conflicts.

The Navy Lists contain the details of all Royal Navy and Royal Marine commissioned officers on the Active List of those serving at the time of publication. It was said that every Captain in the Navy had a copy of the list as he was always anxious to know the exact status and seniority of other officers he met.

The information covers every aspect of both Royal Navy and Royal Marine officers whether Active, Retired or on the Reserve Lists, from the date they entered the Service.

The List of appointments range from navy and marine cadets to Admirals of the Fleet. Masters and Commanders are featured alongside Physicians, Paymasters and even wounded officers. There is even a section on officers dress regulations, awards and decorations.



BERT JONES

Our condolences go to Jean Jones and family whose Father-in-law, Father, Husband and Grandfather who passed away on Father's Day Sunday 20.06.2010 at the age of 93 years

GRACE EDITH WILKS

Our condolences go to Barry & Pat Wilks and family whose Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother and Great Grandmother who passed away on Friday 08.07.2010 at the age of 95 years



**Our next meeting will be held on 21st August 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>“The Ancestral Searcher” Journal of the Heraldry & Gen. Soc. Of Canberra June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Thomas Ireland – Gamekeeper” by Susan Peat “Samuel Fielding Harmer Naval Officer – adventurer - hero” by Cora Nun “Newspaper Digitization - A Salutory Tale” by Jon Kehrer “The wreck of the Letitia 1828. Edward Conyngham and others out of Ireland” by Frank Murray. “Digging up your Swiss forebears” by Raoul F Middelmann</p>
<p>“Links ‘N’ Chains” Journal of Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc. June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “The Way it Was. Liverpool 1810 – 1820’s” “An Irish Brick Wall Crumbles” by Reg Bonney. “Liverpool TAFE College. Former LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL” “Ella McFadyen (1887 – 1976). The Pegmen Remembered” by Judy Hudson(nee Chant)</p>
<p>“The Cedar Log” Journal of Richmond Family Hist. Soc. June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Locality, Locality - Coraki” by Esme Smith. “The Wireworker and his wife” by Meryl Broadley–great–great-granddaughter “What ship came ye by? – The fever ship MANLIUS and the Henry family” by Kevin Geaghan great- great-grandson “Alien Prisoners of War” by Kevin Goulding. “The origins of Thomas Paddon of Evans Head” by Alan J Brown,</p>
<p>“The Genealogist” Journal of The Australian Institute of General Studies June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Telford Historical Walk at Porepunkah” “You Can’t Be Too Careful” by Donald Grey-Smith. “Who was Rhoda Graham” by Noelene Goodwin “Johnsons Galore – and Much, Much More” by Margaret Prestedge.</p>
<p>“Inverell E-History” Newsletter of Inverell Genealogical & Hist. Soc. June 2010</p>	<p>Articles “Death Dates for Warialda Soldiers” by Mervyn Williamson.. “Ashford Notes” by Mervyn Williamson.</p>
<p>“Kith & Kin” Journal of Cape Banks Family History Soc June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Mary’s Grave... Or why you should check everything” by Eric McLaughlin and Margaret Phillips. “First White Child Born in Forster NSW-Harriet Cape NEWMAN nee Godwin 1863-1939” by Margaret Morscheck. “Two Wiltshire Brothers – John and Edward Hinton...(and their wives)” by Shirley Harper Monumental Inscriptions-Richard Wright c1765-1832” by Hazel Brombey.</p>
<p>“Maitland Reminiscences” Journal of Maitland Family History Circle. June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “C.S.Windover & Co.” by Martin McCarthy. “A Grave Situation”</p>
<p>“Timespan” Journal of Nepean Family History Society. June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Lachlan Macquarie (1761-1824). Part 2 – His ” by Lorraine Stacker.. “Pioneers of West Maitland (Part 1)” by Frederick Morrison. “Less We Forget Our Boar War Soldiers” by Lorraine Stacker. “Settlers at Parramatta & Norfolk Island” .Extracts from “The New Holland Morning Post” 18th October 1791 by Beryl Whatson. “Penrith in the 1920’s As I Knew It-(Part1)” by the late Albert Evans. Extracts from the “Nepean Times” for 1910</p>
<p>“Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society May 2010</p>	<p>Articles “Tent City at Blacksmiths” by Wal Drane “Brief History of the Catherine Hill Bay Pub” “Interview with Mr Thomas Boyd”</p>
<p>“Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society June 2010</p>	<p>Articles “Women’s Services” by June Potts. “A Short History of the Swansea-Belmont Surf Club” by Wal Drane</p>
<p>“The Hawkesbury Crier” Newsletter of Hawkesbury Family History Group June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “The Argent Family at Wilberforce” by Judy Sanders (nee Argent) “William Cross – Grant of 55 Acres at Wilberforce” by Louise Wilson “Windsor and a new river crossing in the 1850’s” “Yarramundi and Howell’s Mill” by Cathy McHardy.</p>
<p>“Voices from the Past” Newsletter of Inverell District Family Hist. Soc. June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Various local short articles”</p>
<p>“Descent” Journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Hawkesbury Records on the Internet” by Michelle Nichols and Jonathan Ault. “The Hidden Thread: Huguenot Families in Australia” by Robert Nash. “The Teapot Genies. An interview with Mrs Kaye Vernon & Mrs Billie Jacobsen” Transcribed and edited by Carole Riley.</p>
<p>“Progenitor” Journal of the Genealogical Soc. of the Northern Territory June 2010</p>	<p>Articles: “Asylum Records” by Pauleen Cass. “Merab Gordge nee Hancock” by Dianne Tessman</p>