



LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



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DISCUSSION GROUPS:

October 15th - None
Guest Speaker 11am – 12noon

November 19th - Family Trees
Online

December 10th – None
Christmas Luncheon

SPEAKERS:

October 15th – 11am – 12noon
Daphne Appleby
Topic: Fairbridge Farm, Molong

November 19th – 2pm – 3pm
Paul Parton from Family Search
Topic: Trees on Family Search

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COMMITTEE NEWS

The Group would like to 'Thank' Arthur Radford for nominating to take on the vacant position of President. As with any group, it doesn't work too well without one! The committee is looking forward to working with Arthur at the helm.

From yesterday's Committee Meeting...

The Mayor of Lake Macquarie, Clr. Kay Fraser has accepted our invitation as Patron of the Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc.

We welcome new member Ann Moxham to the Group. Ann, please don't hesitate to ask questions or for any other help you may require.

There will be no Discussion Group today due to our Guest Speaker Daphne Appleby beginning at 11.00am.

A continuation of 'Back to Basics' will be on Wednesday evening, 2nd November at 6.30pm. The Hall will be open from 6.00pm.

Donations for the Christmas Hamper will be received from here on until Sat. 10th December. Remember we meet on the 2nd Saturday in December (10th), members are asked to provide a plate of 'goodies' towards the Christmas Luncheon.

A trip to State Records Kingswood, has been organised for Tuesday, 8th November. If you would like to accompany the other members who have indicated their intention to go, please add your name and details to the sheet on the front table. You will be required to apply online for a Reader's Ticket if you don't already have one and produce ID on arrival at State Records to collect same. Robert Eldridge will be giving an online demonstration this afternoon on how to pre-order resources for you to have available when you arrive. Cameras (no flash) are allowed for taking images of documents or otherwise a photocopy service is available with costs.

Yesterday the committee agreed to purchase the following resources.....
From Kiama family History Centre - "Pioneers and Settlers of the Police District of Kiama prior to 1920" - Volumes 1 & 2 on CD.

From Colo Shire FHG - "St. Stephens Kurrajong Parish Registers Vol. 2".
Covering the period 1903-1936.

From Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group – a new publication 'Golden Diggers – The district's contribution to the First World War.

Volunteers Required at Saturday meetings..

We are in need of members willing to "buddy" new members or visitors on the Saturday meeting days. If you can help you will be required to show people our facilities and take time to discuss their area of research and how we may offer help.

For the November edition of "The Chronicle", Elspeth is asking for your stories on Felons you may have within your family research, or any other member of your family with an interesting story. Please forward your submissions to Elspeth at elspethbradbury@tpg.com.au by the end of October for inclusion.

Did you take your heirlooms to Cockle Bay Anglican Church for their Appraisal Day? Thank you Kath and Sue it was a very interesting afternoon while I was there. Two appraisals done and very happy with them! Oh, and afternoon tea!

WHAT'S ON AT LAKE MAC LIBRARIES?

Discover the history of your house – learn how Lake Mac rate records and other resources can be used to research where people lived. Bookings essential. **Wednesday October 19, 10.30am, Speers Point Library.** Phone 4921 0493. Free.

Write here! With Ron Williams – meet local writer Ron Williams from Boom Boom Books and learn about his fun and factual "Born in ..." Social history series of 30 books. Bookings essential. **Thursday October 20, 10.00-11.00am, Speers Point Library.** Phone 4921 0493. Free.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH...

News from SAGs - www.sag.org.au

Can you help put a name to unidentified Australian Soldiers buried in Fromelles?

The Fromelles Association of Australia helps the Australian Army identify soldiers living in unmarked graves in the Pheasant Wood Military Cemetery in Fromelles. Volunteers do this by creating a family tree of each soldier and identifying a living family member willing to donate the requisite DNA so that these can be matched with DNA remains found in Pheasant Wood. To find out more see the Association's Facebook page or via the Australian Army website.

Books – *New* – "A beginners guide to British and Irish genealogy" \$16.00 Chris Paton of Family Search (who will be guest speaker on November 19). Available from SAGS shop, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, online. Part of the Unlock the Past Series 2016.

Travel – *First Fleet Memorial Gardens, Wallabadah, NSW.*

A welcome rest stop of historical interest south of Tamworth, off the New England Highway. Overnight stays permitted, maximum of 3 nights. A donation box is available to help maintain the site. Toilets and showers, own power source required. A Liverpool Plains Shire Council Project.

Museums – *Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour.*

On Sunday September 25, an unveiling ceremony was conducted by the museum at the Welcome Wall. If you are interested in placing your pioneering ancestors on the wall for posterity, go to their website www.anmm.gov.au or call in for an application form. (Ed. Note [J. Myers] Please be aware of the charges in relation to the Welcome Wall)

Walking – *Old Irish Sydney* – An app. for iPhone and Android is available from the Dictionary of Sydney.org. Free to download, donation appreciated.

Antiques – *Sydney Antiques and Vintage Fair 2017,*

April 7-9, Sydney Town Hall. www.sydneyantiquesfair.com *Newcastle Antiques and Collectables Fair 2017, July 28-30, Newcastle Showground and Exhibition Centre. www.newcastleantiquesfair.com*

GENERAL RESEARCH

Have you subscribed to **Lost Cousins** - <http://www.lostcousins.com/> ? If you would like to keep up-to-date with 'What's New, what's available free, what's available with charges, general hints and tips and subscription offers', Subscribe yourself to receive fortnightly newsletters. These newsletters are very informative and also advise when Pay-to-View sites will be giving Free Access to records.

If you are unable to attend your local library to access, or haven't the funds to subscribe for a 12 month period to sites such as Ancestry, FindMyPast or the British Newspaper Archive, check out their websites for Monthly Subscription Offers. Not long back FMP added Westminster, Eng. Church Registers; with family connections to the Westminster area I subscribed for 1 month costing AU\$19.95, the month was well spent downloading many images from these and other Westminster resources available. Often the British Newspaper Archive offer a 1 month subscription for only GB£1 = approx. AU\$1.60. These offers make for reasonably priced research with images.

Find My Past - Are you searching in Canada? This week records for Ontario have been added. Maybe you are seeking out family in Wales?? See new Workhouse and other Welsh Records that have been added together with many new Scottish records that have also been added this week.

Another bonus for those researching their **Scottish Heritage...**

ScotlandPeople - <https://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk/> has also had an upgrade. It is still a pay to download site but charges have changed in relation to searching and downloading images. Overall the cost is no greater £7.50 per 30 Credits or £10 per 40 Credits. There is no longer a 1 Credit charge to View your Search, there is however, a 6 Credit charge to download an image. I would advise that once you have logged in to the site, click on 'Our Charges' to familiarise yourself with the new charging system.

The **ScotlandsPlaces** website - <http://www.scotlandspplaces.gov.uk> is now a fully FREE to Search resource. It had previously been part Free part Pay to View.

The website consists of many resources – Ordinance Survey Name Books, RCAHMS Archives, Burgh Registers, Official Reports, Gazetteers & Atlases, Hydrographic Surveys and many other Related Records.

Historical Tax Rolls – All are digitised and images are able to be saved...

Carriage Tax, 1785-1798, (20 volumes)

Cart Tax, 1785-1798, (14 volumes)

Clock and Watch Tax, 1797-1798, (2 volumes)

Consolidated Schedules of Assessed Taxes, 1798-1799 (32 volumes)

Dog Tax, 1797-1798, (2 volumes)

Farm Horse Tax, 1797-1798, (13 volumes)

Female Servant Tax, 1785-1792, (28 volumes)

Hearth Tax, 1691-1695, (43 volumes)

Horse Tax, 1785-1798, (33 volumes)

Inhabited House Tax, 1778-1798 (64 volumes)

Land Tax, 1645-1831, (129 volumes)

Male Servant Tax, 1777-1798, (27 volumes)

Poll Tax, 1694-1698, (88 volumes)

Shop Tax, 1785-1789, (8 volumes)

Window Tax, 1748-1798, (218 volumes)

Durham Records Online - <http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com> have upgraded their search facility to include – unknown – blank – and names with senior / junior. This site has also added many new burial records and updated information on some previously uploaded records.

Irish Family History Foundation - www.rootsireland.ie have added records for County Leitrim or check www.leitrim.rootsireland.ie for more details.

The Irish Genealogy website – An Official Government site - <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie>

Births 1864 – 1915

Marriages 1882 – 1940

Deaths 1891 – 1965

Dates further back are currently being worked on. The whole of Ireland is covered up until 1921. After that date the 6 Northern Ireland Counties are not included.

Finding the latest Irish News - <http://www.irishgenealogynews.com/>

Searching for Mining History or old Mining Photos from around the world go to - <http://www.miningartifacts.org/> and select the area you are interested in.

Deceased Online - <https://www.deceasedonline.com> have added records for parts of West Yorkshire.

FamilySearch – <https://familysearch.org/> This week FamilySearch has added Historical Records online for Belgium, New Zealand and USA with added Indexes to existing records.

Our next meeting will be held on the **November 19th**

The Hall will open at 10am for the use of resources. The Meeting will commence at 12.30pm.

You are also reminded that the Hall is always open for the use of resources on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm. Please check Newsletter for any Wednesday Evening Sessions that maybe of interest.

JOURNALS RECEIVED

<p>“The Fig Tree”. Journal of Manning Wallamba FHG. August 2016.</p>	<p>“Persistence in Family History Research” by Sandra Reid. “The most unfortunate life of Joseph Clarkin” by Joan Ransom. “St Matthews Windsor Bicentenary”.</p>
<p>“Cedar Log”. eJournal of Richmond-Tweed FHS. September 2016</p>	<p>“Our Big Hearted Neighbour.” By Jan Mulcahy “A Peel of Bells” by Yvonne Hammond. “A Man of Few Words” by Leonie Oliver. “Potato Orphans Sent to Australia to marry Convicts”.</p>
<p>“History”. Magazine of the RAHS.”. September 2016.</p>	<p>“Memories of Chinese Market Gardens in Ryde” by Pauline Curby “Samuel Thomas Gill – Artist. A Fantastic Story: Came Free, or Convict” by Ian Dodd. “Kidnapped Convicts – The Rollicking Tale of the Emu’s Female Convicts” by Associate Professor Carol Liston. “Alias ‘Donkey Jack’” by Lorraine Neate. “Narromine Aviation Museum, Central Western NSW” by Louise Williams.</p>
<p>“The Genealogist”. Magazine of Aust. Inst. of Genealogical Studies. September 2016.</p>	<p>“Searching with Family Search” by Cynthia Neale.. “Treasures in the Library” by Lesley Haldane. “What’s Your Island Story? Connections to Jersey, Channel Islands” by Linda Romeril.</p>
<p>“Descent”. Journal of Society of Australian Genealogists. September 2016.</p>	<p>“Dan’s Legacy” by Christine Collins.. “Arthur Wheen, WW1 Hero, and the Wheen Family” by John Ramsland. “John Lea, Monumental Mason – A Charity Shop Find” by Ralph Hawkings. “How Healthy is Your Family Tree?” by Danielle Lautrec.</p>
<p>“Western Ancestor”. Journal of Western Aust. Genealogical Soc. September 2016.</p>	<p>“Abandoned Waif of Romeo Lane: James Birtles 1867-1909” by Robin Robinson. “Who was Donald Smith” by Marcia Watson “The Childerstone Mystery” by Ron Pimm. “The Lonely Grave of Mary Pascoe” by Lesley Silvester & Mike Murray. “More Than Meets the Eye” by Julie Martin. “The Teggins Store, revisited” by Lorraine Watson.</p>
<p>“progenitor”. eJournal of Gen. Soc. of the Northern Territory. September 2016.</p>	<p>“Patrick Brennan in Darwin NT”. “More information on Patrick Brennan and his family” by Pat Button. “Northern Territory Shipwrecks”. “Delving into Diversions and Deviations – An Australian in the German Army” by Neville Jones.</p>
<p>“The Ancestral Searcher”. eJournal of Her. & Gen. Soc. of Canberra. September 2016.</p>	<p>“Mick Jagger and His Australian Connection” by Frances Corcoran “The Great Manure Theft” by Frank M Mitchell. “From the Trenches of WW1 (Part 2)” by Malcolm Murray. “Little Grandma – From Orange to Bondi Junction” by Cathy Raper. “Exiled!” by Pam and Neil Body. “The Three Medical Gentlemen of Bombala” by Eleanor Vardanega. “The Vicissitudes of Three Convict Lives (Part 2)” by Brendan O’Keefe. “Eight Generations of Separation” by Kevin McMahon.</p>
<p>“Dust of Ages”. eJournal of Armidale Family History Group. October 2016.</p>	<p>“Brothers at War” by Judy Grieve. “The Kentucky Soldier Settlement” by Margaret Small. “Poor Law Records: A Source for Family Historians” by David Kent. “George Frederick Nott, 1866-1940” by Peter Chambers. “Mavell Medals – An Update” by Ken Dickins.</p>
<p>“The Ryde Recorder”. Journal of Ryde District Family History group. September 2016.</p>	<p>“Fromelles and Pozieres: 100years” by Kim Phillips. “Burrows Park and Buffalo Creek” by Christine Sanderson. “Finding Nemo – Field of Mars Presbyterian Portion” by Janice Eastment and Kevin Shaw.</p>
<p>“Insearch”. eJournal of Gwydir Family History Society. August 2016.</p>	<p>“Ronald Thomas Carroll” by Geoff Cantrill & Michael McNamara. “James Burling’s Memories of World War 1”. “Gwyder Examiner Items”.</p>
<p>“Monumentally Speaking”. Newsletter of Nat, Boer War Memorial Assos. August 2016.</p>	<p>“The Lucky Penny” by Lauder R Scott-Rogers. “The Elswick Guns” by David Deasey.</p>
<p>Newsletter of Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, September 2016.</p>	<p>“Beyers Avenue Memorial Trees”. “An English Matron (Blanche Lee) and her Aussie Poms” by Karen Bates. “Just one small advertisement... Kate O’Donnell”. “A Number of short items of general interest”.</p>