



# LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NEWSLETTER



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**DISCUSSION GROUPS:**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Irish

**May, 20<sup>th</sup>** – Comparing DNA information

**SPEAKERS:**

**April, 15<sup>th</sup>** – Ed Tonks – speaking on Hotels in Lake Macquarie. 'Smelters' Haven and Artists' Rest'

**May, 20<sup>th</sup>** - Gary Mitchell –

**NB. Change of time -11.00am**  
Pte. James H Antcliff

**May, 20<sup>th</sup> - 2.00pm** - Georgia Bennett – Newcastle Regional Library Family History -**Topic** – What's available at Newcastle Library

**June, 17<sup>th</sup>** – TBA

**July, 15<sup>th</sup>** Gionni di Gravio – Newcastle University Archivist.

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**From the President..**

We had a very successful day last month when a record number of members and visitors attended our meeting to hear Kerry Farmer speak on "Researching through DNA". I have to express my thanks to all those who made it such a success. I know that there was a lot of hard work put in to cope with the number who had registered.

Kerry Farmer's talk on the use of DNA in family research was very informative. Although for many of us it remains a complex and new area of research. There is always a lot to learn for us all.

The wet weather during the week prior meant there was much concern amongst the committee and members when it looked like our BBQ lunch might be washed out but it all came together on the day. We have received a number of messages of thanks from visitors from other F H societies who have expressed their enjoyment of the educational day.

Today our Guest Speaker is Ed Tonks – Ed's topic is his new book on Pubs in Lake Macquarie. Ed always has a great story to tell, we look forward to learning more of the history of our local area.

As we approach Anzac day again this year we remember the battles around Arras and Bullecourt that happened 100 years ago this month. So many Australians lost their lives at this time and the losses during this 'war to end all wars' affected almost every family at home in Australia.

Most of us as family historians have more than one story to tell of a loss and how that affected our family history. What would have happened if these young men had returned home, married and had children. We would be looking at a completely different family story to the one we have today.

How about writing a short story of how it affected your family for inclusion in the next edition of The Chronicle.

Arthur Radford

**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Please note time change** – our first guest speaker for **May** will begin at **11.00am**. Gary Mitchell will speak about the upcoming Memorial Service on 7<sup>th</sup> June at Sandgate Cemetery for Pte. James Hartley Antcliff, 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> AIF

**The Chronicle** - Elspeth has advised as to Subject Topics....

**May** - 'What's in a Name?' (Name of house, area, family name, whatever) a few lines at least will be appreciated. Please email articles by 1<sup>st</sup> May for inclusion.

**August** – An article on your 'Favourite Family Member' and why?

If you would like to check Marilyn Rowan Transcription Agent's website, there is a special deal at the moment for a limited time; \$18 per transcription that includes Names, Reg. Year and Reg. No.

The Group will be utilising the hall on **Wednesday evenings in May, June and July.**

**May, 3<sup>rd</sup>** – A further insight into Irish Records.

**June, 7<sup>th</sup>** – Programs on your computer

**July, 5<sup>th</sup>** – Legacy Family Tree program

**Monthly Discussion Groups: May** – If you have DNA results from any family member please bring them along to the May discussion. This is designed to help each other in reading and achieving the best results from your testing.

**June, 17<sup>th</sup>** – To be advised. Elspeth is hoping to tie in the days discussion group with the Guest Speaker.

**July, 15<sup>th</sup>** – Filing, organising your records. - Yes, a totally different subject but one that is quite necessary when you have multiple records for each family group. Please bring with you a folder showing how you organise and where you add different paper records to your family groupings. Sometimes this is an individual preference procedure, BUT, a good time to show others HOW you manage yours. As a subject it will also be very helpful to those beginning their research journey.

**Guest Speaker for August** – August, 19<sup>th</sup> - Dr Tanya Evans, Senior Lecturer Macquarie University

**Topic:** Fractured Families - Life in the margins of Colonial NSW (the Benevolent Society).

If you have a particular area of research or a particular topic you would like to have a discussion on please put it to the meeting today.

Any thoughts / subjects for Guest Speakers are also welcome. Elspeth does an extraordinary job in finding and organising our monthly speakers, maybe you are able to help her with your suggestions. It is envisaged that if at all possible, we have 2 days per year similar to last month's meeting. This engages the LMFHG with persons from like groups and also complements our finances.

### **GENERAL NEWS**

**NEWCASTLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY** – launch by Ed Tonks of CD publication – “Remembrance – Newcastle's First World War Memorials”. Maree & Ken Schilling. Wallsend Diggers Club, 22 April 2017 at 10.30 am for 11 am start.

**LAKE MACQUARIE LIBRARY** – Speers Point – Bookings essential

ONE ON ONE Family History Research Sessions – every Tuesday at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm ,3pm 4pm..

**STATE ARCHIVES** – Setting up new free webinars on line. You will need to register with State Archives. Can be accessed at a later time if unable to log in when they are run. 2 initial webinars with more to be added:

USING THE NSW STATE ARCHIVES WEBSITE – March, 29<sup>th</sup> 10am -11am.

TRACING NSW CONVICTS – May, 31<sup>st</sup> 10am – 11am

**RAHS** – Copyright Amendment Bill 2017

“The Summit of Her Ambition – The spirited life of Marie Byles” Anne McLeod

**New Publication** – History of Moorefield Racecourse Sydney.

**FAMILY SEARCH NEWSLETTER** April 2017 – hints on using Family Search, Adding Sources to your Family Tree, Mobile Apps, What's New.

**JOHNSTON REUNION NOTICE** – Descendants of **WILLIAM & ISABELLA (nee Cunningham) JOHNSTON** from Whitsome, Scotland who arrived in Australia in 1817 and settled in the Bathurst and Wingham districts are invited to a reunion to celebrate 200 years since their arrival in Australia; 5-6 August 2017 at Wingham Golf Club. Enquiries Margaret Chaffer – margaretaffer@bigpond.com.

**HILL END FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND** – The Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, and Hill End Family History have combined forces and resources to present two and a half days of research in Hill End over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The full details, bookings and program are available on our website at [Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group](#).

#### UPDATES

**BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE** – Periodically check their website for various payment options. This month I was offered a 12 month subscription paid monthly. The monthly charge was cheaper than purchasing an Annual Subscription paid in full.

**Additions** – WALES: Montgomeryshire Express 1875-1907, IRELAND: Irish Society 1889-1894 & 1920-1924, ENGLAND: 1860–65 The North London News, 1865–95 The North London News and Borough of Finsbury Gazette, 1855–1957 The West London Observer,  
SHIPPING: Shipping & Mercantile Gazette 1850's & 1860's – merged with Lloyd's List in 1884  
For the latest additions go to <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/titles/recently-added/7days>

**FIND MY PAST** – Check for new and updated records – Many new Catholic records being added.  
**Additional records** for Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, USA, England, Scotland

**IRISH FAMILY HISTORY FOUNDATION** – County Wexford and Co. Westmeath have added resources.

**A tip for those researching in Ireland/Northern Ireland** – **please**, always cross reference records with the various Irish Archives or online sources, especially check your year dates before delving into the records. One of the main concerns is Northern Ireland, you might find family born, married or died in what is now Nthn. Ireland, remember it only became Nthn. Ireland after The Government of Ireland Act of 1920 with separate self-governing parliaments on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1921.

There is also the possibility that many of the early church records can still be found at the MAIN Parish Churches (Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic and other denominations) in particular Counties.

**DURHAM RECORDS ONLINE** – For very detailed updates <http://durhamrecordsonline.com/updates/>

**SCOTLANDS PEOPLE** - <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/what-we-are-working-on>

After ScotlandsPeople updated their website there were many technical problems found and need attention; if you go to 'Content' and 'What We Are Working On', there is an updated (20 March 2017) list of Work that has been Completed and Works and Enhancements that are in progress. Once these 'works' are completed, searching should be a more refined process.

#### MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**.

You are also reminded that the Hall is always open for the use of resources on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm. The hall will be open for research on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 from 2pm until 5pm**.

#### JOURNALS RECEIVED

The Hawkesbury Crier - eNewsletter of Hawkesbury FHG. March 2017	"Windsor as it is – and as it was". Windsor & Richmond Gazette 19 Nov 1910. "Strange but true" by Michelle Nichols. "Turnbull Graves" by Michelle Nichols & Jonathan Auld. "Mapping our Ancestors" by Michelle Nichols
Cedar Log - eJournal of Richmond-Tweed FHS. March 2017	"Not Privily from the Person" by John Broadley. "Chaplain in World War 1" by Jenny Maley "My Unknown Grandmother" by Carol Donaghey. "The 1939 Register" by Don Howell.

<p>“History”. Magazine of the RAHS.. March 2017</p>	<p>“More to Pictures than meets the Eye: looking at Pictures as Historical esources” by Richard Neville.  “James Tyson, The ‘Billycan Millionaire’” by Dr Roslyn Russell.  “The Women’s Cooperative Silk Growing and Industrial Association” by C. Yeats.  “Muster on St Albans Common” by Bruce Baskerville</p>
<p>“Descent”. Journal of SAG’s . March 2017</p>	<p>“How do you solve a problem like Ancestry?” by Kim Hatherly.  “Isabella” by Janet Halliday.  “What’s Your Island Story? Nicholas Philip Renouf” by Robert Nash.  “Look Past The Names in Family History Research” by Kai A.J.Gardiner.  “Manning River Pioneers” by Ralph Hawkins.  “Reginald Henry Pocock 23 Nov. 1891 to 17 Dec. 1977” Ralph Hawkins.</p>
<p>“Western Ancestor”. Journal of Western Australian Gen. Soc. March 2017</p>	<p>“Finding the 20<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Sappers and Miners in Western Australia” by Diane Oldman.  “Uncovering 16<sup>th</sup> Century Family Stories” by Dr Lesley Silvester  “Discovering Daisy’s Dad – Part 1” by Julie Martin.  “Revealed – The Newman Brothers. Part 1 – Charles” by Jenni Ibrahim.  “Can a DNA Test Identify your Ethnicity?” by Cate Pearce.</p>
<p>The Tamworth Family Historian”. Journal of Tamworth &amp; Dist. FHG. March 2017</p>	<p>“Extract from ‘Bulls and Boabs’- Kimberley People &amp; Places” by Athol Thomas, 1977.  “Extract from, Chronological History of Tamworth” by Lyall Green &amp; Warren  “Extract from Northern Daily Leader” by John Whinfield.</p>
<p>“The Genealogist”. Magazine of Aust. Inst. of Gen. Studies”.. March 2017</p>	<p>“A Rainy Day in England” by Dr David Andreassen.  “Father Timothy O’Rourke, Kilmore Parish Priest” by Barbara Wilson.  “Serial Serendipity Surprises” by Gail White &amp; Dan Gerchi.  “A search for answers” by Alan Thorley.  “Sly-grogging and the law on the Bendigo Goldfields in the 1870’s” by James Morris.  “New Birth &amp; Death Indexes at GRO”. “A Double Life” by Graham Coward.</p>
<p>The Ryde Recorder Journal of Ryde District FHG. March 2017</p>	<p>“Henry Deane Walsh” by Susan Rowe.  “The Australian Nurses’ Gift Fund” by Margaret Dalkin.  “North Ryde School of Arts Honour Board” by Kim Phillips.</p>
<p>“GhostBuster”. Journal of Campbelltown &amp; Dist. FHS. March 2017</p>	<p>“A Bushranger in the Family – ‘Flash Dan’” by Ann Tribolet.  “A Bushranger in the Family – John Peisley c.1834-1862” by Sharon Greene.  “A Bushranger in the Family – Ben Hall &amp; the Baker Family” by Ellen Smith.  “Queensland Birth, Death, Marriage &amp; Divorces” by Sharon Greene.</p>
<p>“The Ancestral Searcher”. eJournal of Heraldry&amp; Gen. Soc. of Canberra. March 2017</p>	<p>“Mathew Mahide – At last,, a convict in the family” by Therese Lynch.  “Miners and Migration” by Robyn Coghlan.  “Taking the Cure at Rotorua in 1880” by Jane Morrison.  “My Family’s 175 year Association with the Canberra Area” by John Clowry.  “Baptisms and Burials in Iden, 1785” by Peter Snowden.  “The Benaud-Pratt Family” by Joan Pratt.</p>
<p>“Tracks and Trails”. eJournal of Maitland &amp; Beyond FH. March 2017</p>	<p>“Enhanced Civil Birth and Death Registration Indexes for England and Wales”.  “This week in local History – 1847”.  “Occupations over the years” by Barbara Merriman.</p>
<p>Midwest Ancestry Feb 2017 eMagazine of the Geraldton Family History Society Inc.</p>	<p>Soldiers Letters – Geraldton Express (WA 1906-1919), Friday 2 February 1917, Page 4  “Items of general interest”.</p>
<p>The First Settlement City Gazette March 2017 – Redcliffe &amp; District FHG Inc.</p>	<p>“The Plant Family” – Eva Costello  “Our ANZAC’s Health : Gallipoli to the Western Front” Helen V Smith</p>
<p>eJournal of Port Stephens Family History Society. Autumn 2017</p>	<p>“Private Ernest Leslie Cole Service No. 6837” by Pauline Eltoft.  “Private George Glover – 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion No. 440”.  “Private Charles Ross – 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion No. 542”.  “Sergeant James Dalton, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery, No. 2468”.  “Gunner William Dalton, 32<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery No. 38331”.  “Private Leonard Rooke – 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion No. 2146”.  “Trooper Walter Rooke 7<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment No. 793”.  “Sister Lt. Elizabeth Stella Cromarty WW11 No. NFX 138691”.</p>