



LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NEWSLETTER



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DISCUSSION GROUPS: 11am Oct. 21st –

Nov. 18th - Jason Reeve - Content Acquisition Manager for Ancestry Aust. & NZ - talk on ancestry

SPEAKERS: 2pm

Oct. 21st - Ralph Seccombe
Topic: From the Suburbs To The Trenches - (A Book he wrote on WWI)

Nov. 1st – Wednesday 6.30pm
Legacy Family Tree Instruction

Nov. 18th – John Tottrup – Topic: My Danish Heritage

Dec. 9th – No Guest Speaker –
Christmas Luncheon

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COMMITTEE NEWS...

The Committee would like to 'Thank' everyone who helped out on the September meeting BBQ day and including the use of the VVCC BBQ trailer. Many Thanks also to Laurie and Lorraine Turtle for the giving of a full day with our Group.

Donations are being received towards our Christmas Hamper. We do ask that you check to make sure donated food items are within the expiry date.

It was suggested that the presentations on finding "Passenger Cards - Series A1197" at the National Archives of Australia and "Searching on TROVE" be topics for either a Wednesday afternoon or evening session.

The Chronicle - Elspeth is requiring Items for the November Chronicle. There is a Theme Topic: Family Holidays.

Be sure to enter the Saturday Meeting dates in your Diary for 2018, our Program Organiser Elspeth has booked in a many interesting Speakers on a wide variety of subjects.

We welcome new member Elizabeth O'Connor No. 261 to the Group, please don't hesitate in asking questions and joining in discussion Elizabeth.

Karen Eldridge is asking if anyone has use for Canon Pixma Ink Cartridges Nos. 5 and 8.

GENERAL NEWS

NEWCASTLE REGIONAL LIBRARY - Thursday November 16th called "*Is There a Convict in Your Family*". It starts at 10am with a finish time of around 12, it's being held in the Lovett Gallery (Level 2). It's a free talk being run by Gail Davis from NSW State Archives and Records in which she'll discuss how to do convict family history research. Contact Georgia on 4974 5330, bookings essential.

NSW REGISTRAR BDMs - Amanda Ianna from NSW Reg. BDMs will be talking at Tuggerah Library on Monday 23rd October at 9.30am. Bookings essential on 4350 1560.

STATE RECORDS NSW -

New Webinars under 'Quick Links' on the Home Page will take you to previous webinars that are still available for viewing. On **Tuesday, 7th Nov. at 10am-11am, the Live Webinar focuses on Probate Records.**

QUEENSLAND - <http://www.textqueensland.com.au/>

Are you researching in Queensland....**Text Queensland** is a unique and dynamic collection of full-text, searchable, digitised sources on Queensland colonial and state history.

FAMILY SEARCH – Familysearch is now offering an online photo and storage service with facial recognition feature.

A huge number of Dutch Records have been recently added to their digital collection.

GRO (English and Welsh) BMDs – The GRO is piloting a service from 12 October, 2017 to provide portable document format (PDF) copies of digitised historical birth and death records. The pilot will run for a minimum of 3 months to enable GRO to assess the demand for this service over a prolonged period. Applications for each PDF cost **£6**, must be made online, and include a GRO index reference.

England and Wales records which are available as PDFs in this extended pilot include:

Births: 1837 –1916 Deaths: 1837 –1957

BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE –

A periodical of interest to anyone who might have ancestors ‘on the stage’ or in ‘theatre’ in the UK has been digitised - “The Stage” spanning 1880 to 2007.

New titles have been added to the collection

NATIONAL ARCHIVES UK – If you are heading to the UK and thinking of going to Kew, SRY, for research, there are new guidelines for bags etc as of 14 November, 2017, so check requirements beforehand.

Another new website <https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/> -

The Digital Panopticon website allows you to search millions of records from around fifty datasets, relating to the lives of 90,000 convicts from the Old Bailey, to search individual convict life archives, explore and visualise data, and to learn more about crime and criminal justice in the past. (Ed. Note: There are listings for other Courts/Prisons/Hulks etc., more than just the Old Bailey).

THE GENEALOGIST - <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk>

In excess of 1 million Sussex Parish entries are now available to view (a subscription is required). This site gives access to many resources not available on other websites. There is an offer at the moment - a new 4 monthly Diamond subscription for an introductory price of only GB£39.95 (normally £59.95) or a special 12 month subscription for GB£95.56.

FIND MY PAST – For those who are beginning the family history journey and have more elderly living relatives OR those of us who are the more elderly of the living, **DID** you take the time to open the FindMyPast Guide headed “**Did you miss any of WDYTYA?**” (Rec. or dated 11/10/2017)?

If you didn’t, I would advise to scroll down to “**3 TIPS WE TOOK FROM WDYTYA? SERIES 14**” and click on the links, and the links within the Tips. (Ed. I will talk on this further during our meeting today)

Fridays..FMP host a Facebook Live session direct from London, check the information on their UK website.

New Additions...

Irish – Dublin Electoral Rolls 1908-1915 -- Armagh Newspapers

England – Sussex MIs for East Dean and Chiddingly Churchyards

Gloucestershire – Bristol Baptisms, Marriages, Burials -- Herefordshire – Baptisms

Warwickshire – Baptisms, Banns, Marriages, Burials, Bastardy Indexes 1844- 1914

Berkshire – Additions

Canada – Ontario Birth Index - Civil Registrations 1860-1920.

USA – extra Connecticut Marriages

ANCESTRY – There are many new and updated resources.

DURHAM RECORDS ONLINE – <http://durhamrecordsonline.com/>

Tudhoe Mount Pleasant Presbyterian baptisms 1862-1879 - 158 baptisms at Tudhoe Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Durham district, from the beginning of the first register in April 1862 to the end of 1879. Unlike Anglican baptisms of this period, these baptisms helpfully list the child’s birth order and mother’s maiden name, and nearly all of them include the child’s birth date.

Darlington Bondgate Methodist baptisms 1837-1981 - 3,572 baptisms at Darlington Bondgate Wesleyan Methodist church from August 1837 to January 1981. Nearly all have birth dates.

Shotley baptisms & burials 1813-1840, marriages 1819-1837 - Shotley St. John in the Hexham district of Northumberland: - 406 baptisms from the beginning of 1813 to the end of 1840 - 306 burials from the beginning of 1813 to the end of 1840 - 86 marriages from 1819 to 1 July 1837 (marriages at Shotley range from 1670 to mid-1837)

Birtley & Ouston Methodist baptisms 1892-1974 - Baptisms at several Methodist churches in Birtley and Ouston in Chester-le-Street district: - 1,627 baptisms at Birtley Station Road Methodist Church for 1947-1974. This register is labelled "Primitive Methodist Church" from 28 Aug 1966 to its end in April 1974. 675 baptisms at Birtley Durham Road Wesleyan Methodist Church for 1892-1958 78 baptisms at Ouston Primitive Methodist Church for 1947-1958. These all have birth dates and addresses, but not the occupation of the father, as is typical for Methodist baptisms.

Whitworth marriages 1568-1812 - 241 marriages at Whitworth parish church (it is not dedicated to a saint) in Auckland district, from the first register in 1568 to the end of 1812. We now have a continuous run of marriages at Whitworth from 1568 to mid-1837. As far as we know, the marriages before 1754 are not available anywhere else on the Internet, so you may make some new discoveries! Witnesses start appearing in 1754. Abodes mentioned besides Whitworth include Bishop Auckland, Brancepeth, Merrington, Old Park, St. Helen Auckland, and St. Margaret's in Durham city.

SCOTLANDS PEOPLE - <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

An additional batch of **Other Church Registers of baptisms, marriages and burials** have been added to the site. Work on the **1935 valuation rolls** is well underway and these are expected to be added later in 2017. Work is underway on a gazetteer-based system to make available a large number of records which are not indexed by personal name, including **kirk session and other court records**.

SCOTTISH TRANSCRIPTION SOCIETY - <http://www.scottishrecordsociety.org.uk>

Access the Publications Old and New Series where it will advise of what is able to be read online and what is only available in Book format. Mostly these publications are available to view at <https://archive.org>

Are you searching for Maritime Records? This **Canadian** site apparently carries many records (Ed. I have not checked the URL or its contents) <https://maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca/research>

MEETINGS - The hall will be open for research on **Wednesday, 1st November, 2017** from **2pm until 4pm**. with a **night session** commencing at **6.30pm** – **Topic: Legacy Family Tree Program**. Our next **Saturday** meeting will be held on, **18th November, 2017**.

Please note, our **December** Christmas Luncheon meeting is the **second Saturday, the 9th**.

JOURNALS RECEIVED

<p>"History". Magazine of the Royal Australian Historical Society. September 2017</p>	<p>"The Capture of the Clarkes – Bringing History to Life" by Peter C Smith. "Local Explorers' modern day discovery. Governor Phillip's First landing site, Campsite and contact with local Aborigines in Pittwater 5 March 1788. "The Case for West Head Beach" by Roger Sayers and Geoff Searl. "Milestone in Orange: 140 Years of Railways" by Elisabeth Edwards. "Lady Anderson, Governor's Wife" by Christine Wright." "Wynstay and the Turkish Bath Museum at Mt. Wilson" by Jan Koperberg. "Dr Herbert Blaxland, Medical Superintendent of Callan Park Hospital for the Insane" by Sarah Luke.</p>
<p>"Western Ancestor". Journal of Western Australian Gen. Soc. September 2017</p>	<p>"The Fate of Caroline Broun" by Robert Atkins & Don Blue "Discovering Daisy's Dad – Part 3" by Julie Martin "The Balkan Front in WW1" by Bojan Pajic "The Last Man Killed in the Boer War" by Paul McKeich "Revealed – The Newman Brothers Part Two – Frank" by Jenni Ibrahim</p>
<p>"progenitor". eJournal of Genealogical Soc. of Northern Territory. June 2017 "progenitor". eJournal of Genealogical Soc. of Northern Territory. September 2017</p>	<p>"Vernon Thomas O'Brien" by June Tomlinson "Around the Camp Fire". Townsville Daily Bulletin 7 December 1954 "Google – Genealogy and Family History" "Shipwreck- S.S. Douglas Mawson 1923" "An Australian Started the American Civil War". "The Territory's first and only Gallipoli prisoner" by Judy Boland "James (Jimmy) Lawrence Cain – a Territory Hero". "Mary Thomas 1787 – 1875" by Mim Regan "Emily Caroline Barnett 1860 – 1944. Formerly Creaghe, nee Robinson" "Louisa Eleanor Boyd 1865 – 1954". Townsville Daily Bulletin 14-9-1954</p>

eNewsletter of Maitland & Beyond FHS. Septembert 2017	“Items of general interest”
“Insearch”. eJournal of Gwyder Family History Society. August 2017	“Extracts from the Moree Gwyder Examiner in August 1917” “Walter Holder” Verania McPhillamy, M.B.E., O.B.E. and Lt Col. Clive Vallack Single, D.S.O.”
Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society. September 2017	“Boat-Building hub puts Swansea on the map”. “Biography of a boat – Minnamurra”
“Cedar Log”. eJournal of Richmond-Tweed FHS. September 2017	“Remembering Dad” by Joan Fraser. “Beersheba” by Dawn Lotty. “Swept Under the Rug” by Carol Donaghey. “Diary of a War” by Dawn Lotty. “Ryerson Index – An Update” by Carol Donaghey
“The Hawkesbury Crier”. eNewsletter of Hawkesbury FHG. September 2017	“The Late John Schofield” by Michelle Nichols “Ebenezer Church’s first minister – Pastor James Mein 1761-1827” by Ted Brill “Some Hawkesbury Headstones” “Edward Mellish and the wreck of the Sakata, 1905” by Michelle Nichols. “Memorials from the interior of St. Matthew’s Anglican Church, Windsor, NSW” ranscribed by the late Grace Douglas.
Journal of Renfrewshire Family History Society. September 2017	“Changing Fashion on Paisley High Street” by David Roberts. “Captain “Maximillian Macpherson of the Seaforth Highlanders” by D. Hamilton. “Lost Mansion Houses of Renfrewshire” by Dan Sweeney. “Caldwell B. Meiklem” by Liz Killean.
The Ryde Recorder”. Journal of Ryde District Family History Group. September 2017	“Who were my Great Grandparents? What was life like for them?” by W. Beck. “Anne McBeath: a sad story” by Helen Patterson. “Objectionable Nomenclature”: A Ryde Council meeting on road names in 1917” by Helen Patterson.
“The South Australian Genealogist”. Journal of South Aust. Gen. & Her. Soc. Aug. 2017	“The Murray Cods: The Movie” by Lindy Taeuber “A Long Treasured Photo of Old Adelaide” by Jeff Burgher “Shirley’s Story” by Judy Taylor & Shirley Lane. “The Overland Telegraph Line 1870-72” by Andrew Peake. “Australians Who Served in Serbia” by Bojan Pajic. “Ferdinand Louis Grund” by Stuart Tapley. “A Drover and a Gentleman” by Bernadette Mary Thakur
“Descent”. Journal of SAG’s. September 2017	“A Boy from Shoreditch” by Kim Hatherly. “Who was Thomas Kenna?” “Armidale’s Mutiny against William Bligh” “Harsh realities – An O’Donnell Story”
“Dust of Ages”. eJournal of Armidale Family History Group. October 2017	“George Baker, Laura Station and ‘Birida’” by Sylvia van der Straaten. “Cricket in New England” by David Bailey. “Treasure Trove” by Alison Meldrum. “132 Donnelly Street, Armidale and the Hall Family” by Rene Lockrey. “Who Introduced Willow Trees to New England?” by Margaret Small. “Who was William Balcombe, Australia’s First Colonial Treasurer?” by Caroline Gaden. “Teaching Trials & Tribulations in the 1880’s” by Wayne Hoppe. “Armidale in the Great War” by Ian Johnstone.
Ancestral Searcher”. eJournal of Her. & Gen. Soc. of Canberra. September 2017	“Overview of Australian Copyright” by Jennifer Barnes. “Lionel Leslie Eric North 1898 to 1997” by William North & Karen Layne. “Steaming Southwards” by Robyn Coghlan. “My Journey as our Family Historian” by Peter Grills. “DNA – Breaking Down a Solid Brick Wall” by Robyn Sharman Hawking. “From Mountbellow Workhouse to Western Australia” Aleysha McGrath & Kathleen Connolly.
Newsletter of Scone & Upper Hunter Historical Society. September 2017	“Samuel Gunter’s Story of Thunderbolt”. “The History of St. Andrew’s Scone”. “Time Line of the Settling of the Hunter River”. “The Chinamen’s Gardens” by Edith Potter 1981. “Donald Cameron – a brief summary of his military service” by Geoff Harrison
“The Argyle Bulletin”. Journal of Goulburn District FHS. August 2017	“A number of short articles from early local papers”. “Mr. Arthur Kennedy: Retires from service” by George Ivan Smith. “George Franklin Smith: Governor of Goulburn Gaol from 1928-1938” by Roger Bayley.
“The Genealogist”. Magazine of Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies. Sept. 2017	“Surname Grouping Algorithms” by Carol Baxter “Lost Identity” by Pirrie Shiel. “Commonwealth War Graves Commission” by Cynthia Neale. “The Tragic Tale of Thomas Killick Jnr. And Thomas Killick Snr. (Part 2)” by Giselda Bannister. “A Wartime Fairy Tale” by Eliz Bilal.