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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmfhgdiscussion>

Next Meeting:

Meetings are currently suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions

Speers Point Library:

Research Assistance each Friday is currently suspended

Members Interests:

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The Chronicle Topic: *Were your forbears early settlers?*

Discussion Group 11-12noon
Currently suspended

"There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his." - Helen Keller

LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2020



EVENTS AND UPDATES

A Note from the President

Greetings Members, I trust that you are all keeping well during our isolation period. While the isolation puts many restrictions on us it also creates opportunities to spend time on researching, organising and sharing our family history. I have been researching 2,500+ descendants on one convict line and have been amazed to find people who have distinguished themselves in many areas. I would love to hear what you have found recently. Please consider sharing your triumphs on our Facebook page or Group (see below) or in an email to me. Please don't be shy.

I have opened up another private means of communication for our members, a Members' Discussion Group on Facebook which is only open to members. To date we only have nine members. I encourage you to join up, introduce yourself and tell us where you are up to with your research. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmfhgdiscussion>

Now is a good time to think towards the future when our grandchildren become interested in our history. Perhaps you could put together a memory book or start writing your story. This can be in paper or digital format. How about making sure all your photos are labelled and organised?

Please be assured that your Committee is monitoring the situation with Covid-19 closely and will let you know via our communication channels of any decisions we make on our Meetings Program.

Stay Safe, Stay Well, - Jill Ball - President

Fundraising

Unfortunately our next **Bunnings Barbeque** has been cancelled and it appears that we may be able to hold a barbeque during 2020. Thanks to Chris Rawlings for all her efforts in this area.

May Subject for The Chronicle: *Were your forbears early settlers?*

Elsbeth and Glynda are looking for stories for the May issue of The Chronicle. Perhaps you would like to contribute but are worried about your spelling, grammar or keyboard skills. Elsbeth and Glynda are happy to help you put together your story. Just send them your article and they will read through it and help you get it publication ready.

Kerry Farmer - DNA

Unfortunately we had to postpone our April event with Kerry Farmer. We plan for her to join us later in 2020. Now is a good time to do a DNA test so you can get your results and have your questions ready for Kerry's visit.

From The National Library of Australia

We are thrilled to announce that registered Library users will be able to access **Ancestry (Library Edition)** from home until 30 April!

Use your Library card to access this resource by visiting our eResources portal: <https://bit.ly/3aTtCZ6>
Don't have a Library card? Register online: <https://bit.ly/2Xlevnp>

From Newcastle Library

We are currently able to offer our members access to **Find My Past** at home. Please contact the Library via library@ncc.nsw.gov.au or by phoning 4974 5342.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Each day during April Legacy Family Tree Webinars are unlocking one webinar from their membership library to be available to view for free.

https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2020/04/free-webinars-each-day-the-entire-month-of-april.html

Internet Genealogy Magazine

With the COVID-19 situation, and with the majority of people being quarantined to their homes, we thought we would take this opportunity to offer you this FREE issue download of **Internet Genealogy** magazine so you would have something to add to your reading collection. There are no strings attached. Use this link <https://bit.ly/IG-Download> to download the FREE issue.

Thanks to Elspeth for the following two resources:

Royal Navy First World War – Lives at Sea This unique free resource lets you search for information about Royal Navy officers and ratings who served during the First World War. The information in it is derived mainly from transcriptions of service records. You can also find out more about the crews on different ships and at different battles during the war. <https://royalnavyrecordsww1.rmg.co.uk>

Digital Panopticon This website allows you to search millions of records relating to the lives of 90,000 convicts from the Old Bailey. While most of the data included in the Digital Panopticon website already existed in some form, the project created a number of new datasets which, where possible, were made available under a Creative Commons licence. At the end of 2019, the website was updated with datasets of the tattoos recorded on 58,000 convicts noted between 1793-1925, both those transported to Australia around a quarter of whom had tattoos)

and those imprisoned in Britain. These records, which form an important set of evidence of history from below, show that tattooing was not restricted to sailors, soldiers and convicts at this time but was a growing and accepted phenomenon in Victorian England. Tattoos provide an important window into the lives of those who typically left no written records of their own. <https://www.digitalpanopticon.org>

Newcastle Family History Conference 2020

The conference, **Riding the Waves of History**, which is being hosted in Newcastle 11 - 13 September 2020 at Wests, New Lambton. The Conference Committee is hoping that Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted by September so that the event can go ahead.

Family History Down Under Conference 2021

The FHDU Conference is to be held 22 -26 March 2021 on the Sunshine Coast Qld <https://www.familyhistorydownunder.com/>

AFFHO Congress 2021

The *Norfolk Island Museums and Research Centre* has been invited to host the **AFFHO Congress 2021** from **30 July – 6 August 2021** with the actual **Congress** dates being **3 – 5 August 2021**.

Some links to explore from Jenny M.

The London Gazette

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notice>

Useful for anyone researching their naval ancestors www.uboaat.net

Lots of aerial photos taken all around the country

<https://britainfromabove.org.uk/>

Historical Directories section of University of Leicester's website

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4>

The Isle of Man Newspaper Archive

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-isle-of-man-52231798>

For our Scottish researchers – Scottish Indexes held an online conference presentation on Thursday 9th April providing worldwide timezone viewing. If you are interested in viewing the presentations, the Speaker's links are now on our LMFHG Members Discussion Facebook page. It covers from Beginning your FH journey to the more involved providing information as to where to search for further records.