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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all our new members who have joined the Family History Society over the last few months - I trust you will enjoy what is on offer in the rooms. Our Monitors, who volunteer their time, are only too happy to assist you in any way they can.

In the last month we have upgraded three computers. This was mainly possible because of a Grant from the Federal Government. When you enter the room you will notice the large computers that used to restrict leg room have been removed and replaced by a few square boxes on the desk next to the screens.

The Computers have been upgraded to Windows 10, which we hope will help in the operation of the programs that have been loaded on the ‘server’. However this does come with a downside as various programs like ‘Digger’ will no longer work on these computers. At the moment we have left one computer to operate solely for these programs. This, I hope, will only be a temporary arrangement. A new Printer has also been installed to replace the older and somewhat noisy Samsung.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching (Saturday 23 September). I am hopeful that there will be overwhelming enthusiasm from members to participate on the Committee - using new ideas, energy and skills to help make our Family History Society even more successful in the future.

Stan Gordon, President #1610



*The tree of life for some has cast its shade. We must make sure their memories never fade.*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

The Notice for the AGM and Statement of Receipts & Payments for the last financial year is included in this Journal. Only financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM.

Any financial member may be nominated for election to the Committee by any other two financial members. Nomination forms are available from our Research Room or a copy can be emailed (contact the Secretary). Closing date for nominations is 4pm on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Completed forms should be placed in the drawer marked ‘Secretary’ above the Admin Desk.

### LYNETTE JENNIFER (NEE TRIGG) AND WILLIAM HERBERT CAMERON

Is anyone able to help with contact details for descendants of Lynette Jennifer (nee Trigg) and William Herbert Cameron? Recently many family photographs of this couple were left at our Family History Rooms and we would very much like to return photographs etc. to their family.

## PHOTO OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

Last year when we had a ‘Show and Tell’ Workshop, member #1493, SERGIO SPAGNOLO brought along a draft copy of a large photograph which he had been working on for many years.

Sergio’s parents were part of a strong Italian community who migrated to the Coffs Harbour area in the years before and after the Second World War. The photo was of 134 members of the Italian community who had attended the St. Augustine’s Catholic Church for the ordination of REV. FATHER JOHN DACEY on 24 July 1956.

Following the ordination, the congregation celebrated the event at Bonville / Sawtell Reserve on the 29 July 1956 where the photograph was taken and copies of the photograph were presented to Italian families following the celebration. Sergio was 10 years old at the time and he is one of the people in the image along with other members of the Italian community.

Over many years with the help of members of the Italian community and using his expertise as a professional photographer, he researched the photograph and the history of the local Italian community to produce a detailed record of the celebration.

During June, Sergio and Father Dacey presented framed copy of the end result to the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum and Father Dacey presented a copy to the Catholic Church. The photograph has a number for each of the names and a headshot of each of the 134 people with their allocated number for easy reference. We congratulate Sergio on a job well done.

## SUE MURPHY’S LUCK

Recently our Society had a request from Sue Murphy from Tasmania regarding her grandfather, Robert CLARK, and some property he owned in the Nana Glen area (or so she thought). She had heard the property was named ‘Glenada’ and she was under the impression the family had a banana plantation and possibly a dairy farm.

In October 2016, the Royal Australian Historical Society, in conjunction with Coffs Harbour District Family History Society Inc. presented an RAHS/Coffs Harbour District Regional Seminar. One of the speakers was Associate Professor, Carol Liston, who spoke about and provided advice and guidance in accessing and using the historically significant records that Land and Property Information had made available through their website.

Following this Seminar, one of our members, Ian O’Hearn, informed us that he would be happy to assist any of our Monitors who felt they needed a hands-on, crash course in accessing this information. Ian had spent much time doing Land Title Research and felt it could be often quite tricky to access the information successfully. The workshop was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June and Ian did an excellent job guiding the Monitors in using the site to access the available records.

Sue Murphy’s request had only arrived a few days before the workshop so her timing couldn’t have been better. At the workshop, Christine Berridge and Sharon Ingersole offered to use the information Sue had supplied to get some practice accessing records. Fortunately they were successful in locating the properties and finding the titles which showed Sue’s grandparents’ names.

After more extensive searching by Marlene Gordon on the Historic Land Record’s website, it was determined that the parcels of land they were seeking were actually located in the Dairyville area.

Portions 43, 45 and 10 were nearby - situated along the ‘river’ which is now little more than a dry creek bed.

Marlene Gordon followed up with more research and by comparing Parish maps, SIX Maps and Google Maps; it was possible to get a better idea of the locality of the properties. Arrangements were made for Sue and her husband Chris to visit our rooms as they passed through Coffs, heading from Murwillumbah back to Tasmania via Sydney.

Marlene handed the information that she had gathered over to Fiona Hulbert (a monitor that morning), with extra bits and pieces that had been located on ‘Trove’ regarding members of the family and also various references to members of the family located in books in our library.

Sue arrived in Coffs Harbour on a wet and miserable morning and was astounded at the information that had been discovered – especially that the location of the land had been found with such accuracy. Her enthusiasm at being directed to the location was infectious and left those of us still in the rooms with a real buzz of excitement after they had set off to see what they could find.

Following her visit, Sue emailed to let us know the outcome of all our hard work in finding Robert CLARK’s properties and when they drove to the Dairyville area found the residents extremely helpful. They noticed a ‘Glenada’ sign on a new house quite close to the road and found out it was situated on portion 43. The new owners had replaced the original house and had been informed of its original name by a neighbour who lives on the same, but now divided property. They drove on and spoke with a gentleman whose family had lived in the area for over 130 years who knew of the CLARK property where there had once been a banana plantation - others they had spoken to were not so sure that was the case. He took them in his 4-wheel drive over rough wet roads and showed them Portion 45 way up the back in the hills. He also showed them photos of the area where the banana plantations used to be on Portion 10, a long way back in the valley up to the ridge line. It was thought Sue’s grandparents returned to dairy farming when the bottom fell out of the banana market just after 1937.

In conclusion, it was an immense pleasure to play a part in Sue’s successful visit to Coffs Harbour and to note the results wouldn’t have been achieved without the chain of events which made it possible involving Carol Liston, Ian O’Hearn, and our Monitors. It was a wonderful learning experience for us all.

#### **NOTE:**

We now have a special folder available to researchers in our room, with detailed instructions for researching Land Records. It also includes several pages provided by Ian O’Hearn which list Torrens Title References for some Parishes in the Coffs Harbour Region and the ‘Town of Coffs Harbour’. It is much easier to locate Land Title documents if you already know the Volume and Folio numbers for a property.

#### **HELPFUL LINKS:**

\*To open Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV) “Google” **HLRV** and click on the first result that comes up (HLRV Terms and Conditions).

\*To open SIX Maps, “Google” **Six maps** and click on the first result that comes up.

Fiona Hulbert #1470 and Marlene Gordon #1307

## BACKGROUND HISTORY OF ROBERT GEORGE AND SUSAN CLARK OF ‘GLENADA’ UPPER ORARA

ROBERT GEORGE CLARK was the youngest of 12 children, born 18 August 1881 to MARY ANNE (UPHAM, nee LESTER) age 46, and JAMES CLARK, her second husband, aged 49. Having emigrated from England individually, and after Mary’s first husband’s death, they married and farmed in Gulgong, NSW living there for many years.



Robert with his father James Clark (pioneer)



Susan Harris

SUSAN HARRIS was born on 8 January, 1885 in Auckland, New Zealand to CLEMENCE HARRIS and SUSAN (nee BACHE). Clemence, a chemist and Susan moved to Australia and bought a pharmacy in Gulgong in the late 1890’s.

Robert Clark and Susan Harris grew up in Gulgong and probably went to the same school. They married in Ashfield, New South Wales, on 3 July 1907 when he was 25 years old. They lived in Ryde, Sydney, where they had a corner store and a poultry farm. They had 6 children including a set of twins. Sadly the male twin died in infancy so they were left with 5 daughters.

Robert and Susan later moved to Camden, where they ran a dairy farm and moved to Ingleburn, NSW for a short while in 1934/5 before relocating and buying ‘Glenada’ in Upper Orara, in 1936.

Here they had a banana plantation where their three youngest daughters did a lot of the heavy work loading bananas onto the back of a truck on steep property (Lot 10). They also had a dairy farm when the bottom fell out of the banana market in 1937. They lived here during the war years when some young soldiers would visit them, after military training exercises in the rainforest around the area, which was thought to be similar to New Guinea where they were eventually sent.

Their daughter DORIS was engaged to Mr CHEGWIN and HAZEL their youngest, was also engaged to ALAN (surname unknown) who went off to war and sadly never returned.

The Clarks remained at ‘Glenada’ until Susan’s death on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1946. Susan was only 60 and they had been married 38 years. Their house has now gone and been replaced with a new house bearing the same ‘Glenada’ nameplate.

After his wife’s death, Robert aged 65, bought a property at Glenreagh, near Nana Glen, where he stayed till the 1960’s. At the age of 82 he moved to his daughter, VALERIE’s home in Glenbrook in the Blue Mountains and later bought a 5 acre property outside Penrith at Luddenham, where he grew his own vegetables and kept many chickens.

ROBERT GEORGE CLARK died on 5 July 1972 at Bodington Hospital-Nursing Home, Wentworth Falls, where he had resided for a few years. He was 90 years old.

*Thanks to Sue Murphy for this interesting information and photographs.*

Letter from Sue Murphy to the Coffs Harbour District Family History Society

*‘In June this year my husband and I visited Coffs Harbour with the express desire to find the property ‘Glenada’ as I have personal letters written by my grandmother Susan Clark to her daughter in 1943, from there. These were written only a couple of years before she died. My mother, their youngest daughter had told me stories about her teenage life at ‘Glenada’.*

*On exploring the area of Upper Orara, due to the kind researchers at CHFHS, and talking to one local business we were directed towards Mr Robert Hunter, whose family have lived in the area for 130 years, and who was a minefield of local history. Mr Hunter, when approached by us, kindly dropped everything he was doing, to tell us what he knew of ‘Glenada’ and to take us out in his jeep in the pouring rain to show us the properties of my grandparents. He also showed us aerial photos of one of the ‘Glenada’ properties (Lot 10) with the remnants of the banana plantation clearly seen. We spent a very enjoyable afternoon with Mr. Hunter and are very grateful for his help.*

*I might add that having since been in touch with Mr. Hunter, he, inspired by our visit, is now endeavouring to record his own family history, which he told us he had been intending to do for some time. He may appreciate some help with this if anyone from CHFHS would be available to approach him. He is a lovely old gentleman and I will stay in touch with him. I would also thank again the CHFHS researchers, Fiona and Marlene and all who attended the workshop, for their diligent research. None of this would have happened without their knowledge and experience.*

*Sue Murphy,  
Hobart’*

## GENEALOGY EVENTS – WHAT’S ON

**\*22-24 Sept 2017** ‘Your Family Story: Telling, Recording and Preserving’ in Orange: NSW/ACT Association of Family History Annual Conference. The conference is being hosted by Orange Family History Group. More information at: <https://yourfamilystoryinorange.wordpress.com/>

**\*25 Nov 2017** The Descendants of Frederick Horatio and Jane (nee Eckford) DIXON are holding a family reunion at Maitland NSW to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Fred’s arrival in Australia. Some associated families are: BAKER, BELL, BLACK, CAPP, CLIFT, COWARD, ECKFORD, GALLEN, HILLS, MITCHEL, MUIRHEAD, PATERSON, SUTERS, TAIT, VOLMER & WALTERS.

For further details: go to [fdixonreunion.weebly.com](http://fdixonreunion.weebly.com)

**\*9-12 March 2018** 15th Australasian Congress Genealogy & Heraldry 2018 ‘Bridging the Past & Future’, International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney. More Information at <http://www.congress2018.org.au/>

Our Workshops and Seminars are listed under the Workshops Heading in this journal as well as on our Website. For a listing of more events, go to <http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/events/all>

## THE ORIGIN OF COMMON NICKNAMES

### Why is Bill from William?

There are many theories on why **Bill** became a nickname for William; the most obvious is that it was part of the Middle Ages trend of letter swapping. Bill a rhyming nickname for **Will**. Some believe Will morphed into Bill for phonetic reasons. When William III ruled over in England in the late 17th century, his subjects mockingly referred to him as 'King Billy'.

### Why is Dick from Richard?

The name **Richard** is very old and was popular during the Middle Ages. In the 12th and 13th centuries everything was written by hand and Richard nicknames like **Rich** and **Rick** were common just to save time. Rhyming nicknames were also common and eventually Rick gave way to **Dick** and **Hick**, while Rich became **Hitch**. At one point in England, the name **Dick** was so popular that the phrase 'every Tom, Dick, or Harry' was used to describe Everyman.

### Why is Jack from John?

Way back in the Middle Ages, a common way to make names smaller or shorter is to add **-kin**, **-in**, or **-cock** to the end. Jen was their way of saying John **so John** became **Jankin or Jenkin**, which eventually became shortened to **Jakin**, which in turn became **Jack**. They were originally used as a generic name for peasants. The name Jack worked its way into words such as lumberjack and steeplejack, jackass, which is commonly used for a donkey.

### Why is Hank from Henry?

The name **Henry** dates back to medieval England. (At that time, **Hank** was a nickname for John.) **Hendrick** is the Dutch form of the English name Henry. **Henk** is the small form of Hendrick, ergo, **Hank** from Henk.

### Why is Harry from Henry?

Since Medieval times, **Harry** has been a nickname for boys named Henry in England. **Henry** was also very popular among British monarchs, most of whom preferred to be called Harry by their subjects

### Why is Chuck from Charles?

**Charles** in Middle English was **Chukken** and that's probably where the nickname was born. "Dear Chuck" was an English term of endearment and Shakespeare, in Macbeth, used the phrase to refer to Lady Macbeth.

### Why is Jim from James?

There are no definitive theories on how **Jim** became the commonly used nickname for **James**, but the name dates back to at least the 1820s. For decades, Jims were pretty unpopular due to the "Jim Crow Law," which was attributed to an early 19th century song and dance called "Jump Jim Crow," performed by white actors in blackface. The name "Jim Crow" soon became associated with African Americans and by 1904, Jim Crow aimed to promote segregation in the South. Jim has since shed its racial past, and is once again a popular first name for boys all by itself, sans James.

### Why is Ted from Edward?

The name **Ted** is result of the Old English tradition of letter swapping. There were a limited number of first names in the Middle Ages, letter swapping allowed people to differentiate between people with the same name. It was common to replace the first letter of a name that began with a vowel, as in **Edward**, with an easier to pronounce consonant, such as T. Of course, Ted was already a popular nickname for **Theodore**, which makes it one of the only nicknames derived from two different first names.

### Why is Peggy from Margaret?

**Meg, Meggie, Peg, Peggy, Pegeen, Margery, Margot, Megan** (a Welsh name shortened), **Daisy** (the French for 'daisy' is marguerite, thus short for Margaret)

Meg, Mog and Maggie are obvious nicknames, Mog/Meg later morphed into the rhymed forms Pog(gy) and Peg(gy).

### Why is Sally from Sarah?

**Sarah** is an original Hebrew name. **Sally** was primarily used as a nickname for Sarah in England and France. Sally was by replacing the R in Sarah with an L.

**Why is Molly/ Polly from Mary?**

The name **Mary** is a Hebrew baby name. **Molly/Polly**, are common nicknames for Mary. Again, R was replaced by the L.

**Why is Nancy from Annis/ Annie?**

Nancy is a smaller name for **Annis** but since the 18<sup>th</sup> century it has been a shorter name of **Ann**.

	<b>Nicknames</b>
Adam	Adekin, Adkin, Adcock
Agatha	Ag, Aggie, Tag, Taggie
Andrew	Andy, Dandy
Ann(e)	Nan, Nancy, Annie, Nannie
Anthony	Tony
Barbara	Babs
Brigid	Biddy
Catherine	Kit, Kitty, Kate
Christopher	Kit, Christie
David	Dawkin, Dakin
Dolores	Lola
Dorothy	Dolly, Dot, Dottie, Dodie
Edward	Ned, Ted, Ed
Elizabeth	Bess, Bessie, Betty, Liz, Lizzie, Libby, Lily, Lise, Elsie, Lisette, Liza, Eliza, Leeza, Betsy, Bette, Bethan
Esther	Ettie, Essie
Florence	Floss, Flossie
Frances	Fanny
Francis	Frankin, Frank
Geoffrey	Geffrin, Jepp
Gilbert	Gibbin, Gib
Harold	Hal
Helen, Ellen	Nell, Nelly
Henry	Hawkin, Henkin, Hankin, Hank, Henecok, Hancock, Hal
Isabel	Nib, Nibbie
John	Jankin, Jenkin, Jakin, Jack, Johncock
Joseph	Josey
Lawrence	Larkin, Laurie
Luke	Lukin, Luckin
Margaret	Meg, Meggie, Peg, Peggy, Pegeen, Margery, Margot, Megan, Daisy
Mary	Malkin, Molly, Moll, Polly, Maisie, Maidie, Marion, Minnie, May
Matthew	Makin, Maykin, Maycock, Matt
Nicholas	Colin, Cole
Oliver	Noll
Peter	Peterkin, Parkin, Perkin
Philip	Philkin

Ralph	Rawkin
Richard	Rick, Dick, Hick, Dickin,
Robert	Robin, Hobkin, Dobkin, Rob, Bob, Hob, Dob, Nob
Roger	Rodge, Dodge, Hodge, Nodge, Hodgkin, Rodgkin
Sarah	Sally, Sadie, Saro
Simon	Simkin
Susan/Susana	Sukie, Sue
Teresa	Tess, Tessa, Tessie
Theodore	Ted, Ned
Thomas	Tonkin, Tomkin, Tonk
Walter	Watkin
William	Wilkin, Wilk, Wilcock, Will, Bill

Leonie Baker, member #769

## MY WONDERFUL NEW FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCE

*We included an article from member, Val Kinghorne in our June Journal and now Val has more to add on her good fortune. We also received comments from members of other Societies who had read the article.*

“I’d like to add more as a follow up to ‘My Wonderful New Family History Resource’ in our June edition of Genie Allergy relating to my FOX, STONE AND LEACOCK families:

I had joined ‘County Derry Genealogy’ Facebook page as my great grandmother on my mother’s side this time, MATILDA LEACOCK, had journeyed from there in 1854 and was followed by her sister Jane in 1858. Immigration records showed that their mother Margaret had died and their father WILLIAM LEACOCK was still living in BALLYNASCREEN. I had found his second marriage in 1852 to MARTHA TAYLOR. Margaret and Jane’s three half-siblings also emigrated a few years later in 1873, by which time the widowed Martha had married again and produced another daughter.

I mentioned in the earlier article that Patrick O’Kane followed through on my posts on the County Derry site and with Aiden Bradley (the man who looks after the graveyard) worked together to clear the weeds and discovered the Leacock headstone. I didn’t mention before that the churchyard was at ST ANNE’S SIXTOWNS, CAVANREAGH - within sight of the family home.

I have now received copies of the photos that Patrick, his son, daughter and Aiden had taken – before and after. The inscription revealed that this was the resting place of MARGARET LEACOCK, who died 16 May 1851, and her 11 year-old son, William, who died 11 March 1851 – a child whose existence was previously unknown to me. The foot of the stone was revealed: ‘This stone has been erected as a small token of affectionate regard for a beloved mother and brother by MATILDA AND JANE LEACOCK, Bathurst, Australia.’

I sent Patrick a photo of Matilda and her husband JAMES LEABEATER’S grave in the cemetery at LYNDHURST, NSW where she was buried in 1920 and the next communication from Patrick was a copy of an article printed in ‘The Derry Post’ detailing his and Aiden’s work on the grave, complete with a photo of two happy Irishmen standing in front of the church behind the restored gravestone.

The final word from Patrick: ‘Val, it has been an incredible journey and everybody in DRAPERSTOWN is totally impressed with the story ‘Talk of the Town.’ I could not resist putting the story in the

DERRY POST to remind people about those who emigrated from BALLINASCREEN to Australia & USA. I am sure you and your family are now at peace knowing exactly where your ancestors are laid to rest both in Cavanreagh and Lyndhurst NSW. There are not many families who know where their Great Great & Great Grandparents are buried. Regards, Patrick.'

There is an odd footnote to the story of AGNES ROSE FOX. A family living in the PEELWOOD area does voluntary work in the old cemetery - they were curious about Agnes' grave as she is the only Fox in the cemetery. At Christmas last year one of their cows, named 'Mrs Kelly' gave birth to quadruplets, an amazing event, with all four calves being healthy and strong. The male calf they named Ned, and the three heifers – Agnes, Rose and Fox. I have spoken with these people, and reassured them that I didn't think the naming of the heifers was disrespectful! They now plan to replace the crushed rock on the grave and plant a rose there. They have my gratitude".

Val Kinghorne Member #1668

### **ORIGINAL SOUTHERN CROSS CEMETERY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Beth Kennedy, member #1357, recently travelled to Western Australia and has given our Society copies of some photos taken at the above Cemetery. Society members, whose email addresses are known to us, were notified and so far one member has found a relative of hers in one of the photos. There are six boards which list Name, Date Died, Age and Cause of Death for the Southern Cross Cemetery in 1898 and another of Lone Graces of the Yilgarn 1888-1899. If you would like copies, please email us at [coffsgenie@gmail.com](mailto:coffsgenie@gmail.com)

### **QUEENSLAND BIRTHS REGISTERED UP TO 1919**

Queensland Births online at <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research/> can only be searched up to early 1916 (due to its 100 year access restriction).

There is another way to find births up to 1919 now available online at Findmypast. Births registered up to and including 1919 can now be searched and you can view a transcription to get the exact date of birth, parents' names including the mother's maiden name. (This information was included in a blog read at <http://qld-genealogy.blogspot.com.au>)

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**



We welcome the following new members to our Society since our last issue of Genie Allergy and wish you well with your research.

Gail Logan #1897	Leanda Maguire #1898	Robyne Garnham #1899
Meg Johanson #1900	Garry Perrin #1901	Lorraine Chowdhury #1902
Carolyn Camerton #1903	Cec Holahan #1904	Maureen Colling #1905
Linda Freeman #1906	Allan Long #1907	Di Baker #1908

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, CONTACT DETAILS, ETC

If a Membership Application/Renewal Form is included with this Journal, your membership is due for renewal before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Cash and cheque payments may be made at the Society's rooms; cheque payments mailed to PO Box 2057, Coffs Harbour, 2450; or electronic funds transfer (EFT) to our bank account will be accepted ([see procedure on form](#))

**IT IS ESSENTIAL that a form is completed for ALL membership renewals at the time you are paying your renewal.** If you choose to pay by **direct deposit** into the Society's bank account as shown on the form **AND PLEASE EMAIL** a copy of the completed form to [coffsgenie@gmail.com](mailto:coffsgenie@gmail.com) so that both the Treasurer and Membership Secretary are aware of the deposit and your details can be updated. You can also use the form for changes to your contact details.

When you have renewed your membership, your new card will be placed in the Card Box on the Admin Desk in our Research Room for your collection, unless you attach a stamped addressed envelope when it will be mailed to you.

Marlene Gordon – Membership Secretary #1307

## FamilySearch FILM / FICHE

### Microfilm Distribution Services Discontinued:

On September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. (The last day to order microfilm will be on August 31, 2017). The change is the result of significant progress in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. Digital imaging has made it easier to find ancestors through the internet, mobile, and other technologies. Here a few commonly asked questions about the replacement of microfilm with digital access:

#### ➤ How are digital images accessed on FamilySearch.org?

Digital image collections can be accessed today in three places on [FamilySearch.org](#) under **Search**. **Records** includes collections that have been indexed by name or published with an image browse. **Books** includes digital copies of books from the Family History Library and other libraries, including many books that were previously copied to microfilm. The **Catalog** includes a description of all the microfilms in the FamilySearch collection. A camera icon appears in the **Catalog** when a microfilm is available digitally. For additional help, see [Finding Digital Images of Records on FamilySearch.org](#).

#### ➤ How much of the microfilm collection is available online?

Over 1.5 million microfilms (ca. 1.5 billion images) have been digitized by FamilySearch, including the most requested collections based on microfilm loan records worldwide. In addition, many records that FamilySearch has not yet published can be found online on partner or free archive websites. FamilySearch plans to finish microfilm digitization by 2020. Digital images may have contractual, data privacy, or other restrictions. Insofar as possible, restricted images are accessible by logging in with a FamilySearch account or by viewing FamilySearch.org at a family history centre.

Helen Hull #1324 FamilySearch Administrator (6652 3339)

*Genealogy is all about chasing your own tale!*

## WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, MEETINGS and SOCIAL EVENTS

<b>DATE/ TIME/VENUE</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>23/9/2017 1.30pm Uniting Church Hall, Vernon St., Coffs Harbour</b>	Maggie Heffernan	<b>AGM followed by Workshop: ‘What is The Ryerson Index?’</b>
<b>28/10/2017 10am-4pm Cavanbah Hall, Harbour Dr., Coffs Harbour</b>	Paul Parton, LDS History Department	<b>SEMINAR: ‘A Journey of Discovery using FamilySearch’</b>
<b>25/11/2017 1.30pm Uniting Church Hall, Vernon St., Coffs Harbour</b>	Maggie Heffernan and Rosie Doherty	<b>‘Griffith’s Valuation of Ireland.’</b>

DETAILS AND/OR VENUE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF NECESSARY – PLEASE CONTACT THE SOCIETY FOR CONFIRMATION

Sharon Ingersole #1548 Workshop Co-Ordinator

### ITEMS of INTEREST from EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Our Society subscribes to some journals and exchanges journals/newsletters with a large number of other societies and groups (family history and historical societies, etc.). Members are able to borrow ‘exchange journals’ from our research room. If you see an article listed below that you would like to read, feel free to borrow it on your next visit to our room. Also check the districts these journals are from and if there is an area not covered, let me know and we will do our best to track it down for you.

#### **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?**

- **Mar 2017:** Page 49 Best Websites: Wales; Page 52 Focus on Gypsy Ancestors; Page 61 Focus on 1911 Census; and Page 81 Around Britain – Kent.
- **Apr 2017:** Page 13 Timeline site now free for all users - <https://twile.com/numbers>, and Page 58 Guide to using Twile (timeline building website; Page 17 Find a New Direction (maps are a valuable resource often overlooked by family historians); Page 49 Best Websites – Nonconformity; Page 52 Focus on Childhood Records; Page 61 Focus on 1851-1901 Census; Page 77 1857 The Potato Family; and Page 81 Around Britain – Wiltshire.
- **May 2017:** Page 17 Guide to DNA Testing for Genealogy; Page 49 Best Websites, Apprentices; and Page 81 Around Britain – The Potteries (North Staffordshire).
- **Jun 2017:** Page 6 ‘Hidden’ Family Search (tips); Page 15 Parish Registers Online 2017; Page 54 Focus on Researching Catholic Ancestors; and Around Britain – The Borders.

#### **UK FAMILY TREE:**

- **Apr 2017:** Page 22 Married Twice to the Same Person (solving genealogical puzzles); and Page 32 Exploring Centuries of Shipbuilding (how to research, etc.).
- **May 2017:** Page 12 5 Key Genealogy Skills to Boost Your Research; Page 36 Was Your Ancestor a Nonconformist? Page 47 Your A-Z of Family History (genealogy jargon buster); and Page 66 A Century of Remembrance: Saluting the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1917-2017).

- **Jun 2017:** Page 12 Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Occupations; Page 18 Exploring 12 Exceptionally Helpful Records; Page 48 How to Research Wisely Online; and Page 51 50 Best Websites for Family History.
- **Jul 2017:** Page 20 From Cradle to Grave (180 years of GRO); Page 47 Putting Your Family Tree Online (the Pros, Cons & Options); Page 60 How Can Irish Land Records Help You? (Records explained); and Page 69 Create Research worth Keeping – How to City Sources.

**HISTORY DETECTIVE (Carol Baxter):** Mar 2017 Page 3 History Hints: Surname Grouping Algorithms.

**FAMILY HISTORY GROUPS, ETC.:**

**Descent (SAG):**

- **Mar 2017 Vol 47 Part 1** Page 14 How Do You Solve a Problem Like Ancestry? (**This is an extremely interesting article**); and Page 47 State Archives Website: Research A-Z.
- **Jun 2017 Vol 47 Part 2:** Page 84 Ryerson Index to Death Notices & Obituaries in Australian Papers (excellent article); and Page 93 Archival Anecdotes – News from State Archives & Records NSW.

**The Ancestral Searcher (The Heraldry & Genealogy Soc. of Canberra Inc.):**

- **Mar 2017 Vol 40 No 1:** Page 3 President's Report (Nick Reddan has written about Irish Registry of Deeds); and .Page 26 Convict Identikit Mugshots.
- **Jun 2017 Vol 40 No 2:** Page 64 Hot Sites (Cora Num FHGS) South African sites; Page 57 Anzac Day in Mildura (WWI Memorials) and Page 77 Brick walls, Old Dog, New Tricks (why get death certificates). **NB** if the link given in the WWI Memorials article doesn't work, try:

[http://familyhistoryact.org.au/mildura\\_wentworth/memorials.php](http://familyhistoryact.org.au/mildura_wentworth/memorials.php)

**The Crossing Place May 2017 No 117 (Casino and District Family History Group Inc.):** Page 9 Stella Lollback nee Ramsey (born Dorrigo?).

**Carillon Chimes May 2017 No 190 (Bathurst Family History Group Inc.):** Pages 15-25 Articles relating to Convicts.

**Tracks and Trails Jul 2017 Vol 19 No 2 (Maitland and Beyond Family History, Inc.):** Page 12 Websites (some useful suggestions).

**Clarence River Advocate Jun 2017 Vol 18 No 2 (Maclean District Historical Society):** With roadworks everywhere in their area, they feature stories related to motor vehicles.

**Ghost Buster Mar 2017 Vol 26 No 1 (Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc):** Page 15 Queensland Birth, Death, Marriages and Divorces (details of information included).

**The Patrick Plains Gazette Apr 2017 Vol 32 No 1 (Family History Society Singleton Inc.):** We Remember Those Who Died in WWI in 1917 (5 pages of details).

**Mosman Historical Society Newsletter Apr 2017:** Page 2 The Spastic Centre of New South Wales – The Mosman Years 1945-1987.

**Port Stephens Family History Society Inc. Journal Autumn 2017:** Pages 8-23 Detailed articles on various WWI and WW2 Heroes.

**The Chronicle May 2017 Vol 19 No 4 (Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc.):** Page 12 The Importance of “Killing them Off”; and Page 14 Don’t Believe Everything You See!

**The Hawkesbury Crier Mar 2017 (Hawkesbury Family History Group):** Page 9 Focus on Scotlands People (detailed guide to the new site); and 25 Mapping our Ancestors (using Parish and Google Maps and other Sources).

**Kith & Kin Mar 2017 No 124 (Cape Banks Family History Soc. Inc.):** Page 18-23 Unwanted & Unrelated Certificates Index (continued from their Dec 2016 Journal - includes list of names).

**Rootes Mar 2017 Issue 124 (Gold Coast Family History Soc. Inc.):** Page 8 Primary Sources are Necessary (worth reading); and Page 23 Using Your USB in Our Rooms (this is the article referred to in CHDFHS Members’ email sent 11 May 2017).

**The CQ Genie-ologist Mar 2017 Issue 123 (Central Queensland Family History Society Inc.):** Page 18 Australian 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion (includes list).

**Ancestor Mar 2017 Vol 33 Issue 5:** Pages 2, 4-5 New Location for GSV; Page 20 Pioneers of Esperanto in Victoria; and Page 28 Research Corner – ScotlandsPeople – the new website.

**Bendigo Genealogist Jun 2017 No 119 (Bendigo Area of the AIGS):** Page 5 Children in Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Industrial School (also there is a list on Bendigo AIGS website).

**Peninsula Past Times May 2017 No 146 (Mornington Peninsula Family History Soc. Inc.):** Page 15 Migrant Settlement Act 1922 continued (surnames starting with Cam-Cow).

**Tasmanian Ancestry Mar 2017 Vol 37 No 4 (Tasmanian Family History Soc. Inc.):** Page 223 Historic Chap & Burial Ground Franklin Village Tas 1845 (incl. list of burials and some biographical information).

**Western Ancestor Mar 2017 Vol 13 No 9 (WA Genealogical Soc. Inc.):** Page 262 Finding the 20<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Sappers and Miners in Western Australia.

**Dunedin NZ Family History Group Newsletter May 2017:** Page 5 Roll of Honour, Ancient Order of Foresters – Court Pride of Dunedin; and Page 7 Roll of Honour, Dunedin Fire Brigade (both articles include details).

**Glamorgan Family History Society Journal Mar 2017 No. 125:** This journal has several articles about the Irish in Wales.

Leonie Baker, Exchange Journals Officer #769

## NEW RESOURCES

### BOOKS

BADGERY'S CREEK CEMETERIES.

\*BIRTHS, BAPT, MARRIAGES, DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS, DEATHS & BURIALS NSW.

\*AUSTRALIA'S LAST CONVICTS: REPROBATES, ROGUES & RECIDIVISTS.

\*MY ANCESTOR WAS IN AN ASYLUM: BRIEF GUIDE TO ASYLUM RECORDS IN AUST. & NZ.

\*FINDING ANCESTORS IN CHURCH RECORDS: A BRIEF GUIDE TO RESOURCES.

\*IT'S NOT ALL ONLINE: GUIDE TO GENEALOGY SOURCES OFFLINE.

\*TRACING MINING ANCESTORS: A BRIEF GUIDE TO RESOURCES IN AUST. & NZ

\*BELLINGEN AMBULANCE: TRIBUTE TO KEITH & DAWN ANDERSON 1960-1993.  
Donated by Alison Carter.

\*LIFE AS A COUNTRY PHARMACIST: KENNETH JOHN ARMSTRONG BELLINGEN 1955-1979  
Donated by Alison Carter

### CD

\*NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX FOR ENGLAND & WALES 3RD EDITION.

Choosing new resources for our Society is often a difficult job for the Committee and we welcome input from our members. We try to choose resources that will be well used by many and cover a broad field. If you would like to offer suggestions please fill out the form which is in the Brown Folder on the Admin Desk in our rooms and place in the Resources Tray near the Admin Computer.

Gloria Small – Resources Officer #435



## MEMBER ENTITLEMENTS

- Use of Society's resources including books, microfilms, microfiche, computer system etc
- Receive quarterly Journal Genie-Allergy
- Attend meetings and monthly workshops
- Guidance with research in our library
- Resource borrowing scheme
- Free entries in Member's Interests Directory
- 2 hours free research per year for members who are resident 50km or more from Coffs Harbour.

### **JOURNAL DEADLINES**

# 1 <sup>st</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	March Issue
# 1 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	June Issue
# 1 <sup>st</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	September Issue
# 1 <sup>st</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	December Issue

Members are invited to submit stories of interest, enquiries re their research, or questions about research for inclusion in our Journal. Material needs to be received by the deadline as above to be included in the next available issue.

**MIDWIVES: Coffs Harbour District, Bellinger & Dorrigo, Nambucca Valley**

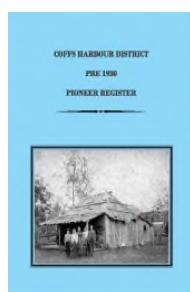
**MIDWIVES**



COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT  
BELLINGER AND DORRIGO  
NAMBUPCCA VALLEY

**\$20.00 each**  
Plus \$7.50 P&H

**COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT PRE 1930 PIONEER REGISTER**



**\$20.00 each**  
Plus \$15.00 P&H

**DAD'S DIARIES**

The diaries of Roy Jordan, son of Walter George Jordan, a pioneer of the Coffs district.  
**\$18.00**

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Pedigree Charts	20c ea.
Family Group Sheets	20c ea.
Printouts from Computer	20c ea.
Photocopies A4	20c ea.
Brothers Keeper Family Tree CD	\$3.00 ea.
Legacy Family Tree Standard CD	\$3.00 ea.
Researcher's Notebook	\$2.00 ea.
Convict Research Booklet	\$2.00 ea.
Beginning Your Family History Booklet	\$2.00 ea.
Replacement Card Holders	50c ea
Seven Generation Charts A3	\$5.00 ea.

**COFFS HARBOUR AND DISTRICT WORLD WAR I VOLUNTEERS' LETTERS HOME** (as published in '*Coffs Harbour and Dorrigo Advocate*')

**COFFS HARBOUR AND DISTRICT WORLD WAR I HONOUR BOARDS**

**\$6.00 each**

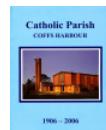
If you would like to purchase any of these items, please ask the Duty Monitor when in our Research Room or phone or email the Society

*Writing Family History Templates and Guide*  
Dr Noelene Kyle 2009



**PRICE: \$10.00**  
(Book & CD)

**CATHOLIC PARISH, COFFS HARBOUR**  
1906-2006



**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL COFFS HARBOUR**  
1913-2013

**\$10 each**

### **CORA NUM BOOK**

How Did They Get Here? Arrivals after 1924 **\$10.00**

**DVDs PRODUCED BY GRAHAM BELL**  
**\$20 EACH**

The Coffs Harbour Story Part 1

The Way It Was

Coffs Harbour 150 Years Old

- Looking Back in 2011

Jack Gerard the Showman

100 Years on the Eastern Dorrigo

Jack Hurley and The Lions Road

**OTHER TITLES AVAILABLE BY SPECIAL ORDER**

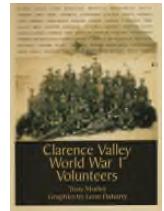


A most informative record of those who served in WWI from the Clarence Valley area which encompasses quite a large part of NSW (includes Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, Dorrigo, Ebor, Gleniffer, etc).

It gives details of where units were sent, lists Gallipoli casualties, deaths and awards, chronological battle information and an alphabetical list of volunteers with a brief description of each.

**CLARENCE VALLEY WORLD WAR I VOLUNTEERS**

**By Tony Morley**



**\$30.00 each plus P&H**