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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Coffs Harbour Family History Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 28 September, at the Community Village commencing at 1.30 pm. This will be followed by a talk titled "Local Studies and Heritage" by Simone Newman, who is the Local Studies Librarian at Coffs Harbour City Library.

As you have been informed several of our very valued and long serving Committee members are retiring. Marlene Gordon, present Secretary and Membership Secretary, has served on the Committee in various roles for eleven years. Narelle Hoy, Journal Editor, has edited "Genie Allergy" for a total of sixteen years commencing as first editor in 1985 to 1987 and then from 2006 to present time. Regretfully this Journal will be her final one. Nerida Lee has served in committee roles for three years but due to ill health is unable to continue. On behalf of all Society members I would very much like to thank them for their efficiency and especially their dedication to the advancement of the Society over many years.

During the past six months there have been alterations to some of the Call Numbers in our Reference Library so that all our reference books conform to the Dewey System of Classification. The Call Number for a book is firstly made up of the Dewey number for the particular subject. This is followed by three letters, which are either the first three letters of Author's surname, or, if no Author, the first three letters of the Title. We have completed some Subject areas but still have more to do. Extra signs have been placed on Shelves to assist in finding books. Altered Call Numbers have been recorded in the Access Library Catalogue on our computers. It is a work in progress so if you find errors on the Library Catalogue or Shelves please record them. I would particularly like to thank those willing members, who have assisted Gloria and myself in this time consuming process, particularly Tricia Dickens, Judy Riddel, Lyn Brotherton and Leonie Baker.

I do hope to see many of you at the Society's Annual General Meeting. I am also very hopeful that members will nominate for the Committee so that Society continues to function.

Happy researching



Rosie Doherty, President, #396

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2019

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 21st September. Completed forms should be placed in the drawer marked "Secretary" above the Admin Desk.

TREASURE TROVE AFTERNOON

Thank you to all our members who came along to our "Treasure Trove" afternoon on 27th July, so many members had stories to tell about their Ancestors that not everyone was able to tell us about their "Treasures." I hope we can have this afternoon again next year.

Maggie Heffernan, Vice President# 1622

MONITORS

July has been a busy time with so many Monitors not able to do their shift in July and August, because of illness. My thanks to all who filled in sometimes at very short notice. Your help is much appreciated. Maggie Heffernan, Monitor Co-ordinator

25 AND 30 YEAR CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Three more members have received Certificates to recognise that they have been continuous members of our Society for 30 years. They are Christine Berridge who joined on 7th November 1988, Joyce Gardner, who joined on 6th February 1989 and Carolyn Hutchings, who joined on 18th March 1989. Joan Smith who joined on 15th November 1993, received a Certificate for 25 years. Congratulations ladies.

DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

In February our Society started a special interest group to help members learn more about their DNA results. Genetic Genealogy has now become an additional tool for Family History research and our group provides a friendly and informal forum for asking questions about DNA. We meet at the Curran Centre in Gordon St Coffs Harbour from 10am – 12 noon on the first Monday of each month. There is a small charge of \$3 per person to cover costs of room hire and morning tea. Any Society member who has had their DNA tested is welcome to come along. Please bring your laptop, iPad or tablet so you can access your results during the session.

Diane Smith Member #1815, Maggie Heffernan Member #1622

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CHDFHS INC. MEMBER'S INTEREST GROUP?

If you are interested in the formation of a Group relating to another area of research than DNA, the Committee will be pleased to hear from you - email coffsgenie@gmail.com. Possible Groups could be of a country (e.g. Irish), a particular family history software program (e.g. Legacy or Brother's Keeper), Convicts, FamilySearch, etc.

When the Society forms an Interest Group, a convenor or joint convenors will be appointed to the Group and each Group formed by popular demand would be for members only, meeting on a regular basis, time and place (possibly once a month), with the aim to help participants in that specific area of interest.

SCANNING SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

The Society is offering this service to members who would like their old photos, slides or negatives digitised. Stan Gordon has offered to assist members by doing the scanning. He would prefer that members go to his home at Toormina and take their photos, negatives and slides as well as a USB drive so the scanned images can be saved to the USB. The cost of this service is 50 cents per image which will be added to our Society's funds. If you would like to take up Stan's offer, please phone him on 02 6658 7955 or email him at stngordon@gmail.com to arrange a suitable time. If you have large documents, such as foolscap BDM certificates or newspaper pages up to A3 size, etc., you are able to scan them using the **A3 Book Edge Scanner** we have in our room. This Scanner is now installed on the WIN7 computer and the scanner unit is on a trolley under the bench ready to wheel out and use. The scanned images will be saved to the computer and then can be copied to your USB drive or you will be able to print them. As our Society's printer is an A4 one, the scanned images are reduced in size to fit but if you would like to have them printed as A3, you will be able to do this at a print shop. Please ask the monitors on duty for assistance.

WWII JAPANESE MAP QUERY

Our June issue of Genie Allergy questioned the origins of 'a map that a Mr Spinks had donated' to the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum. The following article provides some answers:

'JAPANESE MAP - Uralla Times (NSW: 1923 - 1954), Thursday 4 April 1946.

A map recovered from official Japanese documents at Rabaul, in November last, by **Sgt. Fred Spinks**, of Urunga, gives some idea of the detailed information the Japanese possessed regarding the section of our coastline from south of Coffs Harbour to the Clarence entrance. The map, which was brought to Bellingen on Wednesday, and shown to many residents by Mr **Norman Christian**, is official sheet No. 2733, and if revised to date of capture by Japanese authorities. It is of large scale, gridded and contains all shore features, swamps, brush, knolls, peaks, headlands, as well as such installations as railways, water tower, petrol storage tanks, park areas, streets, jetties, and so forth in accurate detail. Water depths are clearly indicated; and cross sections of elevation are also illustrated showing Mutton Bird Island. Solitary Island light, etc. Estuaries to small streams are indicated and marked for small boats; beach fronts are marked with the type of country immediately behind them; and large scale sections are inset to show Coffs port and installations, Woolgoolga Bay and Woolgoolga Jetty. It all suggests how lucky we in this area were that the war came to an end when and where it was - and that invasion of the mainland was denied them.'

BIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE OF AUSTRALIA (BDA) 7th RELEASE

The 7th Release contains 14 new datasets containing 287,000 records newly added to the Database and now just under 2 million records of deceased Australians from the 18th, 19th & 20th centuries are now online. Our Society has a subscription to the BDA. You can do a free search at home at: <http://bda-online.org.au/mybda/search> and if it gives you results that you would like to view, make a note of the result and check it out using our subscription.

Highlights of Update 7:

- * Full details of assisted immigrants to NSW & Vic 1838-1841 including (for NSW) genealogically crucial details of birthplace and parentage.
- * Unassisted passenger lists Port Phillip Vic 1846.
- * Court records indexes NSW 1822-1836 and 1840-1856.
- * BDM Notice indexes QLD 1846-1875, NSW 1825, 1827.
- * NSW Sydney St James Church of England, Marriages 1832-1856 full transcript.
- * Convicts sent direct from UK to Victoria 1844-1849.
- * Bonds to the Naval Office, Port Jackson Sydney NSW 1810-1819.
- * Cemetery indexes NSW Frenchs Forest 1940-c2008, Mona Vale 1914-c2008.
- * Orphan Irish Girls Employment NSW 1849-1852.
- * Unemployed in NSW 1860 & 1884;
- * Australian Dictionary of Biography 1788-1850.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



A warm welcome to the following new members. We hope you will make yourselves at home and find us to be a friendly and helpful group. Don't be afraid to ask the Monitors on duty for help - they will do their best to steer you in the right direction with your research.

#1960 Sharon Brennan	#1961 Colleen Eddie	#1962 Diane Judge
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, CONTACT DETAILS, ETC

If a Membership Application/Renewal Form is included with this Journal, your membership is due for renewal before **1st December 2019**.

When renewing your Membership:

1. A completed membership form **MUST** be completed for all payments made. Be sure to complete Section 2 with your Membership type, how you would like to receive your quarterly journal, sign the form and show the method of payment. **Note:** The completed form is used to ensure our records are kept up to date and therefore it is vital we receive a form to cover all membership payments.

2. Payment methods:

(a) **Cash** is payable only in person at our Research Room.

(b) **Cheque** is payable in person at our Research Room or by mail to PO Box 2057, Coffs Harbour 2450.

(c) **EFT/Direct Deposit:** BSB, Account No., etc. as details on our membership form and **you must** quote your member number and/or name at the time of payment.

(i) **Online** through your financial institution; OR

(ii) **In Person** at a BCU branch (Bananacoast Credit Union).

Following payment by EFT/Direct Deposit, IT IS ESSENTIAL that a copy of the completed membership form be **emailed, mailed or delivered** to our Research Room.

Renewed membership cards will be placed in the Card Box on the Admin Desk in our Research Room for your collection if you haven't included a stamped addressed envelope with your renewal.

Marlene Gordon, Membership Secretary #1307

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS and EVENTS

DATE, TIME, VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
28/9/2019 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Simone Newman, Local Studies Librarian, Harry Bailey Memorial Library, Coffs Harbour	AGM followed by 'Local Studies & Heritage' Workshop . Simone will speak on our local Library and the resources, etc. available which could be a fantastic asset to those interested in family and local history research in the area.
26/10/2019 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Bill Oates, University Archivist, University of New England, Armidale	'Teaching Rural Teachers' Bill will speak about the decentralisation of teacher education as a result of the construction of Armidale Teacher's College from 1928.
23/11/2019 1.30 pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Members	Christmas Social Afternoon. Members are invited to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea and a gift to the value of \$10 to exchange.

MARY AKEHURST (C1635-1691), EARLY QUAKER OF LEWES

Mary Akehurst is one of the interesting characters in East Sussex history. We are fortunate that various episodes of her life as a Quaker were recorded and that wills and other documents exist to give us a good understanding of her family background. Although best remembered as a Quaker, Mary was also a merchant carrying on her husband **Raphe Akehurst**'s business after he died in 1666. A tangible link to her exists today through the tokens she issued in 1667 which bear her name. She was an independent woman who lived at a critical time in the development of religious freedoms in England.

She was born **Mary Baker** about 1635 at Hastings in Sussex, the daughter of **Richard Baker**, Yeoman, and **Anne Akehurst**. Her parents were reasonably wealthy as evidenced by her father's will, proved in 1638, which left her a bequest of £250 when she reached age 21 years or married, whichever came first. Her three siblings received similar amounts.

Mary's Grandfather, **John Akehurst** (c1565-1630), was MAYOR OF HASTINGS in 1614. Her mother **Anne Baker** (nee Akehurst), who later remarried to become **Anne Franck**, was sister to the wealthy **John Akehurst** who married **Anne Newington** in 1631 and lived at CRALLE AT WARBLETON, a manor house that was largely rebuilt in 1722 and was then known as CRALLE PLACE. John Akehurst had property interests, including AKEHURST FARM AT HELLINGLY, as well as operating an iron forge and furnace at COWBEECH (Cralle). They were highly regarded gentry and the parish registers always refer to him as Mr. John Akehurst. He left a will made in 1657 naming his sister **Anne Francke** and that is how we know of the connection to Mary.

Mary married **Raphe Akehurst** of ST THOMAS AT THE CLIFFE, Lewes (possibly a cousin), on 11 August 1653 at Warbleton. The location suggests that her wedding may have been hosted by John Akehurst mentioned above. Raphe's father was a merchant who traded from Lewes across the English Channel with Dieppe and Calais as well as London. On two instances, in 1622 and 1638 he was suspected of smuggling but nothing came of it. He died in 1654 and left a Will. His son Raphe, Mary's husband, continued in the business and his later Will mentions a 1/12th interest in a barque (boat) doubtlessly used for trading.

Just two years after Mary's marriage, in 1655, the first preaching by a QUAKER in SUSSEX occurred at HORSHAM and in the same year they preached at Lewes where a group calling themselves '**Seekers**' were converted. Mary was an early convert and the subsequent persecutions she suffered in her lifetime, including time spent in prison, clearly show her to be an independent woman with a strong will.

Mary's first recorded suffering as a Quaker was in 1659 at the hands of her own husband, who was clearly not a sympathiser. After Mary disrupted a church meeting by questioning the priest, her husband was called for and she received quite a beating from him. This continued over the ensuing weeks and included her being chained up inside her house, causing such concern among her friends that they reported it to the Justices of the Peace. The episode is recorded in the **Quaker Sufferings**:

"In this year [1659] Mary Akehurst, the wife of Ralph Akehurst, of the Cliff, neare Lewis, beeing moved to goe to St Michal's Steeplehouse (soe called), where an Independent priest [Walter Postlethwaite] was speaking, she for asking him a question, was by people haled out, and then sent for her aforesaid husband, who after she came home, did so hunch and pincht her, that she could not lift her arms to her head. The same Ralph again on the seventeenth day of the third month of this present yeare, bound the hands and feet of his said wife and pinioned her, and then covered her 19 very hot with bed-cloathes, and soe kept her for the space of foure or five houres; this it seems he did because she tooke occasion to reprove a hireling priest for belying her. Againe, upon the twenty-fifth day of the eighth month, the aforesaid Ralph did sorely abuse his wife, on which the following lines were sent unto two Justices of the Peace (soe called), to complain of and to declare the same that she might not perish in private, but to lay it home to them, then in authority, viz.: Whereas complaint

*hath beene made unto two of those who are in place to doe justice as, namely, **Richard Boughton** and **Nathaniel Studly**, of cruel persecution inflicted upon the body of a woman in the Clift, neare Lewis, by the hands of a wicked tirant, who is called her husband; his name is Ralph Akehurst, he hath chained his wife in a close back chamber in his house, between two high bed-steeds, with a great chain much like a timber chain, containing thirty-five links, and a staple and lock, soe that this woman cannot move aboute the roome, or lye in the bed without this chaine, soe that with wait of itt it hath done much wrong to her legg, besides blows and bruses that he hath given her in executing his cruelty in putting on of this chaine, soe that thereby her body is much weakened at present, and murther may ensue if the Lord by his providence doth not some way for her deliverance; for this man hath promised that he will never unlock the chaine from off her, soe that in all likelyhood his heart is bent to destroy the body of this woman someway, for he hath attempted her life, as she hath said, by endeavouring to throatle her. We set this forth to declare to the world, that if this woman shall putt off the body or sacrifice her life through his cruelty, that none shall hereafter upon just grounds say that she hath destroyed herself, or done any evil to her owne body, soe that if inocent blood be shead, we shall be cleare and the guilt shall remaine upon the heads which suffer such things to be done."*

This paper was not only sent to two justices, but a copy of it was placed on the church door in the Cliffe, and another on the market-house post in Lewis.

Mary was probably quite relieved by the death of her husband seven years later in 1666 who left in his Will "*unto my dearly beloved wife Mary Akehurst Two hundred pounds Sterling and a request that she follow such Trade in buying and selling as she with the advice of my Executors and Overseers shall think most fit*". His death would have given her greater freedom to exercise her independence and religion. She never married again.

It should be noted that it is uncertain as to whether Raphe Akehurst ever received Mary's inheritance of £250. In response to a complaint made by Mary's mother, Anne Francke, in 1657 he says "*the said legacy aforsaid given by the said Richard Baker to this defendants [Raphe's] wife is to this day unpaid notwithstanding the same hath been due & payable above three yeares since & notwithstandinge this defendant hath often tymes in friendly manner requested the same*". Raphe claimed that the marriage settlement agreed when he married Mary Baker in 1653 promised him £400 and upon receipt of that money he would make his wife a jointure (effectively joint ownership) in the dwelling where he lived and also in the surrounding meadow ground which had a yearly rental value of £20 or thereabouts, and to give his own bond to leave his wife £400 worth of personal estate in case she should survive him. It appears that the promises made in the marriage settlement had not been kept.

Mary's mother Anne seems to have had her own problems as her second husband had died c1648 and in a dispute over his will (which left everything to be held in trust for the benefit of the children of their marriage), Anne's claims were found to be 'lacking in truth' but no details are given (refer will of **Richard Francke** of Hastings, 1648). Anne was the executor of her first husband's estate but not of her second husband's and this may have caused some problems for her. Raphe states that she had paid the legacy owed to her eldest son, **Richard Baker**, and a later document in 1691 would seem to say that the other surviving siblings, Mary and Alexander, had still not received theirs. Nevertheless, Raphe left a £200 legacy to Mary in his will of 1666. Perhaps some money or property had changed hands, we just don't know the full picture.

Anne Francke seems to be at the centre of a complex web of disputes over money and property and in 1691 it is stated that the £200 she brought into her marriage to **Richard Francke** c1639 had not been repaid to the children of Anne's first husband as agreed would happen after Richard Francke's death (c1648) and suggests that Richard Francke's executor's bore the responsibility for paying the legacies to Anne's children from her first marriage. ,

After Raphe's death in 1666, Mary carried on the family business and in 1667 issued a half penny token in her name, many of which survive today as a tangible remnant of her life. Copper or brass tokens were issued by traders as a result of the civil war (1642-1660) leaving the country short of coins. As the King had been deposed there was no law preventing the issuing of tokens as coinage, which would otherwise have been the King's prerogative. It is estimated that about 20,000 businesses in England produced tokens in order to carry on their business and examples of about 14,000 of these survive. Their usage was suppressed by a 1672 proclamation banning their use although they were to re-appear in the period 1787-97 as Provincial tokens.

Some of the interesting events recorded during Mary's lifetime include:

- In 1672 Mary was visited by **William Penn** who lodged with her. Penn was an early Quaker and advocate of democracy and religious freedom, and later the founder of the English North American Colony the Province of Pennsylvania.
- In 1673 Mary Akehurst, widow, was fined £7 5s for being part of a meeting of Friends (Quakers) and then £10 for the same in 1676.
- In 1677 Mary was prosecuted for not paying church tithes and excommunicated. She was committed to Horsham gaol and kept prisoner there for about a year
- In 1681 the Friend's Monthly Meeting reproved Widow Akehurst for allowing her children to scoff at people on the fast day as they went to the Steeplehouse [church].
- In 1682, Mary's children **Ralph, Mary, Thomas and Alexander** were indicted for non-attendance at church ('Absence from the National Worship').
- In 1683, Mary Akehurst and her children Mary and Thomas were fined for absenting themselves from church for three Sundays. The judge issued a warrant for distraining their goods (supposedly to the value of the fine but often more was taken).

Mary was one of the last Quakers to be held prisoner at Horsham gaol. In 1687, at about 52 years of age, she was prosecuted for not paying Church tithes and excommunicated for refusing to pay. She remained a prisoner there for 7 months before being committed to the Kings Bench debtor's prison in London, considered a much more comfortable place than Horsham gaol! The following text quoted from the Quaker Sufferings dramatically describes the event:

*"ANNO 1687. Mary Akehurst, of the Cliff, near Lewis [Lewes], Widow, having been prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Tithes, at the Suit of **John Eresby**, Priest, was excommunicated, and on the 9th of the Month called July, near Midnight, was taken by two Bayliffs with a Writ de Excommunicato capiendo. The next Day, being the Day called Sunday, they carried her away to Prison, though she had been a long time sick, and was even then so weak, that she could not walk without holding : Nevertheless, one of the Bayliffs, being drunk, when he got on Horseback, with many Oaths and Threatnings had her set upon his Horse, and would not suffer her to take Necessaries with her, so that her Friends thought she could not live till she came to the Prison : But the barbarous Bayliff swore, that If she could not hold it to Prison, which was twenty Miles, he would tie her, and drag her thither at his Horse's Tail. Being brought to Horsham Goal, she was kept close Prisoner there about seven Months, and then was removed to London, and committed to the King's-Bench. The unusual Cruelty exercised on this innocent Woman, proceeded from an inveterate Malice the Parson had long conceived against **Thomas Akehurst** her Son, on the following Occasion: The Prieft had made a false Information against Thomas Akehurst for being at two Meetings, where he was not: Akehurst indicted the Parson for Perjury, and the Grand Jury found the Bill against him at Lewis Sessions in 1683. This enraged the Parson, and he, as it was generally thought, by way of Revenge, thus severely prosecuted his aged sickly Mother.*

The worst of the persecution ended in 1689 with the passing of The Act of Toleration which released Quakers from the obligation of attending church and taking the sacraments. However, they were still liable for the payment of tithes and suffered much financial loss during the next two centuries".

Mary continued her membership and support of the Society of Friends (Quakers) at Lewes until her death in 1691. She had the support of her surviving children Raphe, Thomas and Mary who were also Quakers, all of whom were persecuted at various times. She died at Lewes, aged about 56 years and was buried on 29 September 1691 at the Quaker burial ground at ROTTINGDEAN where three of her children, **John, Samuel and Alexander** had been buried in 1672, 1679 and 1683 respectively. [Quakers would not have their bodies buried in consecrated ground and so provided their own burial grounds]. She was a committed Quaker to the end and that is probably how she would want to be remembered.

By Geoffrey Barber

Geoffrey Barber is a cousin of mine from way back and over the years we have shared our family history. The amount of research he has done for this article is amazing and I am indebted to him. Although it is a great distance back in my tree, I thought Mary's history may be interest to other researchers.

My connection to Mary comes down from **John Akehurst** (b.1601) who married **Anna Newington**. They had 4 children, one of whom was **Samuel Akehurst** (b.1634) who married **Mary Maides**. They had 3 children one of whom was Richard (b1669) who married Elizabeth and had 5 children – their son **Richard** (b.1700) who married **Elizabeth Blaber** had 5 children, one of whom was John (b.1720) who married **Elizabeth Fuller** and had 8 children. Their son **John** (b.1752) married **Maria Burgess** and had 5 children – their daughter, **Martha Akehurst** (b. 1804) married **James Holden** and they immigrated to Australia in 1839. They were my Grandmother's GG Grandparents.

[References and Mary Baker's Family Tree were not included because of space constraints however these can be provided if requested].

Sharon Ingersole # 1548

GENEALOGY EVENTS – WHAT'S ON

***Until 12 Oct 2019** “Beyond the Tree Exhibition” – Free event at Liverpool Regional Museum on Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am to 4pm. Organised by Liverpool Genealogy Society. For more information email: liverpoolregionalmuseum@liverpool.nsw.gov.au or go to the website at: <https://liverpool-lgs.wixsite.com/website>.

***16-20 Mar 2020** 230th Anniversary of the wrecking of HMS Sirius on Norfolk Island. Special week of events organised with special guest presenter Graham Seal, author of *Great Convict Stories* and Professor of Folklore at Curtin University. Graham will spotlight many extraordinary happenings and convicts, including those who lived through this tumultuous event. Together with special museum tours and a series of workshops it's going to be a great week. For more information go to: <https://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/events/category/heritage-culture/> and scroll down to the anniversary link.

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> If there are any other events you would like included in the next Journal please give the detail to our Journal Editor.

USEFUL WEBSITES, ETC. FOR GENEALOGY

A couple of websites suggested by member, Sergio Spagnolo:

* **iMuseum** gives you free and growing online access to parts of the Manx National Heritage Museum. Collections at <https://www.imuseum.im/>. Sergio suggests that you check Library and Resources for birth and marriages, wills and census plus Useful links.

* **The Isle of Man Family History Society** was formed in 1979 with the aim of encouraging the study of genealogy and family history, particularly within the Isle of Man. Go to: <http://www.iomfhs.im/index.html>

* **NSW Land Registry Services** has released a new version of **Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV)**. HLRV is an important source of historical land records of NSW and key improvements include: a cleaner look that is easier to navigate updated Search and Refine Search functions with the ability to browse the collections much like browsing a library catalogue; faster return of search results; smoother, faster image viewing, and updated Record Information Sheets. The new version provides easier access to the documents currently in the system, including the

ability to print records that do not attract a regulated fee. Go to <https://www.nswlrs.com.au/>, then Click on Online Portal, Click on the Quick Link to Historical Land Records Viewer, the Click on Launch HLRV, Click Accept and search from there. Member, Ian O’Hearn has offered to help any members who require assistance in navigating the new version.

* **Irish Valuation Revision Books (VAL12B).** Search at: <https://familytr.ee/valrevbooks>

* **Six Feet under Downunder:** Jill Ball, who is known in the Geneasphere by her alias GeniAus, created this website which lists Australian burial and cremation records online.

Go to: <https://6feetunderdownunder.wordpress.com/> to read more about it. Click on the individual States at the top of the page, then on the link to the Sites in that State for information and URLs to search the Cemeteries available.

* **Rookwood Cemeteries’ new Deceased Search Facility:** Search by first and/or last name to see a list of results alongside a map of the cemetery with each grave location pinpointed on the map. To view more information you will need to register as a member which will allow you to see more information including date of burial, exact plot location and a link to others in the same plot. If you are lucky you will also get an image of the headstone. You can also get directions to the gravesite and add the entry to the 'My Records' section so you can review it again later.

Go to: <https://rookwoodcemetery.discovereverafter.com/>

* **The Greater Melbourne Cemeteries Trust (GMTC)** operates cemeteries in Melbourne’s north, east and west of Melbourne. You can use the deceased search function to access burial and cremated remains records for cemeteries they manage at <http://www.gmct.com.au/deceased-search/>

* **Southern Melbourne Cemeteries Trust (SMTC)** has a facility which enables searches of the burial databases for Bunurong Memorial Park, Springvale Botanical Cemetery and St Kilda Cemetery. They are currently working towards making the records of Cheltenham Memorial Park and Brighton General, Cheltenham Pioneer, Dandenong Community and Melbourne General cemeteries available online. Go to their Deceased Search page at

<https://smct.org.au/deceasedsearch/>

* **Oxfordshire Wills Online:** Oxfordshire Family History Society has transcribed the Wills and made them available on their website. The transcriptions can be accessed at <http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/>

* **State Records of South Australia** holds more than 90km of records, covering almost every facet of state and local government administration in SA. They have digitised some of their most popular records relating to family history, including passenger lists, school admission registers and social welfare in partnership with FamilySearch, Go to <https://www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/online-records> and scroll down to quick links for the records available and this will take you to FamilySearch site then scroll down. Some records are indexed, they include quite a variety of records BDMs, 1841 Census, Destitute Asylum, Gaols, Hospitals, Inquests, etc. You will need to sign in to FamilySearch with your login details to access the records.

* **New Irish Historical BMD Registers** online for public to access at www.irishgenealogy.ie. The full range of records now available online are: Birth records from 1864 to 1918; Marriages from 1864 to 1869, 1942 and 1943; and Deaths from 1878 to 1968 and there is no charge for accessing the records. The release is part of an initiative by both departments to provide online access to historical records and registers compiled by the Civil Registration Service.

SUBSCRIPTION SITES: Our Society has subscriptions to Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist as well as BDA and BNA and we are an Affiliated Library of FamilySearch.

All of these sites add new records and/or update existing collections constantly so it always advisable to check their listings of new records.

REMEMBER to keep re-checking sites you have searched before as most are constantly adding new records especially the free National Library of Australia website (incl. Trove which now includes The Bananacoast Opinion from 1973-78 and North Coast Times (Bellingen and Coffs Harbour) 1888-89) and also The Ryerson Index.

All links were checked and valid on 2 August 2019.

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NEW RESOURCES

*Inverell Shire Country Cemetery Transcriptions & Burial Registrations 1996

*West Wallsend Cemetery Gravestone Inscriptions in Lower Hunter

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*Small Cemeteries of the Hunter Valley

*West Wallsend General Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions & Burial Registrations

*Inverell Cemetery C/E Section Transcriptions & Burial Reg. 1999

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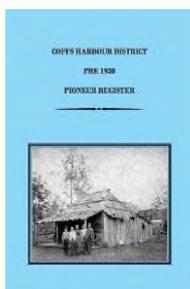
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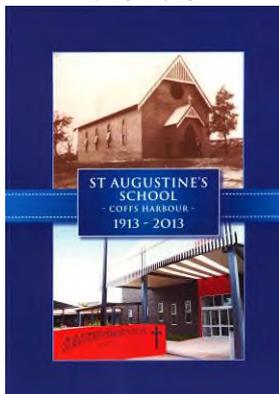
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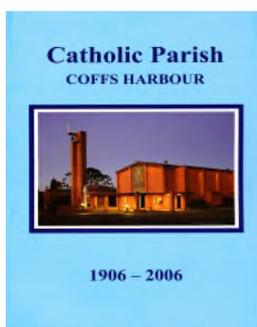
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