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Editorial – Kay Radford

I am very excited to be able to offer you an article sent in by a reader in England. Judith GENTLEMAN read a previous e-Fluster on line and picked up a connection to member Lorraine GOWING. To cut a long story short, we were able to put the two ladies in touch. It could happen to anyone of us. Best get those stories in then.

It's a varied issue this month, so I hope there is something inside that will earn your interest and perhaps stimulate a different approach to solving those researching problems.

We welcome first time contributor Jennie RICHMOND who tells us of her luck hiring the FamilySearch films. Whew! I had to tell you about my luck with the new FindMyPast crime and punishment dataset and finding my convict's parents and deceased brother. Marg MORTERS gave me a couple of items for this issue and there are two items relating to DNA, one from Wendy CONDON and a letter to the Editor from Maureen SCHMARR. Marie RILEY offered the cute bit about the Enumerator and Robyn ARKINSTALL introduces us to her Battle of Waterloo Ancestor. Another first time story from Carol EVANS tells us all about her father and, last but not least, another short story from Lindsay WATTS.

I don't know how many understand the UK Parish Register progression over the years. I have managed to cover some of it in this issue - will finish up in the next issue with the Rose Act of 1812.

Make sure you read through upcoming events at the society for the next few months and make a date to come along and join in when you can.

Cheers Kay 1

Fluster Cover: Our Cottage today

President's Piece – Wendy Condon

Reading my President's Piece in the April ~~e-fluster~~ I reflect on the beginning of this year when things were a little shaky regarding our cash flow.

December and January are our leanest months of the year, no bookstall sales, no membership and our major insurance becomes due. It has been getting more stressful as the years progress, balancing the books with little spare cash available. The Rotary raffle has proven to be the saving grace, although the funds do not become available until February.

Two things the committee put in place have seen a more comfortable situation evolve. Firstly, I would like to thank our members who have popped their \$2.50 day user fees into the tin when they arrive. Also, the decision to give our members two options for assisting the Equipment and Maintenance fund, by either making a once only \$10 donation or, later in the year, taking \$10 worth of Rotary ticket have had a very pleasing result.

The maintenance fund is looking very healthy and the day user fee makes it possible for us to continue with our subscription sites.

The next few months are beginning to shape up into a busy end of year, with workshops in FamilySearch Indexing, Breaking Down Brick Walls, Sourcing Records and another Family Tree Maker Q&A already scheduled. (Read from page 4 of this issue for further details).

The usual contingent are off to the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference again in September. This year we will be hosted by our friends from Port Macquarie Family History Society. Can't wait, it's such a great time away.

Our new Sharp (colour) photocopier is proving to be a real bonus. We are now able to print our own flyers, and many other items, without having to outsource.

Membership has been disappointing but we are gradually picking up new members as the months go by.

Cheers for now
Wendy

New Members

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new members. We hope they have many happy researching and social hours with us. Please remember to lodge your Members' Interest with Belinda Mabbott for inclusion on the Website.

1967	Michele DUNCAN	1975	John GOULTON
1968	Robert STODDART	1976	Roger W. FORD
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SCOTTISH RESEARCHER

Please update the contact email address for Jean Gibb, in Falkirk, Stirling, Scotland. Jean's business cards are available from the research centre.



Society Events and Information for Members

FAMILY TREE MAKER ONE ON ONE HELP SESSIONS

Appointments can be made for help with Family Tree Maker. Ring the Centre on 4324 5164 and book in. Days available are Tuesday & Wednesday
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

FREE WORKSHOPS/FORUMS/OTHER EVENTS

I have previously distributed information regarding two free events that are coming up.



**15 AUGUST 2015 - 10.30 am (arrive 10am) - Forum
BREAKING DOWN BRICKWALLS** – this is the first of this type of forum and talkfest we have held. I don't know how many we can handle in the session but first in best dressed.

The list on the notice board is filling very fast and by the time this goes out I would imagine the full quota of places will be reached. Those on the list will be notified shortly for a short synopsis of the brick wall they are facing so that the coordinator can have a bit of an idea what we are about to try to tackle. I am hopeful that this will be a regular event – we can't tumble all walls in one session!



**29 AUGUST 2015
INDEXING WORKSHOP with Kate Walter**
Indexing Makes Records Searchable Online

Everyone deserves to be remembered and you can help make this possible. No special skills or time commitments are required.

Together, we can help people from around the world find and trace their ancestry for free.

With the help of Kate Walter from Wyong Family History Group we are planning our own Indexing Workshop to take place at the Centre on Saturday 29 August 2015.

We hope to encourage our members to mirror the efforts of the Wyong Group and become involved and join with the thousands of indexers around the world. If you have ever carried out any indexing you will know how rewarding it can be. There are no special skills or time commitments required, just index at home whenever you have a few minutes.

For our workshop we would prefer it if you had your own laptop, although we do have a couple of laptops available. With your own laptop you can continue at home after being set up or come along at future get together's working on your current project. By using the society's equipment you will be required to come into the centre to carry out any further indexing.

This workshop will be run in conjunction with the our friends of the the LDS of which Kate is a member. Kate is hopeful that she can bring with her on the day other members to give their expert input.

We had originally planned to have just the one session on that day but with the amount of interest this workshop has received the new arrangements will be as follows:

Arrive 9.30am – Session One – 10am til 12.30 – then lunch between 12.30 pm and 1pm. Resuming Session Two at 1pm til 3.30pm.

Places are limited to 15 per session please email Kay Radford to book your spot – kayken1@bigpond.com



SOURCING YOUR RECORDS

How important is this in recording your family history?

When I began researching my family history all those years ago, I was so excited in what I was finding, taking a note of where and how I found the information didn't enter my head. I was working alone with a little help from one of my sisters – but she wasn't sitting next to me giving me instruction, instead she was over 100 kms away.

I remember finding on those abominable early Convict microfiche, a convict permission to marry, the details of what I wanted, taking down copious notes to add to my work sheet when I got home. I don't think photocopies were

available or I didn't know they were, I was pretty green. A couple of years later, after joining the local Family History Society, and receiving as a gift, a family history computer program, I began entering information and discovered the provision for Sources. By then I knew what sources meant, so I tried to replicate the search for the permission to marry and could never find it on the fiche. It wasn't until the records began to appear on line that I was able to find it again.

Now I know how important recording your sources of information can be.

You can Google something like "recording your family history sources" and will come up with heaps of suggestions from the various organisations, like FamilySearch, State Archives and many others BUT is this the way you want to go?

How much information do you need in your records? How academic do you wish to be?

Times have changed, as so many records are now available on line, we need to look at expanding our resource lists to reflect changing times.

What is a primary record – what is the difference between a primary record and a secondary record? Do I go with the flow or do I, for my personal records, create my own logical list that in the future my children and grandchildren will understand?

Apart from your own information there is another aspect of Resource Recording which is so very important if you are seeking assistance from one of our Library Assistants. It is so much easier for us to help you if we know where you have obtained the information you come in with. We then know where you have been looking, we don't go over and over the same information all the time, and therefore we can help you more efficiently with your research.

Your Committee is planning to have a FREE day at the Research Centre when we can discuss with members, or visitors for that matter, how we can help you get organised with RECORDING YOUR SOURCES. We will plan to throw

around suggestions on various titles for these citations, many will be so very basic but so easy to understand if you are sharing information with family.

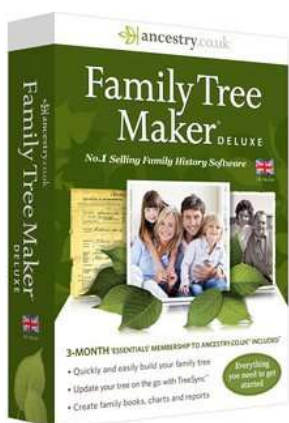
If you would be interested in attending this day, which would probably be on a Saturday, then please let us know. An Expression of Interest form is on the Notice Board. **No date has been set for this event**



SEPTEMBER 11 to 13 - NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc Annual Conference to be hosted by Port Macquarie District Family History Society Inc

Venue: Panthers Port Macquarie is located at 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie. Fair and Conference will be held in the Auditorium on the ground floor.

Members of Association Member Societies are encouraged to attend and receive the special full conference fee of \$120 during the early bird period. Please drop into their website <http://jennifermullin04.wix.com/2015-fh-conference> for further information – any Central Coast members who wish to register will need to contact the Research Centre Manager for the special **BOOKING CODE**.



**26 SEPTEMBER 2015 – 10.30am (arrive 10am)
QUESTION AND ANSWERS with Kay Rawnsley**

Venue: The Research Centre

Limit: 10 participants

Requirements: You must have your own laptop with the program already installed.

Make a list of problems or too hard tasks and send them to Kay2 c/- the society e-mail address. The purpose of this workshop is to help members sort out any problems they are having getting around the program. Not that there should be any, but it is difficult sometimes to remember how to do certain things from time to time. Brings to mind “if you don’t use it you’ll lose it”. I know from experience if I don’t use a function on a regular basis I can easily forget how to.

List for names will go up soon, add yours and make your payment of \$10 to book your place.



MEMBERSHIP FEES 2015 – effective March/April

EXISTING MEMBERS - REJOINING Membership Fees for 2015-2016 will be:

Single Membership	\$43.00
Joint Membership	\$60.00

A Members Day user fee of \$2.50 now applies to assist in offsetting the cost of online subscription sites.

All Saturday workshops will incur a fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members unless otherwise stipulated.

OUR MEMBERSHIP FORM is available to download from the website. From the front page click on the ...read more information under Membership on the banner and all will be revealed. Remember the website is www.centralcoastfhs.org.au

All NEW Memberships for the 2015-2016 membership year will be:

- Joining Fee: \$10.00
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- Single Membership: \$45.00
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Please read the two additional questions on your membership form regarding the Rotary Raffle donations to the Equipment Maintenance and Replacement Fund.

EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER OF ANY GIVEN YEAR

A half yearly membership is offered

- Joining Fee \$10.00
- Single Membership: \$22.50
- Joint Membership: \$32.50

SPEAKERS FOR 2015



SATURDAY 1 August 2015-

PROFESSOR RICHARD WATERHOUSE BA (Sydney)
MA, PhD (Johns Hopkins)

Honorary Associate, Department of History - back by popular demand after his stimulating talk so many of you missed at our WW1 Expo.

Topic: *Rural life - The land and its People*

Professor Waterhouse is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Sydney. He specialises in United States colonial history, the history of Australian popular culture, and the social and cultural history of rural Australia.



SEPTEMBER 5th CHRISTINE YEATS, BA, DipLib,
DipArch Admin

Topic: *Local History - Linking Time and Place.*

In another life Christine was the Manager, Public Access at State Records of NSW from April 1993 – June 2012 (19 years 3 months) and this is where most of us would remember her from. After a very successful career with State Records of NSW Christine is now self-employed. Christine has a wide ranging interest in Australian history, is committed to promoting the study of Australian history and a supporter of local history research projects. And a committed supporter of the archives sector. Currently Christine is Senior Vice President of The Royal Australian Historical Society Inc.



OCTOBER 3rd - JULIE AITCHISON *Umina. The first 50 years*

Julie is our inspiring local Umina Historian. Several years ago her enquiry about Umina at Gosford library resulted in a book. Associated with this research she also produced an historic photographic display, 3 minute video on “The Cliff Road”, historic Umina facebook site, and been involved with ABC radio & TV and newspaper articles. As Julie said, “I had a learning

curve that curved back on itself like a pig's tail! But it has been really enjoyable, and it has been an excellent thing, and that's what I've produced." Currently we look forward to the release in October, of her DVD about the development of Umina.



NOVEMBER 7th - CHRISTINE BRAMBLE – Author.
Sisters of the Valley – First World War Nurses from Newcastle and the Hunter Region.

Christine may be described as a continuing student of history. She has a degree in Australian History, and taught history at high school. After her involvement in the staging of WW1 nurses exhibition at the former Newcastle Regional Museum she said “I just couldn’t let the subject alone.” Her research *Sisters of the Valley* was published by Royal Newcastle Hospital Graduate Nurses’ Association in 2011. She was also a co-author in *Broadmeadow to Villers-Bretonneux* in 2002. Christine’s research is highly respected and often sought. She was recently interviewed by *ABC Local Treasures* programme, *Inside History Magazine* Nov-Dec 2014 and contributed to Newcastle Writers Festival. Researching WW1 nurses continues through social media inputs especially her web page www.hunintervalleygreatwarnurses.com.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR INTERESTING SPEAKERS

Marlene is always happy to chase up speakers. If you have heard someone speaking at another event and you think we would like to hear that person at one of our members’ meetings then please have a word with her or send an email to the society kay1@centralcoastfhs.org.au and it will be forwarded to her.

AUGUST MEETING – SELL OFF

All *Unlock the Past* books subject to a discount for any remaining stock



RESEARCH CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

Well the second half of our year has certainly calmed down and those involved in presenting workshops or masterclasses have had a much earned break.

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My organising family history records was finally held on the 11th July and I was really pleased to welcome 12 members and one visitor (she'd seen it on our FaceBook page). It was a tremendous success and I am very pleased that so many put their hands up to attend. We will reschedule again for next year.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

National Family History Month. We begin our contribution to this important month at our General Meeting on **Saturday August 1.**

Morning: Research Centre is open to members and visitors. Come along and speak to some of our library assistants from 9.30 until 12.30 and get some hands on help or just have a chat.

Afternoon: Come along and meet

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Thursday August 6 - Kincumber Library several of us will be presenting a hands on workshop at Kincumber library "Where do I begin?" Time is 10.30 until 12.30. You will need to book, so please contact the library in advance.

On September 10, the dedicated few are off to Port Macquarie for the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Conference, which runs from Friday 11 until Sunday 13. Friday is a Family History Fair and is open to the public as well as registrants. It is usually a very busy day for stall holders and we are hoping to do well again. We can only achieve good results by the tremendous effort of Margaret and helpers on the bookstall. I don't think members who do not attend these affairs have any conception of just what it takes to transport our bookshop on these occasions. Hours of packing, loading the car, unpacking and getting goods into the venue site and the setting up is crazy.

Not to mention what goes on behind the scenes to prepare goods for sale and making sure there are enough of us to man the table at all times.

And then it's time to pack up again, load up and unload at the Centre. So please give a thought to the merry, but sometimes very weary travelers, promoting your society far and wide. It takes special dedication.

Port Macquarie & District Family History Society, look like they will have a successful conference. They began their planning well in advance and for the first time we see a Society rewarding individual members of the Member Societies of the Association by giving a special discount on attendance fees. Check out the notice board in the centre I have been placing newsletters from Port Macquarie as they arrive via email.

Before we know it Christmas will be upon us and another year will have gone by so very quickly.

Just a reminder there is now a link to our Facebook page from our Website.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2015-16

Whilst on the subject of Christmas holidays. I can advise members that the research centre will be open on Tuesday 12th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 17th of January 2016 - ONLY.

There will be no assistance given on these days, members must be able to work on their own. A good time to read those FamilySearch films.

Please if you wish to attend during this break period contact Kay Rawnsley on carlin27@bigpond.com

Kay1

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The following is a list of who does what to keep the society running as smoothly as it does.

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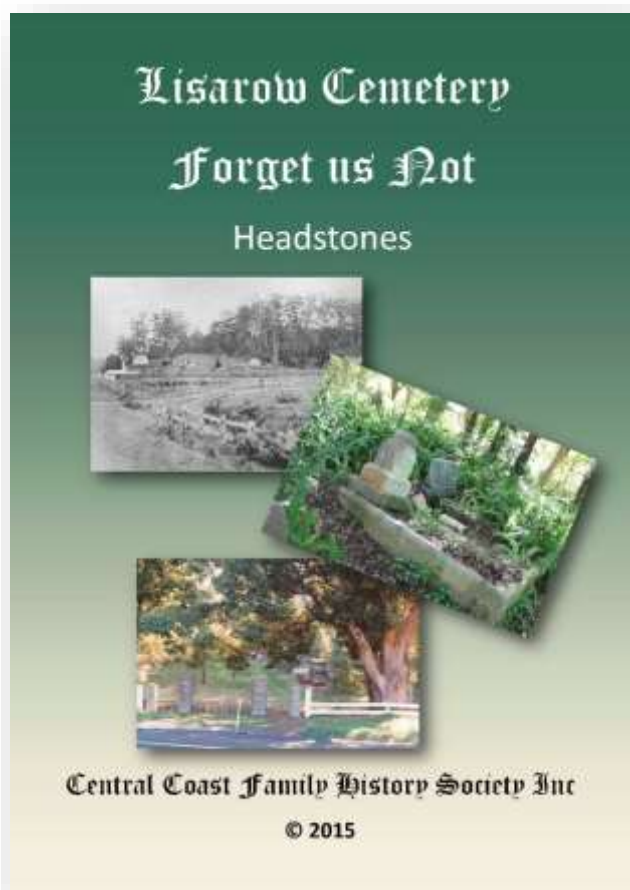
Deadline for articles for the August 2015 edition is 20th November 2014.

Refer to your December 2014 edition for page set up

NEW PUBLICATION – DUE FOR SALE SEPTEMBER 2015

Lisarow Cemetery - Forget Us Not - Headstones

This publication follows on from our previous offering of Lisarow Cemetery - Forget us Not - Unmarked Graves. Printed in colour containing over 278 pages.



This book will be released in September at the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference to be hosted this year by Port Macquarie and District Family History Society

Book Price: \$45.00 plus postage \$15.00

CD Price: \$45.00 plus postage \$5.00

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FAMILYSEARCH FILMS – HAVE YOU ORDERED YOURS YET?

I think it fair to say I am quite new to family history research. I have only been at it for about 8-9 years on and off. I had done what I thought was a pretty good job on my mother's lineage, my cousin and I had worked hand in hand, comparing notes, finding and sharing with each other. It was a good way to be introduced into the wide world of family history research.

But it was not until I started on my father's side of the family late last year that I realised I was in trouble, I was now flying solo... I had nobody to help me, as no one had done a proper research into my father's line. I had resolved to do all the research first hand and not depend on stories supplied by family members. If I was going to do this by myself, I would do it properly.



Locating records after July 1837 was relatively easy, and I have ordered certificates from the General Register Office in the UK or swapped them with new-found relatives along the way, but it was finding stuff before that date that was holding me back. I would soon stop research on each couple once I got to early 1837 as there was limited, original records on line. I would move onto the next couple, then the next and soon I found I was building many brick walls for myself by not exploring the unknown.

Most records that came up would direct me to a FamilySearch film number that I needed to view so I could keep going with my research. I didn't want to rely merely on names and dates from family history sites to fill in the blanks on my tree, I wanted the original, handwritten parish records wherever possible. The only way I could do this was to order the films. These films contain marriage banns, marriages, baptisms and burials, some contain town or school information and, if you are lucky, some extra little piece of information will pop up along the way.

It still took me some months before I relented and placed my first order. It was not the cost of hiring a film, it was the amount of time that would be needed to go through it just to find what I thought was one record. The cost of hiring a film \$8.65, is negligible, the contents of the films far outweigh anything else.

Going through the first film I ordered was a slow crawl, firstly understanding how the films are presented, scrolling through till you find the parish you are after, and then locating the record you want. I really found it quite a chore and had wondered what I had put myself up for. I remember thinking... "o.k, first and last film I will be ordering!!"

The first record I looked for was a marriage. Page found, I edited, sized and printed it out. I slowly continued forward, looking for baptisms of any children they had, searching at least ten years past the last date just to make sure I had all of the children. Suddenly I had found a new family I could add to my tree! Continuing forward I would eventually find the burials of the parents, and sadly, some of the children. To find the baptisms of the parents I would scroll back about twenty years before the marriage, and repeat it all over again. New generations to research... my family tree was suddenly getting wider, deeper, more intriguing. The more I was finding, the more I wanted to find.

I recently ordered a film for Shenley, Hertfordshire, to locate information on my great grandfather's family. I have gone right back at least five generations on most lines, locating over **140** individual baptisms, banns, marriages and burials, **PLUS** finding so many new generations and family names we never knew about. The burial records divulge Shenley went through two smallpox epidemics and countless mothers who died as a result of childbirth. I have viewed that film about ten times now, and I am confident I have every record I can get from it.

One great find that comes to mind is from the Kimpton - Ayot St Lawrence area in Hertfordshire... I had found the baptism of my fifth great grandfather George TIPLER, who was born in 1744, I then proceeded to find his marriage, but found so many for his name within a short time that I needed to work out which one was his. I ordered the film and started my investigation. Working through the film took me only a couple of hours and I had found every original document that has recorded his life and death. George was a very busy boy

indeed! He first married Sarah HART, who died eight months after the marriage, most likely during childbirth along with the baby. He then got her sister Ann pregnant. Baby Mary (my 4 x g grandmother), was illegitimate and baptised with her mother's name, HART, on 25 December 1773 in Ayot St Lawrence. Yet, on the very same day, he married Ann at a church in Kimpton, barely a couple of miles away! Ann died 14 months after the marriage (also most likely during or after childbirth) and he was left with Mary to look after. In October 1776 he married yet again... this time to Sarah TOMALIN. They went on to have three children, but it was recorded on the baptism of their 3rd child in February 1781 - "baby George, a posthumous child born five months after the death of his father, George". Poor George was just thirty six when he died and his burial record, written by the Rector of the church stated... "George TIPLER, my faithful servant for 12 years". It is this kind of information that you will not get from a search on any family history website... the original records can tell you so much more.

Another film I hired from Bushey, Hertfordshire turned up this little gem. Written in the parish register, the Rector thought it important enough to be recorded, even though it had nothing to do with baptisms, marriages or burials.....

"On Friday 11 Dec at 45 minutes after 12, (the sun then shining in its full strength) I happen'd to be looking up towards the S.E. and saw at about 45 degrees altitude in the clouds, a bright flame or ball of fire, which ran about the seeming distance of four yards or more, and then disappear'd or fell. It grew larger as it ran, and ended in appearance as big as or bigger than a large man's hand. It was about or less than the fourth part of a minute in its Course: which was from W.N.W. to E.S.E. In the space that it ran, there remained a narrow white cloud, broader where it ended than where it began, which in a little time began to spread wider, and after 8 minutes or more, was no longer visable. No wind was stirring or vane at E.S.E.

James Smith – Rector

I cannot recommend highly enough just how important hiring a film will be to your research. I have now almost completed both maternal and paternal sides of my father's family, and on most lines have stepped into the 1600's. I never would have thought I could go right back to finding my ten times great

grandparents. This research has taken me from late last year to present day to complete.

I have now realised I have to go back and research my mother's family all over again! I have so much more to research and find. I have learnt so much in the last few months and have thoroughly enjoyed every minute. Every spare day (and every Thursday night) are spent at the centre, burying myself in the films. So if you visit the centre and see someone huddled over Computer 12 it will be me foraging through another film. And if you hear a little scream of delight... apologies in advance... you will know I have found yet another little piece of the history that has helped to shape my family into what it is today.

I am so glad I chose to take a huge step back in time... it's as if I'm walking alongside them, sharing their joys and their sorrows. Go on, do it... you won't be sorry!!

Jennie Richmond - Member No 1245

FAMILYSEARCH WORKSHOP with Kate Walter

We were most fortunate to be able to welcome Kate Walter, member of Wyong Family History Group and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to our centre on July 6th.

Talking to Kerrie Metcalf, President of Wyong, on a recent trip to the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies committee meeting at Caringbah, I learnt about this wonderful exuberant member Kate who had joined their group and had become not only their website administrator but also the instigator behind their FamilySearch Indexing Group. I explained to Kerrie the problems I was having understanding the new FamilySearch website and let her know I was not alone. Several of our members had voiced their concerns of not fully understanding how to drive the new site. So Kerrie suggested I get in touch with Kate to see if she would come along and talk to our Team Leaders and senior Library Assistants. Kate was only too happy to come along and today as I type this I am just home from a very enlightening session with her and rearing to go with fresh eyes to what is actually available on FamilySearch.

Hopefully, our Library Assistants after some practice will be able to explain how to get the best out of the website so please when you're in and if you are having a problem. ASK!

THIS ONE TOOK ONLY TWELVE YEARS TO CLAIM

How an additional data set of PRIMARY records online can move your research on to a further level.

Prompted by the contact from another family researcher I began to update the information on my convict Emanuel PHILLIPS. For twenty seven years now Emanuel has been a thorn in my side wishing I could find at least his parents.

As I hadn't touched this side of the family for many years, long before I had a subscription to FindMyPast I decided to give it a go. What I found has led me to finding his parents and an elder brother and I am extremely excited.

The record set that paved the way is FMP - Crime, Prisons and Punishment and is part of the Home Office documents HO17 – Criminal Petitions: Series 1. My reference was Piece Number 74, Item Number NT30. Never in a million years had it occurred to me I would read the petition written by the local magistrates on behalf of Emanuel's father – John PHILLIPS and a subsequent petition again by John PHILLIPS date 28 June 1841.

The first petition reads:

To His King's most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of the undersigned Magistrates for this Division of Tavistock and the Curate Churchwardens Overseers and Inhabitant Householders of the Parish of Lamerton in this County of Devon showeth:

That at the present Assizes for the County of Devon aforesaid EMANUAL PHILLIPS of Lamerton aforesaid was found guilty of stealing from his Master Richard ROWE of Lamerton aforesaid Yeoman one Five Pound note and sentenced to be transported for life.

That the said Emanuel PHILLIPS is but 17 years of age.

That he has two aged and industrious Parents who are deeply lamenting his loss.

For these reasons we your Petitioners humbly request that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to commute the sentence passed on the said Emanuel PHILLIPS to a shorter period. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

John Carpenter }
R Willesford } *Magistrates*

Curate

Thomas MAYJOR *Churchwarden*

Daniel CUNDY *Churchwarden*

Jn. BORLEY *Overseer*

On the second page are a list of signatories supporting the clemency plea to the King.

I learnt from this document that Emanuel's fathers name was John, and he had two aged and industrious parents who miss him heaps.

EMANUEL PHILLIPS

2nd Application

Per New South Wales

The prisoner's parents represent their age and infirmity and pray that their son may be returned to them

28th June 1841

*The Right Honourable Lord John RUSSELL (would this be of Woburn Abbey?)
Secretary of State &c.*

*The Humble Petition of John PHILLIPS of Lamerton in the County of Devon,
Labourer.*

That your Petitioner is now aged sixty five and his wife about seventy years of age. That your Petitioner had two sons one of whom aged 24 years, was accidentally drowned in November in one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, and the other called Emanuel PHILLIPS, now aged about twenty five years was tried at the Lammass (Summer) Assizes for the County of Devon in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five for steading Five pounds from the dwelling house of Richard Rowe of Lamerton aforesaid Gentleman, of which

offence he was then convicted and sentenced to transportation beyond the seas for the term of his life.

That your Petitioner and his wife are both getting infirm and have no other child, but the said Emanuel Phillips, now living to give them any support, and therefore he humbly requests that your Lordship will be pleased to take the case into your consideration and investigate the punishment which he is now suffering. And your Petitioner ventures to hope that your Lordship will entertain the question, as his son was only seventeen years of age when he committed the offence with which he was charged. And your Petition will ever pray.

<i>Witnessed by William Cowland And the Petitioner recommended by his having known both the Father and son, in his situation as Curate of Lamerton the last 20 years</i>	<i>The mark of x John Phillips Richard Rowe the Prosecutor Chas. Morgan and John Bennett, Churchwardens.</i>
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Ten signatures follow on the next page.

Suddenly the light came on. I transcribed a very difficult headstone in Lamerton in 2003 when we visited the churchyard of St Peter's. Later, discussing it with Ken he remember as well. He got down from the shelf the photo album in which we had our photos of that trip and behold there was the headstone with the inscription.

I have since been able to locate the burial register for Lamerton on FindMyPast, and together with census records now have copies of the following in chronological order:

Burial for John PHILLIPS aged 24 years, Abode Bere Ferris (one of many spellings), buried on 10 November 1839. Drowned in the *Tavy* (river).

1841 Census for Lamerton showing John PHILLIPS 60 Navy Pensioner and his wife Susanna PHILLIPS aged 60. (Rounded off ages) both born Devon.

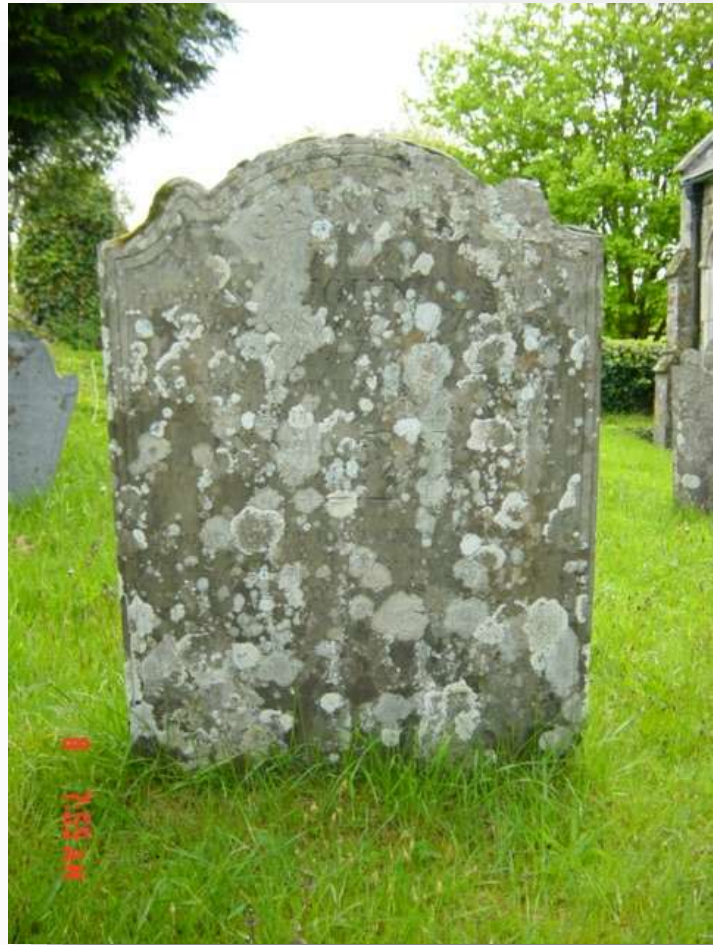
Burial for John PHILLIPS senior 13 February 1851 aged 73 years (curses, just missed the Census)

1851 Census for Lamerton showing Susan PHILLIPS Head widow Annuitant, living on the Hill, Lamington born Sampford, Devon

Burial entry for Susan PHILLIPS on 10 December, 1854, entry records she

was living at Bere Ferris when she died at the age of 72.

SACRED
To the
Memory of JOHN the son of
John and Susanna Phillips
of this Parish
Who was unfortunately drowned
in
Torch-Ford near Beertown (sic
this line)
November 3rd 1839
Aged 24 years
Mourn not for me nor yet reflect
I was arrested for a debt
A charge by Adams fall
Tis cancelled with the Savior's
Blood
And I'm at rest with Christ in God
And crown him Lord.



Although John PHILLIPS senior went on to live for almost another ten years after his second petition, I guess he gave up when Emanuel married my great, great, grandmother Tryphena McKNIGHT a widow who was formally Miss Tryphena SIMS of Pitcombe in Somersetshire a free settler at Marsfield in Sydney in 1847.

I feel there had to be communications between the father and son although the father could not write Emanuel could. I hope his parents knew he had settled down with a wife and three children here in Australia. Emanuel died on 23 June 1884, and is buried with a granddaughter and a great granddaughter in the Old Anglican cemetery at Rookwood Section R Grave 997.



AN ENUMERATOR'S TALE OF 1851

This Imagined conversation between Meryl Catty as a London enumerator and Audrey Gillett as a Lambeth householder on the evening of 31 March 1851 was published in the Buckinghamshire Family History Society Magazine. December, 1997 p 164. The author is unknown.

As we know the task of the enumerator was to visit every household and leave a form which was to be filled in and collected after census night. All over the country a largely illiterate population was grappling with the first detailed poll of the country.

The conversation gives an insight into some of the problems that faced the enumerator.

Meryl: I've come to collect that form what I left yesterday. Have you filled it in?

Audrey: How can I have? I can't read or write.

Meryl: Well that's why I'm here to help you with it. Now then, what's your surname and your husband's name? Are you married?

Audrey: Newman (*she pronounced it as Nooman and that's how it was entered*) and he's called Joe. Of course I'm married. To Joe, stupid!

Meryl: How old is he and what work does he do and where was he born?

Audrey: Well, about 59 or 60 I think. He's a scavenger. He was born at Plumstead.

Meryl: Where's that then? Oh, never mind. I'll put it down as London. What's your name and age and what do you do and where were you born?

Audrey: I'm Sarah, about 55, and I'm a mangler born down Whitechapel way. (*It went down as a mandlar, born in Wite Chapel*)

Meryl: Who else is there in the family then?

Audrey: Well, there's Reuben (*it went down as Rooban*) then there's Elizabeth. She's 35 and was born at Peckham (*that went down as Peckum. Meryl came*

from Suffolk and didn't really understand how the Londoners' spoke) then, there's Myra Sarah Ann Clay. She's about 33 and comes from Brixton. (That foxed the enumerator for it went down as Mira with Brickstone as her birth place and sarah's son, James Sugustus Newman, born in Bermondsey, as Burmandsey.)

Meryl: Are there any more children of yours then?

Audrey: Well, there's Albert Percy and oh, yes, Ivy Evelynna (*that went down as Ivy E.*) Then there's the lodger. He's Thomas Green but I don't know where he was born (*that went down as NK*)

Meryl: Anyone else then in the house last night?

Audrey: Well, there's my old Mum, Emma.

Meryl: Why didn't you tell me before? She'll have to be included. What is her name? How old is she?

Audrey: She is 78. She died in the night. Would you like to see her?

Meryl: No, no! No need.

Marie Riley – Member 796

REMEMBER WHEN? With Marg Morters

Only recently I recalled the fact that up until 1985 there was only a level crossing at Tuggerah Railway Station.

I remember the road entry into Gosford from Sydney before the Brian McGowan Bridge was built. What about the two lane goat track up to Kariong from West Gosford, especially when caught behind a semi-trailer

Or when the F3 ran out of puff at the top of the Hawkesbury River, again when you were stuck behind a semi-trailer.



The State's first additional "climbing" lane for slow-moving vehicle was built on the Pacific Highway south of Gosford in 1954.

Where did you shop before Erina Fair or Westfield's Tuggerah opened?

Incidentally the latter is coming up for its 20th Anniversary in October 2015

Ed. I was at Tuggerah the day/night it opened Marg. My brother was working for Westfield at that time and was responsible for leasing. All I can remember was being exhausted walking from one end to the other, then finding out he and his wife were at the other end – so another long trek.

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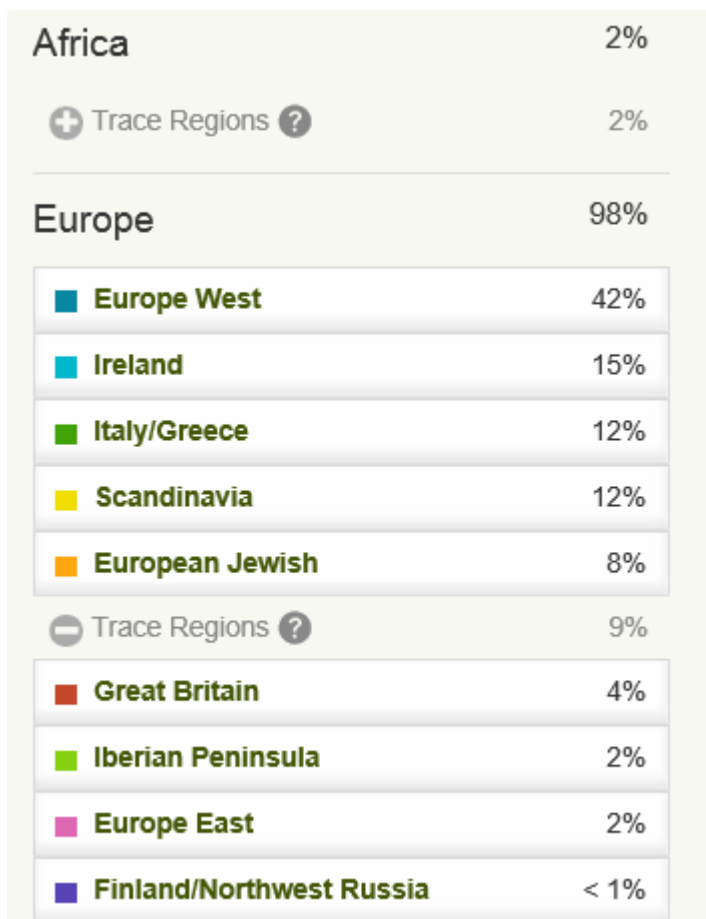


MY DNA

Watching the Sunrise show on Channel 7 one morning who should appear but our old friend, Brad Argent, promoting the new Ancestry DNA test kit.

It was then I decided to give it a go, and promptly sent for the kit and waited patiently for its arrival. When it came I carefully followed the directions and posted the kit back to Ancestry in the pre-paid envelope which was provided.

I received a message saying I should have my results in six to eight weeks. To my surprise it came back in two. Couldn't help myself, had to ring both Kay1 and Kay2 with my results straightaway. The Great Britain and Scandinavia were the ones that surprised me.



Now for David, his kit was posted back on 15th July so, fingers crossed, I will have the results by the time this edition goes online.

Wendy Condon – Member 838L

Ed. Yep mine went off today 14th July and I believe Kay 2 has her results already.



Sorry to pose this question to you, however I would like to know if you or anyone reading this article would know anything about DNA testing.

During our research we have found out a great deal about our great great Grandmother, Ellen BRADDY and are quite confident that she was the daughter of Emily

BRADDY and a convict named William MATTHEW. No evidence of her birth can be found in Tasmania where she is purported to have been born around 1845-1846.

The said Emily BRADDY finally married William MATTHEW, in 1850.

Although the BRADDY family lived in Hobart Town, Ellen was born in Launceston. The MATTHEWS moved to Victoria after the birth of their fourth child in 1855. We have found our Ellen was in Victoria in about 1862, although we think it may have been earlier. A letter was held at the Melbourne Post Office at the end of 1862 in the dead letter section and advertised in the gazette 12 January 1863. From further investigation we have found out that only letters from other parts of the colony were kept, any mail from Victoria was returned to sender.

We also found a notice in the *Argus* newspaper of Victoria in 1863, from the Missing Friends section worded, *William MATTHEWS wheelwright can hear of Ellen BRADDY, from Hobart Town. Write soon Address Post Office, Northcote.*

DNA. This is the part I have no knowledge of. Who do we have tested and which test would be appropriate. Ellen BRADDY was my great great grandmother on my mother side. She was a great grandmother to my second cousin Helen on my mother's side.

We do not know which members from either side of the BRADDY and the MATTHEWS would be the suitable candidates. If you are in the dark as much as I am, can you or anyone reading this article tell me who we should contact about this?

Maureen SCHMARR – Member 1842

SO YOU FINISHED YOUR FAMILY TREE??

Can it ever be finished? It can really pay to re check the host of resources available for family history research these days.

All my family roots and a lot of my husbands are in England. Very recently have been record digging for a sister in law in and around County Durham in the far north of England, new territory for me.

I started off by checking what <http://www.genuki.org.uk/contents/> could tell me and then checked out <http://www.cyndislist.com/cyndislistsearch/?q=Co%20Durham> to gather more basic what's out there info.

<http://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl> is always very useful

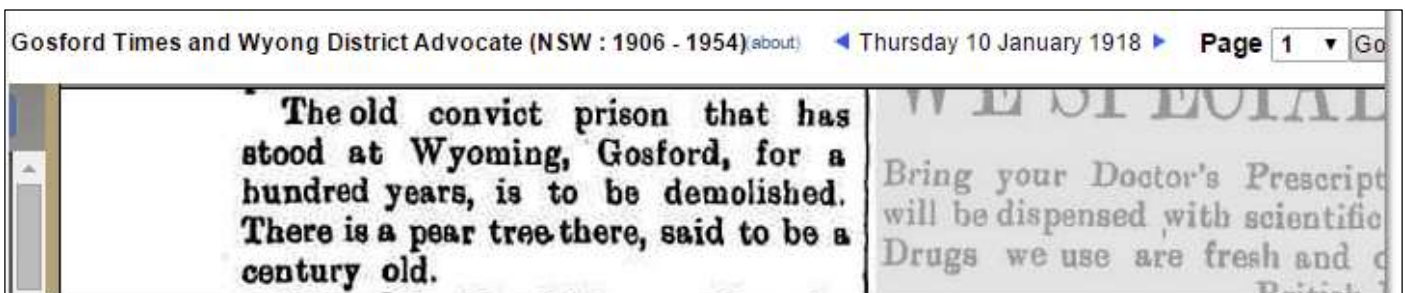
Remembered <http://www.freereg.org.uk/search/index.shtml> then got side tracked when I discovered they had done more Norfolk registers WOW!

Found the baptism of one of husband's third great grandmothers and the marriage of her parents in 1762. This info wasn't there last time I looked. Alas a particular parish in Hertfordshire is still on the 'to do' list.

I have re discovered <http://www.findagrave.com>

All the County Records offices have web sites and myriad of Family History Societies do as well. So all the above can be accessed for cost of your time
Happy hunting

Marg Morters - Member # 406



THE FAKENHAM LANGLEY'S

I started my family history research about 20 years ago when I worked in London and could easily reach the Family Records Centre, spending many an hour after work carrying the huge registers to a spare table and manually searching through. How things have changed with the 'birth' of the World Wide Web.

Amelia LANGLEY, who settled in Australia, would have been amazed at how the world has changed in 167 years! When I started tracing my family tree I discovered that the LANGLEYS, through the male side, originated in Norfolk and my journey took me to a little town called Fakenham a couple of years ago. There were several graves in the cemetery there bearing the LANGLEY name and I knew that my own 3rd great grandfather was interred there but on that visit I couldn't find the grave.

Headstone of Amelia's brother
Benjamin Langley ➤



I contacted the local council and the following year a very kind lady at the council visited the cemetery and found the grave - it had been covered in ivy, she cut it back and sent me a plan showing where it was, so I went and visited again and there I found it. It was a very strange feeling to stand at the grave where he was buried and also quite a few of my ancestors as well.

From the census returns I knew that they had resided in Swann Street and Tunn Street in Fakenham and I doubt whether they have changed very much over the last hundred and sixty years or so as the buildings are very old. Again I stood where my ancestors had resided all those years ago leading a very different life to what we do today.



When I got home I started Googling some of the names of the LANGLEY's who lived in Fakenham and discovered that my 3rd great grandfather's daughter, Amelia LANGLEY, had emigrated to Australia and some letters she had written home to her father and sister back in Norfolk were in the Norwich Archives! Amelia intrigued me - what had possessed a young single

woman, all those years ago, to emigrate to what would have been such a very different life, and leave her family behind?

So earlier this year I went on holiday again to Norfolk, not far from Norwich, and visited the archive to see the letters - they weren't very readable as Amelia had written across, both up and down and on the back of very thin paper, to write as much as she could. They could not be photocopied as they were bound and in very fragile condition, so the archives kindly allowed me to photograph them and I came home expecting to spend many months of hard work deciphering them.

Again, when I got home, I started to Google Amelia LANGLEY putting Australia in the search and could not believe it, when I came across 'e-Fluster', to discover that Lorraine GOWING had written a piece about her!!! The editor of the e-Fluster put Lorraine in touch with me and she has very kindly provided me with the deciphered letters which another descendant and relative has typed up.

Lorraine and I share Amelia's father as he is our 4th great grandfather. It was wonderful feeling to read the transcribed letters and also know that I have relatives in Australia! Although I don't have all the answers as to why Amelia left England they have made such interesting reading and given me an insight into what her life was like all those years ago both in Australia and Fakenham.

I don't expect for one minute when she wrote them she would have anticipated that her 4th generation niece would be reading them in 2015!! I wonder what Amelia would make of a journey that now only takes a day in an aeroplane and not the four months by ship that it took in her time.

The grave of Vincent William Langley
– Amelia's father and my 4th g
grandfather Queens Road, Fakenham,
Norfolk➤



Her sister Eliza was the landlady of the local pub in Fakenham, Norfolk, England – not a usual or easy role for a woman in those days particularly as she was widowed. I felt very sad that Amelia died so young without having her children named on her death certificate

and never seeing her beloved family in Fakenham again. It appears that she died alone - tragic for somebody who spent most of her life in Australia homesick for England. Whilst she loved her husband William RUTTER very much she so missed her family back in England.

When you start a journey in your family history, as my story proves, you never know where it will take you, my great grandfather William Albert LANGLEY – Amelia's nephew was in the 17th Lancers and I am sure that there is another story to uncover there. I hope that my story will also put me in touch with some more of the Australian branch from the Fakenham LANGLEY'S – it would be great to hear from you! I am very happy to share what information I have.

Judith Gentleman (nee Langley)

Ed: Judith read our April e-Muster online and was able to make contact with member Lorraine Gowing. I asked Judith to send me a story for this issue and I have pleasure in presenting it here.

MY BATTLE OF WATERLOO ANCESTOR



The 18th June 2015 saw the British Nation commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the “BATTLE OF WATERLOO.”

My 3 x great paternal Grandfather, Allen PEARSON (1795-1863), of Westham, Sussex came from a poor family background. His father, Robert PEARSON, was of Bishopstone, Sussex and died there in May 1809. He left his wife, Elizabeth, with 7 children.

A year later in 1810 “Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish (Westham) - by and with the Consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Liberty do put and place Allen PEARSON son of Elizabeth PEARSON Widow aged sixteen years - or thereabouts, a poor Child of the said Parish Apprentice to William ROSER of Eastbourne in the said County Cordwainer with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of twenty one years”. (1815).

He didn't complete the apprenticeship, for in 1813 he went off and enlisted, and was placed with the 52nd (Light Infantry) REGIMENT OF FOOT. His statement of Service states “he served with this regiment from April 1813 to December 1816 - Total Private 3 Yrs 248 days. Total Service 3 Yrs 248 Days + Waterloo - Served 2 yrs as Private. (Totals given at bottom of table amounted to 5 yrs 248 days.)”

Taken from Allen PEARSON's discharge papers, a copy of which was obtained from the PRO (Public Record Office) in London, “Private Allen PEARSON in Lieut. (-?) Wm. Chalmers Company in the Regiment aforesaid; born in the Parish of Westham in or near the Town of -----(blank) in the County of Sussex was enlisted at the age of nineteen Years: and hath served in the said Regiment for the space of Three Years and 248 Days, as well as in other Corps, after the Age of Eighteen, according to the following Statement, but in consequence of a gun shot wound Right side, received near Waterloo, 18th June, 1815, and --(?) left Leg x-----(?) is rendered unfit for further Service, and is hereby discharged, having first received all just Demands of Pay, Clothing. &c. from his entry into the said Regiment, to the Date of this Discharge (19/12/1816) as appears by the Receipt on the back hereof. And

to prevent any improper use being made of this Discharge, by its falling into other Hands, the following is a Description of the said Allen PEARSON. He is about Twenty two years of age is 5 feet 5 inches in height, d.brown hair, hazel eyes, dark complexion, by trade a Labourer.”

With his wounds, Allen was sent to the Chelsea Hospital. It is unknown if this was where he met Miss Charlotte ANSELL, or whether he knew her from his home county of Sussex, but she was to be his partner (no marriage registration ever found) and mother to their 12 children, (born between 1818-1843) of whom 2 died in infancy. Unfortunately, Charlotte PEARSON died of Cholera lasting 15 hours on the 2nd Sept 1849. (age cannot be clearly read)

Allen PEARSON died of a ruptured blood vessel in his chest on the 17 October, 1863. He was aged 68 years. An Inquest into his death was held for the Waterloo Pensioner at the “Lamb Inn” at Eastbourne, Sussex, and details appeared in the “Eastbourne Gazette.”

Robyn ARKINSTALL - Life Member 4

DID YOU KNOW? UNDERSTANDING UK PARISH REGISTERS

THE 1753 HARDWICKE ACT

Hardwicke’s Marriage Act made it compulsory for all marriages, except Jewish and Quaker, to be performed and registered by the Church of England. To add financial insult to religious injury, from 1783 to 1794 there was a stamp duty of 3d on entries (to help pay for the ill-fated war to keep America British with an exemption for the poor. This proved to be a great boost to the marriage trade in Gretna Green and other Scottish border towns (see below), and was so unpopular that it was finally repealed in 1794. It was also stipulated that marriage registers should be in a standard format, and volumes of printed forms were at last produced to make this happen. Up to then, the information recorded was usually fairly basic – baptisms, for example, give the name of the child, the date of baptism, the name of the father and sometimes, but not always, the name of the mother (the mother’s maiden name is hardly ever stated).

As for burials, that was the hardest one to avoid as there was no choice really but to be interred by the church.

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NORMAN JOHN GOWER - 1920-1984

The Young Man We Did Not Know!



I often wondered what my father was like as a youngster!

What was he interested in- sport, music etc? Dad was only 39 years of age when he suffered a stroke. I was almost 15 years of age. At that time I had not asked too many questions about his childhood. This prompted me to think more about his life as a young boy.

As the years passed I became more interested in his childhood, asking questions about what he did when he was young. The usual answer was “not much of interest”.

A little information about his childhood background will allow you to understand why I have collated a little booklet containing paper clippings from two newspapers of his local area *The Northern Star* and *Richmond River Express*.

Dad was born on 05 April 1920 in Coraki NSW and later moved to Lismore NSW, a few kilometres further up the Richmond River, where he resided all his life - firstly, with his parents and siblings-

then with his wife Berril and his 2 daughters Carol (Plonk) & Lorraine (Paddy) our pet names given to us as little children by Dad. Dad died aged 64 on 26 September 1984.

His parents were devout Baptists and the children were reared in this faith. Dad's father Chris Gower was of the Church of England faith before his marriage to Amelia (Amy) Pearson. My grandfather passionately filled roles in the Baptist church as a lay preacher, choir master, treasurer, Sunday school teacher and much more.

The Gower family was also a very musical family, particularly Dad's younger sister Noeline, who won scholarships to the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney and Vienna. As the years passed I often questioned Dad, did he play

any musical instruments, sing or do anything associated with music. His stock answer was “no bloody way, listening to Noeline practice was enough”.

Both my sister and I wanted to play the piano but Dad was adamant we were not going to learn. We often wondered why he had an immense dislike of music and for that matter the Church.

Over the years I have done a great deal of research into my forebears. Using the internet and the search tool – TROVE where newspapers are digitized and are free online, I started my search. These papers have given me the most wonderful insight into my father’s young life. Information which I was unable to get from Dad has now come to light through articles in the local newspapers.

By reading these articles, I have come to realise, my Dad was a smart young guy, obviously very good at school, sport, music and religion. I also came to the understanding, as to why he chose not to continue the music and religious teachings as an adult nor allow his children to learn the piano.

Every Sunday sometimes 3 or 4 times in the day, he was expected to be at Sunday school, Young Endeavours, Church, outdoor services and meetings, as well as entertain the congregation at these functions, most of this between the ages of nine years and nineteen years of age.

Also, the practice he was expected to do for his music seemed to engulf his young life. I will never know the real reasons for my father not telling me about his talents. However, the things I have learned about my Dad from the papers are: He was a scholar, athlete, he played the piano, violin and trumpet. He could recite poetry and sing. He was an all-round smart young boy. If only he had let us know!

I am just so glad I was able to glean parts of Dad’s young life from the newspapers. I knew there was more to my father’s boyhood than he had exposed. So RIP Norman, as I feel many of my questions have now been answered long after your passing 31 years ago.

I am so proud of your achievements, you had TALENT!!!!!! Compiled by your daughter Carol Narelle (Plonk) 2015

Carol Evans - Member 1449

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I am sure that during their life time most people have pondered over the origin of their surname. My own maiden name was JOHNSTON and it presented no problem. The name is usually regarded as meaning “son of John” or for those with a Scottish heritage such as I have, it could possibly mean “John of the ton” (town).

My mother’s maiden name was BROMHEAD and this gave me much to think about. There are, as there are so often with surnames, a great many variations in the spelling. The above spelling is the one my family has used over many centuries. The key to this family puzzle can often be found in the name of their dwelling place. Mr Bert BROMHEAD of Derbyshire presents a very plausible explanation as to the origins of the name BROMHEAD.

Bert BROMHEAD’s search led him to an area known as Broomhead Moor in the south west corner of Yorkshire, an area once known as Hallimshire. There in the records he was able to locate an ancient document which related to a land grant to John del BRUEMHEUED, and on the seal of the document there was embossed a sprig of broom. This discovery led Bert BROMHEAD to surmise that the name is derived from the nickname given to the followers of the Plantagenet Kings who were known to wear a sprig of the “Plant Genista” (broom) in their helmets.

A less romantic theory is that the name has its origins in an occupation that was given to the makers of besoms (brooms) as they used the broom plant in their trade.

When mulling over this puzzle I smiled to myself as I remembered how, in my childhood when I had a crop of unruly hair I would be told to go and brush it as *“it looks like birch broom in a fit.”*... A real broom head indeed!

Lindsay Watts – Member 69



DID YOU KNOW? UNDERSTANDING UK PARISH REGISTERS

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DADE REGISTERS

At this point, two well-meaning men of the cloth – DADE and BARRINGTON, decided to sort things out.

The Rev. William DADE was a Yorkshire clergyman who saw the value of recording as much information as possible in parish register entries. He even referred to 'the researches of prosperity'. In 1777 Dade persuaded Archbishop William MARKHAM to introduce this format in his Archdiocese of York. The baptism entries, known as 'Dade registers', include the child's name, date of birth and baptism, position in the family (e.g. first daughter, third son), the father's name and profession, place of residence and – of great use to future genealogist – details such as names, occupations and residences of the father's and mother's parents. Burial records may have the age of the deceased, occupation, cause of death, names of parents and the name of a married woman's husband. Anyone who finds a Dade register will wonder why they aren't all like that.

The bad news is that the majority of Dade registers are for Yorkshire, and there are none for Welsh parishes, but they do exist for some places in Lancashire and Cheshire, where many Welsh turned up, as well as Nottinghamshire and (very rarely) in Devon, Essex and Surrey. (For further reading see www.pontefractfhs.org.uk/Dade_registers.htm for a list).

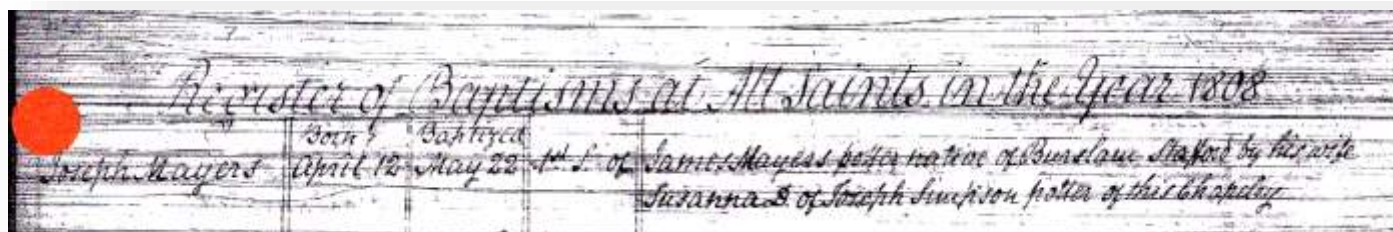
The term 'Dade Register' has come to be used for any record that has more detail than might be expected, although, to be frank, the Dade System was not uniformly applied even in the York Archdiocese. As usual, a number of vicars, especially in larger towns, found it too much like hard work, so it didn't last long – the system was as good as gone by 1812 (see the Rose Act, below). The vicars may have had a point, as they still had to produce bishops' transcripts, regarded by many as a duplication of effort. When the archbishop failed to impose any penalty on clergy who wouldn't comply, the death knell for Dade's scheme was sounded.

However, here is an example of the information to be found in a Dade register (a baptism in the parish of Thorganby, Yorkshire) *Ed. The parish in which my Giles family originated.*

Name: Joseph ALLISON
 Gender: Male
 Birth Date: 29 May 1796
 Christening Date: 12 Jun 1796
 Christening Place: Thorganby, Yorkshire, England
 Age at Christening: 0
 Father's Name: William ALLISON
 Mother's Name: Mary
 Paternal Grandfather's Name: John ALLISON
 Paternal Grandmother's Name: Mary
 Maternal Grandfather's Name: Robert Johnson
 Maternal Grandmother's Name: Frances

BARRINGTON registers

Around the same time (actually, from 1783 or so) the Rev. Shute BARRINGTON, then Bishop of Salisbury, put in place a similar, if less unwieldy, system to Dade's, and imposed it on Northumberland and Durham, when he became Bishop of Durham in 1797-98. Shute was a keen amateur genealogist, and it shows in the detail in the registers he inspired.



Reads: Joseph was the 1st son, of James Mayers potter native of Burslem, Staffordshire by his wife Susanna daughter of Joseph Simpson potter of this Chapelry.

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In December issue read about the final part - **The 1812 Rose Act**



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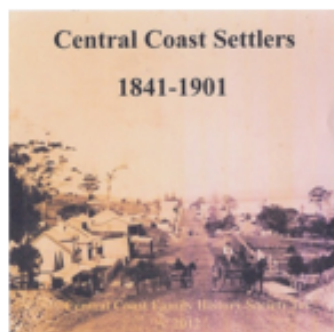
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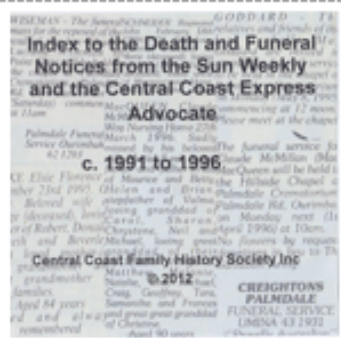
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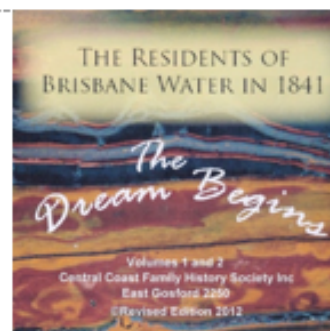
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