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President's Report...

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2013.

It only seems a short while ago that I was typing that sentence last year. I don't know about you, but I feel that 2013 has disappeared at a very fast rate. I do hope that as the year has sped past you have still been able to find some time to do a little family history research.

At our September meeting three of our members (Ern, Faye and Marion) spoke about their families and how they went about researching their particular family members. It was an interesting evening and we thank Ern, Faye and Marion for sharing their research.

Margaret and Alison organised a very interesting 'workshop' night for the meeting in October with Alison showing members how to access the Tasmanian images online and the photo duplication service available through the Family Search website. Margaret showed members the Rootsworld World Connect project.

The guest speaker at the November meeting was local lawyer, Colin McKenzie-McHarg who spoke on the areas of intestacy and insolvency.

His talk helped to explain the processes involved when someone dies without leaving a

will. It was a timely reminder to check and update current wills.

We conclude the year with our dinner in December and guest speaker, Alan Riseley, who will speak about the Riseley family.

Our Market Day effort at the local IGA store earlier in the year resulted in the society receiving a cheque for \$420. The committee has decided to book another day in April 2014 and details will be provided when a date has been confirmed.

Margaret and Helen are working on the program for 2014. They are always keen to receive suggestions of speakers or topics of interest from members. So please, keep the suggestions coming.

Our first get-together in 2014, on Thursday 13th February, will be the customary BBQ and our hosts will be Geoff and Judy Robb.

The newsletter committee of Rosemary, Ken and David are always keen to receive contributions from members.

Your committee meets on the first Friday of each month (except January) at 1.30 p.m. in our rooms. Any member of the society is welcome to attend these meetings. Wishing you all the hope and joy of Christmas and a peaceful and safe year ahead.

Rosemary Abbey.

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MEMBERSHIP

The **YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE** (due at the Annual General Meeting in August) is:
SINGLE - \$30. COUPLE - \$40. STUDENT - \$10
and includes four newsletters.
The **JOINING FEE** for new members (other than students) is **\$10**.

Meetings held in the months of February to May and September to December will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Historical Society Rooms, McCartin Street, Leongatha.
Meetings held in the winter months of June, July and August will generally be held on the second Saturday of the month (unless otherwise notified) at 1.30pm in the Historical Society Rooms.

The rooms are open for research every Thursday and Friday between 12 noon and 4pm

The cost of self- or assisted research for non-members is **\$5 per visit**. If you join within a fortnight of the visit, the \$5 will be deducted from your membership fee.
Help from our Research Officers is available at **\$10 per query** plus stamped addressed envelope. Send your query to Post Office Box 395, Leongatha, Victoria. 3953.

COPY DEADLINES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

February meeting for the March newsletter
May meeting for the June newsletter
August meeting for the September newsletter
October 31 for the December newsletter.

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CHRISTMAS



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The History Detective - Free Newsletter

This is an interesting little newsletter written by Carol Baxter about books, blogs, seminars etc. Register for free at: <http://www.carolbaxter.com/>

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SGGS PROGRAM FOR 2013/14

Thurs. November 14, 7.30pm: Speaker: Colin McKenzie-McHarg. Intestacy and Insolvency.
Wed. December 11, 6.30pm: Christmas dinner at Bair's Hotel. Speaker: Alan Riseley.
Thurs. February 13, 2014, 6.30pm: Barbecue at the home of Geoff and Judy Robb, 1 Vale Court, Leongatha. (Vale Court is the extension of Laura Grove, which is off Macdonald Street.) Bring everything for yourself, plus a small salad and dessert to share.

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Reminder!

Research Enquiries

The South Gippsland Genealogical Society offers a Research Service for people unable to visit our room. However, please note that we are only able to research our own holdings and those of the local municipal library. The fee for this service is \$10 per hour.

Please mail your research queries, together with a stamped, addressed envelope, to the society's Research Officer.

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Recent Library Acquisitions



- MyHeritage – Family Tree builder CD
- Tattersall, David: *A Short History of Letterpress Printing to 1950 and South Gippsland Newspapers.*
- Rate books 1933 West and Mirboo Ridings
- Leongatha Petty Court Sessions – 1892-1894
- Rees, Margaret: A book on the history of Bena.
- Bourke, New South Wales (donated)

Current Research -Perhaps you can help . . .

Cashin family.
David Passmore Edwards 1890's in the Meeniyah district in early 1900's.
Boag.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Many thanks to members who have contributed articles to this edition of our newsletter. Please keep them coming - you never know who else is out there reading the newsletter who may find they can be of assistance to you in your research.

Contributions may be typed, handwritten, saved on a memory stick or CD and left at the society's room, or mailed to:

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Please make note of the deadlines for the coming editions of the newsletter.

David Tattersall.

CALENDAR CONFUSION

In 45 BC, Julius Caesar implemented what became known as the Julian calendar, the system of date-keeping used thereafter in Judeo-Christian countries (and others).

Without computers, his astronomers managed the extraordinary achievement of devising a civil calendar that diverged from the solar calendar by only eleven minutes per year.

Unfortunately, by 1582, the compounding effect of that divergence meant that the civil and solar calendars differed by eight days. In that year, Pope Gregory XIII decreed that the Gregorian calendar should replace the Julian calendar, with "leap year" rules to help keep the calendars in alignment.

Protestant England, however, refused to follow such a decree. As a consequence, in 1752, when England at last took action, the civil and solar calendars deviated by 11 days. The authorities decided to delete 11 days from a single year to bring the two calendars into alignment.

Accordingly, 2 September 1752 was followed by 14 September 1752. This meant that the year 1752 wasn't the normal 365 days, but only 354 days.

Imagine the community's reaction: the masses were outraged because they thought they were losing 11 days from their lives. Imagine trying to make such a change today.

Family historians need to think about the impact on their ancestors' lives. One such family historian found this had directly impacted upon her mother's life.

No, her mother was not born before 1752. She was born in the USSR prior to 1918, the year Russia changed to the Gregorian calendar. In old age, her mother ended up in a nursing home suffering from dementia. She told the staff that she had two birthdays – and they, naturally, thought this was the dementia speaking. But it wasn't she truly did have two days on which she could celebrate her birth.

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Really Useful Little Leaflet

This leaflet, available from Australian Federation Family History Organisations (AFFHO), has combined with Federation Family History Societies UK (FFHS) to provide a Really Useful Little Leaflet. Lots of hints and websites and available to download at <http://tinyurl.com/kyhfptd>

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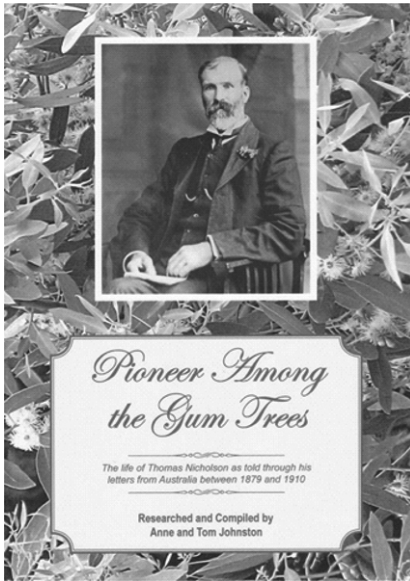
Have you Traced Your Ancestral Lines Back to Adam?

This interesting article clears up some popular misconceptions about genealogy: <http://www.lds.org/ldsorg/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=2354fccf2b7db010VgnVCM1000004d82620aRCRD&sourceId=e50a05481ae6b010VgnVCM1000004d82620a>

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Pioneer Among The Gumtrees

Contributed by Alison Marshall



Among our recent acquisitions to the library is a book "Pioneer Among the Gum Trees", compiled by Anne and Tom Johnston.

It is a collection of sixty letters written by Mr Thomas Nicholson, who travelled from his home town of Drumawhey in County Down in 1879 and settled in the Arawata/Korumburra district of South Gippsland after some droving in New South Wales and Victoria.

The letters, which were lovingly kept by his family 'back home', tell of his journey to Australia, life on the land in general, and his struggle of overcome the forest of South Gippsland. Overall, Thomas was most satisfied with his decision to immigrate and encouraged others to do the same. Some took up the opportunity and there are a few letters from them also.

It is a fascinating story of adventure, courage, joy and sadness, and much hard work. The letters do most of talking in this book with the compilers adding short notes to place the letters in time and context. The work is peppered with family photos for added interest.

Anne and Tom Johnston are to be congratulated for compiling such an interesting and easy to read work.

More Reading Material for Christmas

The Norfolk Plains

Nic Haygarth

In 1813 the convict settlement on Norfolk Island closed and 65 settlers were moved to Van Diemen's Land and settled in an area near the South Esk River on what became known as Norfolk Plains. Dr Haygarth has traced the development of the area from those early days to the present. His commentary is accompanied by a fascinating collection of photographs, art works and maps.

The work is sourced in great detail and indexed. Northern Midlands Council, 2013. hard cover, 243 pp Review courtesy of Pam Masel of QFHS.

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Chinese Anzacs

*Australians of Chinese descent in the
Defence Forces 1885-1919*

Alastair Kennedy

Alastair Kennedy has brought together three personal attributes - an interest in military history, training as an historian and a linguistic ability in Mandarin- to produce Chinese Anzacs.

This work traces Australians of Chinese descent who have served in our defence forces from 1885 to 1919. Almost 200 persons have been identified and they have been located within the social context of the times.

There are fascinating mini biographies and 50 illustrations. The work is well sourced and indexed.

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SCOTTISH TO-NAMES

In the close-knit fishing communities of the north-east coast of Scotland there are not many different surnames, consequently the name of the fishing boat is tacked onto the surname and becomes an accepted part of the family's name. This is known as a to-name or t-name. Even in the index to births, marriages and deaths well after 1855, this practice is to be found.

An entry, for example, "Bain, David, Mackenzie" is also indexed as Mackenzie, Bain, David. [Mackenzie is the name of the boat.] This usage was to distinguish which David Bain was meant. Female members of the family are also indexed under both the name of the family, and the name of the boat.

Source: Cory, K.B., Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry, 3rd Ed., Polygon, Edinburgh, 2004. Available from the local library system, call no. 929 107 204 11 CO

Queensland Historical BDM Records are now Online

You can now search indexes for Queensland historical birth, death and marriage records from your computer. If you find an entry in the index that you wish to view, you can download (for a fee) an image of the original register (if available). You also can order printed copies to be sent to you by post.

Records available are: Births 1829-1914; deaths 1829-1983; and marriages 1829-1938.

You can learn more at:

<https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/BirIndexQry.m>
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WORLD'S OLDEST CLIPPER SHIP TRANSPORTED TO AUSTRALIA



The City of Adelaide, from a handcoloured lithograph by Thomas Dalton in 1864.

Final plans are being made to transport the world's oldest clipper ship to Australia from a yard in Ayrshire. The City of Adelaide, which was built in 1864, had been salvaged to the Scottish Maritime Museum at Irvine after sinking in the Clyde. However the museum could not afford to refurbish the vessel and had applied to demolish it. The Scottish government accepted a recommendation that the ship should be relocated to South Australia. Its journey began in early September.

The City of Adelaide, was one of the fastest and most luxurious clippers sailing the seas, carrying emigrants and other passengers to South Australia and taking goods back to Scotland.

A 100-tonne steel cradle will be constructed from prefabricated sections to allow the ship to be moved.

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Editor's note: Built in Sunderland, UK, *The City of Adelaide* was commissioned into the Royal Navy as *HMS Carrick* between 1923 and 1948. After decommissioning, it was known as *Carrick* until 2001. The ship's name reverted to *The City of Adelaide* in 2001.

Search Historical Newspaper Archives with Elephind.com

Elephind is a free resource for anyone who wishes to search old newspapers. The purpose of elephind.com is to make it possible to search all of the world's digital newspapers from one place and at one time. The database does not yet contain all of the world's newspapers but it does have a lot. Elephind.com allows you to simultaneously search across thousands of articles using key words and phrases.

Elephind presently contains over one million individual newspapers with a total of 1,141 titles. Elephind.com focuses only on historical, digitised newspapers. By clicking on the Elephind.com search result that interests you, you'll go directly to the newspaper collection which hosts that story. You can find Elephind at: <http://www.elephind.com>

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THE ETHICAL GENEALOGIST

The following guidelines have been developed by the United States National Genealogical Society.

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently:

- Record the source for each item of information they collect.
- Test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.
- Seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- Use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records, or as contributions to the critical analysis of the evidence discussed in them.
- State something as fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- Limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- Avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- State carefully and honestly the results of their own research and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
- Recognise the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories and by welcoming critical comment.
- Consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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*Man is a history-making creature who can
neither repeat his past nor leave it behind.*

- W. H. Auden, 1963.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY

- Online Resources - Part 5 -

(Due to the large number of online sites available, the list has been divided into five parts.

Part 1 was published in our December 2012 Newsletter, Part 2 in March 2013, Part 3 in June 2013 and Part 4 in September 2013.)

The interest in Australian military history and research continues to grow at an astonishing rate, and with it comes the many resources which are available online. There are many small, but useful and fascinating military websites.

This list is not comprehensive but it will give a variety of links which may be useful when researching an Australian who was in the military.

ANZACs Online

<http://www.facebook.com/anzacsonline>

ANZACs Online is an online military museum which displays photographs, diaries and letters, relating to the many Australians who served in the Australian Imperial Force during World War I. This is a non-profit website with a mission to commemorate the service of every Australian who served during World War I.

We Will Remember Them

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/We-Will-Remember-Them/168554686559011>

A community project initiated by Wedderburn Korong Vale RSL to commemorate the centenary of World War One, by researching our WW1 service women, men and families. Over the next three years our objective will be to discover, record and catalogue photos, war diaries, postcards, letters to and from home, local newspaper articles, memorabilia and family stories connected to our local AIF service men and women.

Australian War Graves Photographic Archive

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Australian-War-Graves-Photographic-Archive/115372195220461>

The Australian War Graves Photographic Archive was begun in 2000, and is committed to procuring a digitally photograph of every Australian War Grave and Memorial Commemoration worldwide. 'Like' them on Facebook to keep up with the latest news.

The Lost Diggers

<http://www.facebook.com/lostdiggers>

A historic trove of WWI photos lost in a French barn for nearly 100 years. Now Channel 7's Sunday Night program has tracked down the cache of 3000 glass plate photographic negatives - featuring Australia's first Diggers on history's bloodiest battlefield, the Western Front. Together, we need your help in putting names to the faces of the lost diggers. Do you recognise anyone in these photos?

WWI Lost Boys

<http://www.facebook.com/WW1lostboys>

This Facebook page is a place to find or share photos of Aussie World War 1 ancestors. Feel free to share your photos of military ancestors: memorials, parades, honour rolls in old town halls, letters to and from diggers, war diaries, WWI HMAT ships, photos taken by Diggers, Avenues of Honour etc.

Census of the Canadian Northwest Provinces, 1906 Database

The Library and Archives Canada (LAC) Blog at: <http://thediscoverblog.com/tag/census/> has announced the release of a new version of the Census of the Northwest Provinces, 1906 database. In 1906, the Canadian government called for a special census of the Prairie Provinces (Manitoba, and the two newly created provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta) in order to track the high rates of population growth in Western Canada. Previously, users could search only by geographical information such as province, district and sub-district. It is now possible to also search by nominal information such as name, given name(s) and age for an individual.

The new Census of the Northwest Provinces, 1906 database is available at:

www.baclac.gc.ca/eng/census/1906/Pages/1906.aspx

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Regimental Books

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/regimentalbooks>

Regimental Books is an Australia's Military Book and Unit History specialist. More than just a bookseller, they can also help you discover Australia's captivating military past with ideas for research, help with medal identification and mounting.

Frontline Australia 1942

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Frontline-Australia/192430944116445?sk=wall>

Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin Australia on 19th February 1942. Frontline Australia is the official brand name for the 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin.

Farewell to NewFamilySearch and Welcome Family Tree

Amy Tanner Thiriot has written an in-depth guide describing recent changes made to FamilySearch.org.

She writes: The Church genealogical database NewFamilySearch (NFS) has been frustrating for so many people, particularly those who do actual genealogical research and care about accuracy. NFS allowed people with no particular skill to upload sketchy aggregated online family trees (usually culled from Ancestral File, Ancestry, and RootsWeb) and have their data look as valid as the correct information.

Family Search recently released a replacement for NFS. It is called Family Tree.

You can read the remainder of Amy Tanner Thiriot's article at: <http://bit.ly/13jkAgy>

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FIFTEEN MINUTES OF SPORTING GLORY

This article was written by a Leongatha woman who married and moved to Queensland and still has family and friends in South Gippsland. It was included in a newsletter which arrived at SGGs earlier this year. The writer, Laraine Mahoney (nee Emery) has given us permission to publish it in our newsletter. Thank you Laraine. I'm sure it will bring back memories to some of our readers.

I have a dismal record when it comes to sporting activities. Through the decades of my life – beginning with foot races at Sunday School picnics, to school athletics and team games and later playing in adult sports – I have learned that I am too slow, too short, too weak, too late to get to the ball and lacking in those qualities of competitiveness required for sporting success. But there is one lone occasion in which I made the record books, all but forgotten, except for some vague memories of mine.

I did enjoy swimming. Fortunately for me, Mr Allan, principal of the one-teacher primary school I attended at Leongatha South, took advantage of “The Herald Learn to Swim Campaign”. Sir Frank Beaurepaire, a champion swimmer himself, had helped found the highly successful organisation in 1929, its aim being to teach every Victorian school pupil to swim. My little country school had access to a private swimming pool in the grounds of a resort known as Pine Lodge, in the seaside village of Inverloch, about ten miles away.

Private cars transported us to Inverloch for a series of swimming lessons early in the school year of 1956. They took pace in a salt-water pool filled by pumping sea water from Andersons Inlet. The water didn't look inviting. I remember a dark green colour with slime growing around the edge of the pool. Without complaining, we dropped into the cold water at the shallow end and learnt to swim.

The instructor taught very effectively and in a short time he had many of us swimming freestyle. My tattered and faded blue Herald certificate states that I could swim “at least 25 yards”. I have memories of being taught to tread water and float; plunging head first off the side of the pool was our first effort in diving. Over the next few years, I spent many hours at the same pool during the summer holidays while staying with my grandparents at Inverloch. My diving skills improved and I became a confident swimmer. But in my teens my family lived in Leongatha; with no public pool there was limited opportunity to practise these skills. Swimming became a splashing in the waves off the beach on the occasional hot summer's day my parents drove to Inverloch. Yet, I never entirely forgot those professional swimming lessons.

The township of Leongatha finally acquired its sparkling, fresh water, azure blue swimming pool. It was completed in 1962 while I was in form five at Leongatha High School. When the first school swimming carnival was held that same year and nominations were called for various events, I happened to be the only contender in Molloy House who thought she might be able to swim 100 yards – the distance for the freestyle open event for girls. I was it.

I vaguely recall lining up for the start of the race with a friend Lorraine, on my right, representing Eccles House. I cannot remember who competed from the other two

houses, McIndoe and Mesley. The starting gun went off, we dived in at the shallow end of the 25 yards pool and the race was on. The first leg seemed to go well enough. With no practice run or coaching prior to the event, I was lucky not to exhaust myself early in the race. My breathing preference was three strokes to one breath, so every alternate breath I could catch a glimpse of Lorraine. After a time I lost sight of my friend and had no idea how she or the other competitors were faring. I began to tire.

Then I grew very tired. It became a struggle to lift each arm above the water. I couldn't maintain a rhythm to my kick. I had the sensation of going up and down in the water instead of moving through the water. I clearly remember the silence when my head was under water, then a roar in my ear as my head surfaced after three strokes. Was that the crowd cheering? Had my opponents already finished? Was this to be yet another failure in my disappointing personal sporting history?

I managed to complete the four laps of the pool. Goodness knows how long it took! It had been a lonely and seemingly long period of time so I mentally prepared myself for the race results. But amazingly my time didn't matter, the other competitors dropped out due to exhaustion along the way. I was the winner. And I had created a record for the girls' 100 yards swimming event.

Needless to say, the Leongatha public swimming pool was extremely well patronised during the summer holidays and a swimming club sprang up for keen competitors. In my sixth and final year at Leongatha High School, other students better qualified than me entered the main swimming events and trained for the carnival. Of course, I was well aware that my record was broken – smashed most likely. But the fact is, no one can take away my record, my fifteen minutes of swimming glory, or however long it took.

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Centenary of the First World War

2014 will mark 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War, and there will no doubt be a proliferation of websites springing up during the year dedicated to marking this centenary. Some useful sites that already exist are listed below.

The Australian Light Horse Association

The site is dedicated to the Australian Light Horse Regiments, and the Light Horsemen who served their country in both war and peace, and contains both historical and current information on famous regiments and famous battles, as well as information on ordinary soldiers and commanders, existing Military Units, current Re-enactment Troops, and Light Horse Museums. <http://www.lighthorse.org.au/>

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World War I Soldier Wills Now Online

The last wishes, thoughts and concerns of more than 230,000 soldiers who died on the front line during World War I are to be made available online. Final handwritten wills were kept by troops in their pocket service books and tucked into their uniforms.

Now, those original paper records that survived are preserved in 1,300 boxes inside a temperature-controlled warehouse in Birmingham, England. The wills, which are owned by Her Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service, are being digitised in time for next year's centenary of WWI. You can read more in an article at: <http://tinyurl.com/out785y>. Try searching for a will at: <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/>

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Australian WW1 Records Finder

Search for people across the Australian War Memorial, National Archives Australia and Commonwealth War Graves Commission databases with one easy click.

Go to: <http://wraggelabs.com/ww1-records/>

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Pension Record Cards for World War 1 British Soldiers

The 6.5 million cards, formerly held by the Ministry of Defence, were saved from destruction by the Western Front Association. They contain biographical data, details of the recipient's injuries (or death) and the names and birth dates for eligible dependent-payees.

Go to: <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b727059489ecdacccf6340260&id=eac21e0db4&e=6faecadd26> for details of the agreement.

A Look-up Request is available at: <http://www.westernfrontassociation.com/great-war-current-news/pension-records.html> - Payment of a fee is required.

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Pictorial Honour Roll of Australians who served in First World War

All states are included, but mostly South Australia. <http://www.gravesecrets.net/wwi-pictorial-honour-rolls.html>

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The Spirits of Gallipoli

This project hopes to provide details of available information on the men of the Australian Imperial Force who are either buried or commemorated at Gallipoli. It will provide details of sources, including reference books, newspapers and general sources where photos and information on the men can be found.

Take a look at: <http://www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com/index.htm>

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Findmypast.com.au releases new Military Records ahead of WWI Centenary

In the lead-up to the Centenary of the First World War next year, findmypast.com.au has announced that it has published its holdings of Royal Naval Division Service Records from 1914 to 1920. The records cover more than 50,000 officers and servicemen who joined the Royal Naval Division or went through the initial training program in London. For further information about the records, go to: <http://bit.ly/17CwtPj> Available via subscription.

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Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918

The Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 website has now gone live. Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 is the official site for information on how Wales will mark the centenary of the First World War in Wales.

It provides a focal point for information on the latest news, projects, events and signposting services for the programme of commemoration which will take place in Wales from 2014 to 2018.

Go to: <http://www.walesremembers.org/>

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Royal Navy Ratings' Service Records 1853-1923

Over 600,000 Royal Navy service records available for ratings who joined the service between 1853 and 1923. Some of the records cover periods of service up to 1928.

Available free of charge from: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/royal-naval-seamen.htm>

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2013 IRELAND'S FAMILY HISTORY YEAR

Tourism Ireland announced late last year that 2013 was to be Ireland's "Family History Year" in a bid to encourage people around the world to find out more about their Irish ancestry. Hundreds of clan gatherings, as well as genealogy and local history events, have been held during the year all over Ireland this year, as part of The Gathering Ireland 2013. On the next two pages we have listed a number of valuable websites for people conducting research into their Irish ancestry.

Online Database of Limerick Graveyard to Go Live

An online, searchable database of more than 70,000 people buried in Mount St Laurence in Limerick, Ireland, has recently been launched. The database records details of thousands of people buried between 1855 and 2008. The records include the name, age, address and in many cases, the cause of death of those buried in the cemetery. Details about the database at: <http://tinyurl.com/lf37kwm> You can find the database at: <http://tinyurl.com/k3fcpp4>

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Ireland's Registry of Deeds Indexing Project

The Registry of Deeds Index Project has reached another milestone with its index now totalling 120,000 records. The online database is fully searchable and free. The names indexed come from nearly 15,000 memorials of deeds.

The project is still only scratching the surface of the task of producing a complete online index to the Registry of Deeds. There are millions of names mentioned in memorials. Anyone can contribute to the project by sending the webmaster spreadsheets or text documents, or by using the following web form <http://tinyurl.com/lnellxk>. The index can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/lnellxk>

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Pre-Civil Registration of Irish Marriages Database

This database is a good source for pre-civil registration marriages in Ireland and it is comprised of information from a variety of non-traditional sources such as chancery bills, diaries, deeds, marriage settlements, memorial inscriptions, wills, family letter and newspapers. Each record provides the exact source of the information. Access is free at: <http://tinyurl.com/lnellxk>

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Wexford County Archives, Ireland, Minute Books

Wexford County Archives has created a new website that has plans to put online a variety of genealogical records. Already, the minute books from 1899 to 1959 have been put online. These are minutes of the Wexford County Council.

Access is free at: <http://wexfordcountyarchive.com/>

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GRO Irish BMD Indexes to go Online

The Irish government has announced that indexes to birth, death and marriage records - dating from 1845 - are soon to be made available through its genealogy portal www.irishgenealogy.ie You can read more about the story here: <http://www.cigo.ie/news.html>

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Irish Court of Petty Sessions Registers

These are records of petty crimes in Ireland. The new additions include a further 2.5 million court records that span the years from 1828 to 1912. Many of the new records come from Galway, Roscommon, Westmeath and Limerick, with major further additions from Donegal, Waterford, Tipperary, Cork, Carlow and Kilkenny. With the most recent additions, this brings the total size of the collection to some 15 million records and spans the years from 1842 to 1913. Available via subscription at: <http://www.findmypast.ie/>.

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Ireland Calendar of Wills and Administrations Collection

FamilySearch has recently added 544,966 index records and images from the new Ireland, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920, collection. You can search these and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1921305>

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RootsIreland Adds 14 County Armagh Census Substitutes

The Irish Family History Foundation's Online Research Service (ORS) are pleased to announce the availability of 41,090 new Census Substitute records from Armagh Ancestry for Co. Armagh.

Quite often the only realistic strategy in tracing ancestors beyond church registers is to examine surviving census returns and census substitutes, often compiled by civil parish, for any references to a surname or given name of interest.

This database contains an index to people recorded in fourteen such sources, dating from 1611 to 1855. These sources usually only name heads of household; each source returns the name of head of household, year, civil parish address, and, in most cases, townland (or street/town) address. Available via subscription at: <http://armagh.rootsireland.ie/>

For full details of the records, see: <http://bit.ly/Z0KDIR>

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IRELAND'S DOWN SURVEY MAPS NOW ONLINE

After a long and bloody war that lasted from 1641 to 1653, the English parliament passed the Act of Settlement, which specified who exactly would forfeit land in Ireland to the victorious English Army.

The list included those who had taken part in or supported the initial rebellion in 1641-2, as well as anybody guilty of murdering civilians during the entire course of the conflict. The act also targeted prominent Catholic and royalist leaders, alongside Catholic clergy accused of inciting the rebels.

The Down Survey, was taken from 1656 to 1658. Using the Civil Survey as a guide, teams of surveyors, mainly former soldiers, were sent out under Petty's direction to measure every townland to be forfeited to soldiers and adventurers. The resulting maps, made at a scale of 40 perches to one inch, were the first systematic mapping of a large area on such a scale attempted anywhere.

The primary purpose of these maps was to record the boundaries of each townland and to calculate their areas with great precision. The maps are also rich in other detail showing churches, roads, rivers, castles, houses and fortifications. Most towns are represented pictorially and the cartouches, the decorative titles, of each map in many cases reflect a specific characteristic of each barony. A more detailed history is available at: <http://downsurvey.tcd.ie/history.html> the maps can be searched at: <http://tinyurl.com/lxhm9sn>

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County Monaghan Genealogical Sources Available Online

Rootsireland.ie has announced the availability of new Monaghan birth, marriage and death records. Search is free but copies of records have a fee. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/1wrthy5>

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Galway County Digital Archives

Galway County is formally launching its online digital archive. Although small at the moment, the collection is expected to grow larger in the future. Already, some burial records and Poor Law Union records have gone online. The archive appears to be focussing on putting the most requested collections online first. Access is free at: <http://tinyurl.com/nqqdr5c>

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Irish Research - A Site for People Starting Their Irish Research

There are lots of helpful ideas available at this free online search facility.

Have fun at: <http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

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Public Record Office of Northern Ireland's Online Street Directories

A revamped digital street directory database is now available for family historians at: <http://bit.ly/15VwY7N>

Researchers can use this free online facility to search a large number of directories for many towns in Ulster for the period 1819 to 1900 including the New Directory of 1839 and new important 19th Century genealogical and local history resource.

You can read more about the Directories in an article at: <http://bit.ly/Wr6ee1>

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The Church of Ireland 1913 Gazette

The Church of Ireland Gazette essentially served as the weekly newspaper for the church. It lists specific names, places and events that occurred in 1913. The gazette can be searched by keyword or phrase and access is free. Go to: <http://ireland.anglican.org/about/128>

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New Irish GRO Research Room Now Open

The General Register Office (GRO) of Ireland's search room in Dublin recently moved to a new facility at Werburgh Street, Dublin 2. The Research facility is open Monday to Friday, (excluding public holidays) from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of searching indexes to birth, death and marriage records and for obtaining photocopies of records identified from the indexes.

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Irish Lives Remembered

This is a free digital monthly magazine dedicated to helping you trace your Irish ancestors. Register your email address at: <http://www.irishlivesremembered.com/>

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The Irish Genealogy Advisory Service

The Genealogy Advisory Service of the National Library of Ireland has recently expanded its services. Find out more about the Genealogy Advisory Service in the National Library of Ireland at: <http://www.nli.ie/en/family-history-introduction.aspx>.

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What Can You Find in Irish Newspapers?

Take a look! The Belfast Morning News (1850 – 1882), The Belfast Newsletter, The Cork Examiner (1841 – 1926) and The Sligo Champion are now available online at Findmypast. Available by subscription.

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19th Century Beauty Tips

It is amazing how hard great-grandmother worked at being beautiful. When Barkham Burroughs wrote his "Encyclopaedia of Astounding Facts and Useful Information" in 1889, he devoted a full chapter to the 'secrets of beauty'. Here are some excerpts:

- Bathe often: At least once a week, but if possible, a lady should "take a plunge or sponge bath three times a week".

- Don't wash your hair: Water is "injurious" to the hair. Instead, wipe "the dust of the previous day" away on a towel. You can also brush your hair during any long, idle breaks in the day. Thirty minutes is a good hair-brushing session.

- And never, ever wash your face: Simply rub the skin with "an ointment of glycerine" and "dry with a chamois-skin or cotton flannel". One "beautiful lady" is admired who had "not washed her face for three years, yet it is always clean, rosy, sweet and kissable".

You can read more 1889 beauty hints at: <http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/140115>

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...and some other advice-

Some other advice on feminine beauty comes from Madame Lola Montez in her book "The Arts of Beauty" published in 1858.

In her chapter entitled "A Beautiful Face", she writes: "If it be true 'that the face is the index of the mind', the recipe for a beautiful face must be something that reaches the soul. What can be done for a human face that has a sluggish, sullen, arrogant, angry mind looking out of every feature? An habitually ill-natured, discontented mind ploughs the face with inevitable marks of its own vice. If a woman's soul is without cultivation, without taste, without refinement, without the sweetness of a happy mind, not all the mysteries of art can make her face beautiful."

In the following chapter Madame Montez gives a hint for improving one's complexion:

"A stomach frequently crowded with greasy food, or with artificial stimulants of any kind, will in a short time spoil the brightest complexion. All excesses tend to do the same thing. Frequent ablution with pure cold water, followed by gentle and very frequent rubbing with a dry napkin, is one of the best cosmetics ever employed."

Jewish Holocaust Victims' Website

Yadva Shem, the Jewish Holocaust victims website continues to add more genealogy records. The website now records some 4 million names and biographical details. This is approximately 2/3 of the roughly six million Jews killed by the Nazis. The database can be searched by name and place of residence. Yadva Shem also accepts submissions of testimony and photographs. Access is free.

Go to:

<http://db.yadvashem.org/names/search.html?language=en>

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Internet Sites and Snippets

Register (free) to search digitised copies of "The Children's newspaper", published weekly in Britain from 1919 to 1965, at www.lookandlearn.com/childrens-newspaper/browse.php?i=190322

Dutch resources on line at www.genlias.nl/en

A good guide to changing place names and borders in Europe (particularly Eastern Europe) is provided by JewishGen at www.jewishgen.org

Several family history societies which can help with research in Europe:

Anglo-German family history society at www.agfhs.org.uk

Anglo-Italian family history society at www.anglo-italianfhs.org.uk

The Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland at www.huguenotsociety.org.uk

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EASTERN GOLDFIELDS, WA

Do you have ancestors who were pioneers of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia? Did they arrive between 1892 and 1902? Then join the new group on Facebook called the "Pioneer Association of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia":

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/277882488933389/>

MOONEE VALLEY HISTORY COLLECTION

The Moonee Valley Library have a blog, and a Twitter account which they use to promote their family and local history collections:

<http://mooneevalleyfamilylocalhistory.blogspot.com/>
Twitter: @mvlshistory

RESEARCH AND RECORDS FOR INDIA

Families in British India Society (FIBIS) volunteers have uploaded to the FIBIS database births, marriages and deaths for the years 1905, 1906, 1908 and 1909, as reported in the 'Domestic Occurrences' in *The Times of India* newspaper: www.new.fibis.org/archives/640

Indexes for the 'Journal of the Families in British India Society', editions 1-12, are also now online and free to search in the FIBIS database.

Entries in the index are linked to the relevant journal, but only FIBIS members will be able to view the journal when logged in: www.new.fibis.org/archives/638

Reading Old Handwriting Tutorial

Palaeography is the study of old handwriting. This web tutorial will help you learn to read the handwriting found in documents written in English between 1500 and 1800. Go to: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/>

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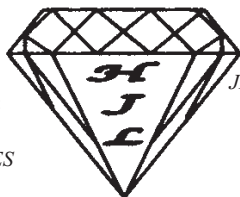


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