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President's Annual Report - 2012/13

It is with pleasure and a great deal of gratitude that I present the Annual Report for our Society.

It has been a year of continued activity for our group and I thank everyone for their involvement and contribution throughout the year.

The committee has met on the first Friday of each month. I'm grateful to Joan and Margaret for stepping in when I've been away. Margaret has done a tremendous amount of work arranging the interesting and varied program we have all enjoyed this year. Thank you, Margaret.

Thank you, also, to Anne who deals with the correspondence and the newsletters we receive, and thank you to Zoe, minute secretary extraordinaire and her able 'fill-ins', Joan and Ken.

Thank you to George, our 'Mr. Finance' and 'Mr. Technology', for dealing with the finances and guiding us with our technology. We appreciate all you do for the group.

We all benefit in our research from the resources and databases purchased by the group. Thank you to Alison for updating and maintaining the collection. Thank you to Ken, Geoff and Helen for your input into the discussions around the committee table.

The newsletter committee of David, Ken and Rosemary have continued to produce what we hope is an interesting quarterly newsletter. We are always keen to receive articles or snippets of information from members for inclusion in the newsletter.

Elke and Fay have continued with the indexing of names from the local newspapers and Alison and Marion have answered the research queries. Thank you for the work you do 'behind the scenes'. Thank you, also, to

Alison and Allan for the long term loan of the TV. We do appreciate your generosity to the society. The South Gippsland Council grant which the group received to purchase a TV will now be used to purchase additional hardware and software.

A highlight this year was our extremely successful seminar in May. With a record attendance of over 60 people the day was a financial success as well as a good promotion for our group. Margaret secured four excellent speakers who gave very interesting and helpful presentations. Thank you to Helen, who with the assistance of members, ably catered for the large crowd on the day.

The regular monthly program has included items of local interest (with talks given on local families and a visit to the Dodd family graves) as well as topics from further afield.

The group attempted a new form of fundraising in April with members encouraging customers at the IGA store to donate their points to the society. As yet we haven't heard from IGA as it the success or otherwise of the day.

Our financial membership currently stands at 36, a slight decrease compared to the previous year. For the long term survival of the group it is important that we maintain and grow our membership. The committee would welcome suggestions from members as to how we can encourage people interested in family history to join the group.

I trust that in the year ahead we will continue to increase the interest in the society and the resources we hold.

Rosemary Abbey (President)
August 2013.

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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.

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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.



SGGS PROGRAM FOR 2013

Sat. June 15, 1.30pm: Show and Tell. Bring a photo, book, or item of importance to your family and speak briefly about it.

Sat. July 13, 1.30pm: Podcast from the GSV.

Sat. August 10, 1.30pm: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Thurs. September 12, 7.30pm: Three members speak about their families.

Thurs. October 10, 7.30 pm: Class on computer programs - War records, World Connect, PRO Vic., Trove, etc.

Thurs. November 14, 7.30pm: Speaker.

Wed. December 11, 6.30pm: Christmas dinner at Bair's Hotel.

(NOTE: The Saturday dates for May and June are not the second Saturday in the month, as these clash with Mothers Day and the Queens Birthday weekends).

The South Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc. does not accept any responsibility for the opinions expressed, or the accuracy of the information contained in this newsletter. The editor reserves the right to publish abridged articles/letters etc. due to limited space.

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



Cutter, June: *Churchill Island a Special Place: a Story of Those Who Chose Churchill Island as Their Haven.*

Mickle, D.J.: *Pioneers Among the Gum Trees - Mickle Memories of Koo-Wee-Rup Vols. 1 & 2.*

Arthur Ashenden: *The Bullant and All That.*

Where Have The Years Gone? - the Centenary of the Korumburra Primary School.

Thank you to Bev Johnson, who donated the first two of the above books to our library.

150th Anniversary of the Sinking of HMS Orpheus

On 7 February 1863, the HMS Orpheus sank off the west coast of Auckland, New Zealand. Of the 259 people on board, 189 perished making it the worst maritime disaster in New Zealand waters. The West Auckland Historical Society would like to hear from any descendants of any of the survivors. Though many settled in the area, many also moved on to different parts of the world.

You can view a list of the survivors at: <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/ezone/articles/orpheus.php> and if you are a descendant of those who survived, please email: brutrix@xtra.co.nz

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NZ GENEALOGIST PHOTOGRAPHS THOUSANDS OF TOMBSTONES

Allan Steel has been documenting and photographing graves and plaques of servicemen and women in Otago cemeteries. He has photographed 5800 graves and plaques of 6100 servicemen and women in Dunedin cemeteries.

You can read more at
<http://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/252912/genealogist-adds-record>

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Database of British Slave Owners

This new database allows researchers to check if their ancestors owned slaves. The database includes a listing of thousands of people who received compensation for loss of their "possessions" when slave ownership was outlawed by Britain in 1833. The database has details of around 46,000 individual claims and awards made to those who either owned slaves or benefited indirectly from ownership. The database contains information about the payments made to former slave-owners.

You can find the new database of British slave owners at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/>

The database does not list names of slaves. Instead, it lists the names of their owners. However, registers of the enslaved are held by the National Archives.

You can read an account of them on the Moving Here site at

<http://www.movinghere.org.uk/galleries/roots/caribbean/lifeevents/lifeevents.htm#slaveregisters>

However, those registers are not yet available online.

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IRISH GENEALOGY LECTURE NOTES

In August 2012, the National Library of Ireland hosted the "20x20" lunchtime series of talks on Irish family history. The assembled experts included genealogists and broadcasters, librarians and archivists, writers and publishers, academics and a medical geneticist.

The wide range of expertise on show every day was a showcase of Irish genealogy at its best.

In response to public feedback they are now making available the overheads of each of the talks or a synopsis, available online at: <http://www.eneclann.ie/20x20>

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6th ANNUAL LITERARY FESTIVAL COAL CREEK, KORUMBURRA



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Saturday, October 5

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Historians Patrick Morgan and Jillian Durance talking about

"The Land of The Lyrebird: Local Background"

and the launch of Patrick's book

"The Settling of Gippsland"

Other writers to give talks include

Robin de Crespigny, Judith Armstrong,

Lindy Cameron, and Vikki Petraitis.

Also: Jane Ross and Richard Schmeiszl

talking about writing memoirs and family history.

For full program details, go to

www.coalcreekliteraryfestival.com

or phone 5655 1811.

COMPARISON OF PUBLISHED AUSTRALIAN BDM INDEXES

Compiled by Gail White, President, AIGS, April 2013

	ANCESTRY	FICHE	CD-ROM	REGISTRIES ONLINE
ACT MARRIAGES	-	1930 - 1986	-	1930 - 1938
ACT DEATHS	-	1930 - 1973	-	1930 - 1983
NSW BIRTHS	1788 - 1910	1788 - 1918	-	1788 - 1912
NSW DEATHS	1788 - 1945	1788 - 1945	-	1788 - 1982
NSW MARRIAGES	1788 - 1945	1788 - 1945	-	1788 - 1962
NT BIRTHS	1870 - 1910	1870 - 1918	-	-
NT DEATHS	1870 - 1913	1871 - 1913	-	-
NT MARRIAGES	1870 - 1913	1872 - 1913	-	-
QLD BIRTHS	1829 - 1910, 1915 - 1919	1829 - 1919	1829 - 1914	1829 - 1914
QLD DEATHS	1829 - 1959	1829 - 1964	1829 - 1914	1829 - 1983
QLD MARRIAGES	1829 - 1935	1829 - 1939	1829 - 1914	1829 - 1938
SA BIRTHS	1842 - 1922	1842 - 1928	1842 - 1928	1842 - 1928
SA DEATHS	1842 - 1970	1842 - 1972	1842 - 1972	1842 - 1972
SA MARRIAGES	1842 - 1937	1842 - 1937	1842 - 1937	1842 - 1937
TAS BIRTHS	1803 - 1910	1803 - 1909	1803 - 1909	-
TAS DEATHS	1803 - 1919	1803 - 1930	1803 - 1930	-
TAS MARRIAGES	1803 - 1919	1803 - 1930	1803 - 1930	-
VIC BIRTHS	1836 - 1910	1836 - 1920	1836 - 1920	1836 - 1912
VIC DEATHS	1836 - 1985	1836 - 1985	1836 - 1985	1836 - 1985
VIC MARRIAGES	1836 - 1920	1836 - 1930	1836 - 1942	1836 - 1942
WA BIRTHS	1841 - 1905	1841 - 1905	-	1841 - 1932
WA DEATHS	1841 - 1980	1841 - 1980	-	1841 - 1971
WA MARRIAGES	1841 - 1950	1841 - 1965	-	1841 - 1936

A TROVE PROBLEM SOLVED

I have been researching my maternal ancestors who have the surname Caught. When you put that word into Trove as your search item, you get enormous hits of people being “caught” doing this or that, but very little of my ancestors. I tried various different settings without success, so ended up sending an email to Trove asking for help. This is what I got in reply.

“Thank you for contacting us about some tips on searching for the name ‘Caught’ in Trove newspapers. We appreciate that it is quite difficult to search for names that are also common words in Trove newspapers, however it is not technically feasible to provide a case sensitive search option in Trove as this would have a negative impact on performance.

There are other alternatives that you can use for searching for names that also include common words. The first is to use a ‘phrase’ search, searching for the full name (either all names, or given name and surname) in quotation marks, which will limit your search to the specific search terms you have entered, in the order that you enter them.

The second option is to use the ‘near’ search capability of Trove, along with an honorific (e.g. Mr, Mrs etc.) to search for where the search terms appear within a given number of words of each other. For example, as search for “Mr Caught”~1 will only return results where MR and CAUGHT appear with up to 1 word in between them, although this will return the words in any order, for example:

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/result?q=%22mr+caught%22~1...etc>.

This will not completely remove all the irrelevant results, however it will improve the results you see. You can use more words in your search, or specify a greater number of words between the words (replace the number after the ‘~’ symbol with the number you wish to use, although 1 or 2 will give the best results), for example “Mr John Caught”~2.

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Ancestry FAQ: IS THERE A WAY TO FILTER OUT US DATA?

You can use the advanced search option to select the country you want to look for. Then check the “Show only records from these collections” box. This will filter out everything other than records from your country of choice. Currently there is no way to search for more than one country at a time

What is the next collection to be released? The NSW Police Gazettes 1854-1930. These should be available before the end of December, 2012

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DIGITISED NEWSPAPERS ON TROVE

The following New South Wales newspapers have recently been added to the Trove website at:

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Albury Banner and Wodonga Express (1896 - 1939);

Argyle Liberal and District Recorder (1903 - 1910);

The Braidwood Dispatch and Mining Journal (1888 - 1954);

Canowindra Star and Eugowra News (1910 - 1922);

The Cessnock Eagle and South Maitland Recorder (1913 - 1954);

Cowra Free Press (1911 - 1921);

Forbes Advocate (1911 - 1921);

Forbes Times (1912 - 1920);

Gilgandra Weekly (1942 - 1953);

Gilgandra Weekly and Castlereagh (1929 - 1941);

The Globe and Sunday Times War Pictorial (Sydney, 1914 - 1917);

Goulburn Evening Penny Post (1881 - 1940);

Goulburn Evening Post (1940 - 1957);

Goulburn Herald (1881 - 1908);

The Goulburn Herald and Chronicle (1864 - 1881);

Kiama Independent (1947 - 1954);

The Kiama Independent, and Shoalhaven Advertiser (1863 - 1947);

The Kiama Reporter and Illawarra Journal (1899 - 1947);

Narrandera Argus and Riverina Advertiser (1893 - 1953);

Narromine News and Trangie Advocate (1898 - 1956).

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Understanding Terms Found in Historical Newspapers

This article explains definitions of the more commonly-found terms in old newspapers, with some insight on genealogical clues that these terms may provide.

Interesting reading at: <http://bit.ly/WEXKxQ>

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HISTORY

History is the distillation of rumour.

- Thomas Carlyle, 1837.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY

- Online Resources - Part 4 -

*(Due to the large number of online sites available, the list has been divided into several parts.
Part 1 was published in our December 2012 Newsletter, Part 2 in March 2013, Part 3 in June 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.

War Memorials in Australia

<http://www.msk.id.au/memorials2/default.htm>

This site was created by Michael Southwell-Keely who died in 2006. The site continues as a memorial to him and in thanks to all those who contributed information, photos and provided encouragement and support for the site. It contains locations, descriptions and images of war memorials in the states and territories of Australia. Memorials include monuments, honour rolls, buildings and a variety of utilitarian facilities all erected in honour and remembrance of those who served their country in war.

War Memorials of Western Australia

<http://www.warmemorials.net/>

There is no central registry of Memorials in Western Australia, this site attempts to list some of them and will be added to as new material comes to hand. At the end of WW1 every town had felt it's effects with a high proportion of young men volunteering for service with many never to return from the battlefields. To commemorate and honour these men committees of local dignitaries and ex-Servicemen were formed in Towns and Districts throughout the State (some as early as 1915) to raise funds, decide on the type of Memorial and oversee it's construction.

World War I Pictorial Honour Roll of Victorians

<http://ww1vic.gravesecrets.net/>

This site is dedicated to commemorate the lives of those who served in the Great War in pictorial form. With the upcoming 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Great War, I felt it was appropriate that a site should be made available with photographs of not only those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country, but also all who served.

RESEARCHERS

Australian Military Research

<http://www.australianmilitaryresearch.com/>

Australian Military Research provides research services into all aspects of Australian military services from the New Zealand Wars to Vietnam. Requests can cover medal roll confirmation, Service Records, Casualty checks and much more.

MEDALS

Zed's Medals

<http://zedmedals.com.au/>

Zed's Medals specialises in medal mounting, medal restoration, supply of replica medals, medal research and individual framing.

Heritage Medals

<http://www.heritagemedals.com.au/>

Medals, whether originals or replicas deserve to be mounted with military precision. We can mount your medals, in either swing or court mount style in strict order of precedence.

Lost Medals Australia

<http://www.lostmedalsaustralia.com/>

This site is dedicated to returning medals that I have in my possession to the veteran's nearest kin. Since 2000 I have been acquiring, researching and then returning lost medals to veterans or their families. I use all my resources for research and trying to locate families. I do this free of any charge or fee.

Medals Gone Missing

<http://www.medalsgonemissing.com/index.html>

Every year thousands of war medals are bought, sold and traded around the world. If your family is missing a war medal that once belonged to an ancestor – chances are, it could be your grandfather's medals that are now in the hands of somebody else. Medals Gone Missing will help you to find and recover that lost war medal. This website can also help you to find items of militaria that were once issued to your relative.

Stitches Medals

<http://www.stitchesmedals.com/>

Stitches Enterprise has over 30 years experience in the study, supply and medal mounting of Australian military/service medals and undertake work for numerous units of the Armed Forces, Emergency Services and Associations.

FACEBOOK PAGES

Adopt a Digger – researching WW1 diggers from Sunshine Coast Qld

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

The aim of this website is to create a database which records each soldier's WW1 military history and a brief personal history. This database will be a valuable source of reference for historians, researchers, descendants and school students.

All-Australia Memorial Photos

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-All-Australia-Memorial-photos/143680875700801?ref=pb>

Photos and biographical notes of Australian First World War soldiers from Victoria.

Discover a Digger

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

Delve into the exciting world of Australian military history research and learn how you too can discover a relative's war service details and learn about what they and their mates did during the war.

OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES

If you have an ancestor who served in the armed forces in wartime and who died overseas and is buried in a war cemetery (overseas or in Australia), it is an easy matter to obtain a photograph or his or her grave. Of course, it helps if you have any (but not necessarily all) of these: the serviceman's regimental/service number, name, rank, unit and theatre of conflict.

Google "Australian War Graves Commission" or "Office of Australian War Graves". When the list of Google sites comes up, click on "Office of Australian War Graves" (it should be the first one). This will take you to the Department of Veterans Affairs website.

Click on "Contact Directory" in the box on the left hand side of the screen. This will give you a bewildering list of contact points, none of which have anything to do with photos.

If you are able to identify the serviceman, the simplest thing to do (in the following order of ease) is:

- Call (02) 6289 6527 and ask for a photograph of the grave.
- Call the Freecall (regional number) 1800 555 254 and ask.
- Email: WarGraves@dva.gov.au (note the capital letters).

If you give the office your email address, a digital copy of the photograph will be sent to you in a surprisingly short time. If you're not connected to email the OAWG will send it to you by other means. If you've never been to a war cemetery, you will be pleasantly surprised at the care the OAWG takes in tending graves and cemeteries. You may also be pleased at the prompt and considerate standard of service the OAWG provides.

The postal address is: Office of Australian War Graves
GPO Box 9998
Canberra ACT 2601

If you are unsure of your serviceman's details, you could also try:

Nominal Roll Enquiries: 1300 780 133 or

Nominal.Rolls@dva.gov.au (again, note the capital letters).

If you navigate your way elsewhere through the OAWG website, it is possible to find a Google map of the location of the cemetery itself.

New Collections for Australia and NZ

Recent additions to FamilySearch include: Australia, Cemetery Inscriptions, Sydney Branch Genealogical Library, 1800-1960; Australia, New South Wales, Alphabetical Index to Newspaper Cuttings, 1841-1987; Australia, Tasmania, Miscellaneous Records, 1829-1961; New Zealand, Immigration Passenger Lists, 1855-1973 New Zealand; Probate Records, 1860-1961. Some records have been digitised.

Go to: <http://bit.ly/XGWVEn>

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250 YEARS OF BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Findmypast.com, has made available more than 6 million pages from British newspapers, including original images, to its extensive historical records collection. The British newspapers include local and regional titles from England, Scotland and Wales from 1700 to 1950, and encompass nearly 200 titles.

The British newspapers are part of an exclusive partnership with the British Library to digitise 50 million pages over the next 10 years.

You can learn more about the collection at <http://www.findmypast.com/articles/world-records/newspaper-archives/british-newspapers>

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Did You Really Start With Yourself?

If asked the question, "How do you start doing Genealogy?" most genealogists will respond with, "Start with yourself." Most genealogists will respond that way, but the fact is, we are more inclined to start with our parents and immediate family members. What we write down about ourselves is usually our name and vitals on a pedigree chart and family group sheet. The information comes from our heads. After all, we know our place of birth, marriage, and all the dates.

After researching for some time, you will have written evidence for your ancestors including photographs, birth records, marriage records, and many other documents of the events of their lives. But what do you have for yourself? Interesting reading at:

<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=21115>

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THE ROYAL WE

The mathematical study of genealogy indicates that everyone in the world is descended from Nefertiti and Confucius, and everyone of European ancestry is descended from Muhammad and Charlemagne.

See

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2002/05/the-royal-we/2497/>

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SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Contributed by Margaret Tattersall

The story of William Rayner, transported to Australia with the Second Fleet, was one of survival of the fittest under appalling conditions during the voyage.

Rayner was born on 14.2.1767 in Long Alley, Shoreditch, England, the son of William Rayner (1724-1786) and Mary Taylor, who were both Quakers.

He was transported to Australia as a convict with the Second Fleet, having been sentenced to hang then offered a reprieve - a life sentence with transportation to Sydney Cove.

Six ships formed the Second Fleet. The "Lady Juliana", a ship containing only women convicts which sailed from Plymouth on 29.7.1789, was the first of the ships to sail, and was better provisioned than the others - the women were unchained after boarding and were free to fraternize with the crew when not working during the voyage. Several babies were born as a result. Their arrival in Port Jackson was on 3.6.1790 - almost one year after setting sail.

Five other ships completed the fleet. Tragically, one hit an iceberg and was unable to continue, so the four remaining ships were coerced into taking on convicts plus salvageable supplies from the crippled vessel to maximize the possibility of labour and food reaching the desperate colony.

The "Scarborough", carrying William Rayner, arrived at Sydney Cove on 29.6.1790, a little over five months after leaving English waters on 17.1.1790.

The Second Fleet was a prime example of privatization at its worst, and was disastrous for the convicts sailing to Sydney Cove on three of the vessels - namely those on the "Neptune", "Scarborough", and "Surprize". These convicts remained in irons for long periods during the voyage, many becoming so weakened from disease they were unable to leave their beds.

Of the 1006 convicts setting out on the journey in these three ships, 267 died on the way from scurvy, dysentery and malnourishment, and 491 were hospitalized on arrival. Within eight months, 40% of the original 1006 were dead. Those that died after reaching Sydney Cove were lost as a consequence of their debilitated condition on arrival.

William's life in the colony could only improve after such a cruel voyage. He received a conditional pardon in 1801 and joined the New South Wales Corps.

By 1808, he was a baker by trade; and by June, 1810, he was a lance corporal with the 73rd Regiment of the NSW Corps at Newcastle.

In 1814, he and his family moved to Hobart Town where William was a bread baker. He was granted 80 acres at New Norfolk, on the Derwent River about 20 miles (32 km) from Hobart Town, and held prominent positions including superintendent of the Government Mill, district constable, storekeeper, and inspector of stock in Hobart.

He was granted an absolute pardon in about 1818, and he was re-admitted into the Quakers in the early 1830s and Quaker meetings were held at his house on the corner of Collins and Barracks Streets, Hobart.

William died on 14.12.1850 at his home, aged 83, and was buried at the Friends' Burial Ground in Mellifont Street, Hobart.

William Rayner was my great great great grandfather.

(Information from "The Second Fleet: Britain's Grim Convict Armada of 1790", written by Michael Flynn. Published by the Library of Australian History, Sydney, in 1993.)

GENES REUNITED LAUNCHES KEEPSAFE

Genes Reunited was launched in 2003, and has grown to become the UK's largest genealogy website.

It marked a revolution in genealogy and ancestry by combining them with internet social-networking. Members are able to build their family tree by posting it on the site and investigating which ancestors they share with other members. They can also search historical records such as census, birth, marriage, death and military records.

Genes Reunited has 12 million members and over 780 million names listed. One new name is added to the site every single second.

They have now added new and innovative features including a Keepsafe, for digitally storing all of your family records, photos and memories and relation profiles where you can view and edit details about each individual in your tree.

The Keepsafe is a unique and organised way to collate your family history. It's a place for members to safely store and share documents, from photos and certificates to maps and letters. It's available to all members, who'll have the option to open their images to the public, keep them private or share them with other members, family and friends. They'll even be able to share their Keepsafe on Facebook.

Relation profiles are automatically created for each relation Genes Reunited members add to their family trees. It includes a clear timeline, notes section and immediate family tree. You can edit the details, and these changes will be reflected in the tree. You can view any photos or records that are attached to the person too. Each profile can also be printed so you can share your discoveries with your family.

The Keepsafe and Relation Profile pages are available online at www.genesreunited.co.uk for all members.

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Photo Rescue

Photo Rescue is a website dedicated to old family photos. If you are lucky enough to find one belonging to your family, you may be able to claim it.

Check it out at:

<http://members.optushome.com.au/lenorefrost/jim.html>

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2013 IRELAND'S FAMILY HISTORY YEAR

Tourism Ireland has announced that 2013 is 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, are planned all over Ireland this year, as part of The Gathering Ireland 2013.

With an estimated 70 million people across the world claiming links or affiliations with the island of Ireland, Tourism Ireland is actively reaching out to our diaspora this year.

You can watch a video of Ireland's Family History Year at: <http://youtu.be/dpFlqOvgTPE>

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901 AND 1911

This covers not only Census records, but Tithes, Applotment Books, Soldiers' Wills and Calendars of Wills and Administrations to 1922.

Go to: <http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/>

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HISTORIC IRISH WILLS

The National Archives of Ireland has made a substantial addition to their genealogical collection with the release of a new database called Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1858-1920. Basically, the database contains an index of wills and associated letters of administration in Ireland.

You'll find the database at:

<http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/search/cwa/>

For Northern Ireland records from 1918 go to: <http://www.proni.gov.uk/>

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GeneticHomeland.com -

An Interesting New Irish Website

Since Ireland was the first European country to adopt inherited paternal surnames it should come as no surprise that the Irish lead the way in using DNA, surnames, and place names to literally pinpoint precisely where one's direct male Irish ancestor lived approximately 1,000 years ago.

This means that for the first time ever anyone with Irish ancestry can reconnect with Ireland in a way that their ancestors could only ever have imagined. The new Irish Genetic Homeland Finder website takes genealogy into a whole new orbit.

Read more at:

<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=25742>

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BURIALS IN BELFAST

A link that might be of interest to some:

Burials in Belfast: www.belfastcity.gov.uk

Around 360,000 from 1869 free to search.

(Source: Lost Cousins May 2012 newsletter).

LIMERICK HISTORY

The Limerick's Life website was created in an effort to record the local history of Limerick City. Through extensive research, both on-foot and on-line, we have compiled historical articles that attempt to answer these questions.

Throughout the pages of the this website you will find interesting stories, historic letters, in-depth articles, as well as old and new photographs and maps to present a unique perspective of the history of this great city.

You'll find Limerick's Life website at: <http://limerickslife.com/trace-your-limerick-family-history/>

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TITHE APLOTMENT BOOKS ONLINE

The National Archives of Ireland has made the Tithe Applotment Books available free on line. It is an excellent resource that needs a little patience. John Grenhams in the Irish Times says to not blame the staff at the archives for errors. Some transcribers did not realise that some Civil Parishes have the same name, so some are in the wrong county.

Go to:

<http://www.titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/>

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Irish Lives Remembered

This free online ezine is available at: <http://irishlivesremembered.com/>

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MORPETH ROLL DIGITISED

One of Ireland's most extraordinary historic documents, the 420-metre long Morpeth Roll, has been digitised and is being made available online. The unique testimonial document, on 652 pieces of paper, was signed by over 160,000 people across Ireland in 1841. It was a parting gift for George Howard, the Lord Viscount Morpeth, when he left his post as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

You can read more at:

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2013/0314/376639-morpeth-roll/>

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Death is only an horizon,
and an horizon is only the limit of our sight.

- Traditional, sometimes attributed to William Penn.

96,000 IMAGES OF VARIOUS TASMANIAN GENEALOGY RECORDS

This FamilySearch collection spans the years 1829 to 1961 and includes land records, school records, court records and occupation/guild records. Details on Australian convicts can be found buried in the court records.

There are four types of convict records (tickets of leave, certificates of freedom, pardon and convict indents). The records are organised by location.

Access to the collection is free and is available at: <http://bit.ly/13t2FG4>

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Genealogy Site Publishes Old Scottish Wills

A picture of life in Scotland during the early 20th century can be viewed with the publication of thousands of wills and testaments online. The records of 267,548 people who died in the country between 1902 and 1925, have been put on the ScotlandsPeople website by the National Records of Scotland.

The wills can be viewed at:

<http://media.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/index.html>

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Scottish Property Records for 1905 Go Online

From tenements to palaces - these records offer a fascinating snapshot of Scotland during the Edwardian era and are a major new genealogy resource. Over 2 million names of Scots included in the property records for 1905 are being released online for the first time via ScotlandsPeople, the official government family history website.

The new records, known as the Valuation Rolls and comprising over 2.4 million indexed names and over 74,000 digital images, cover every kind of building, structure or property in Scotland which was assessed as having a rateable value.

Available via subscription, go to: <http://media.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/index.html>

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Genetics Can Reveal Your Geographic Ancestral Origin

While your DNA is unique, it also tells the tale of your family line. It carries the genetic history of your ancestors down through the generations.

Now, says a Tel Aviv University researcher, it's also possible to use it as a map to your family's past. Researchers are giving new meaning to the term "genetic mapping." Using a probabilistic model of genetic traits for every coordinate on the globe, they claim to have developed a method for determining more precisely the geographical location of a person's ancestral origins.

You can read the details in an article in Medical News Today at:

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/249159.php>

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Censuses of Canada West and Canada East 1842 now available

Library and Archives Canada has announced the posting of the Census of Canada West, 1842 as well as the Census of Canada East, 1842 online. In 1841, Upper Canada was renamed Canada West, whereas Lower Canada became Canada East. These two jurisdictions are now known as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Each census contains the names of heads of family, their occupation and the number of residents for each family. Users can search these new databases by the names of heads of family, as well as by geographical information such as district and sub-district names.

The Census of Canada West, 1842 is available at: <http://bit.ly/13uM92Y> while the Census of Canada East, 1842 may be found at: <http://bit.ly/16znEor>

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Wikipedia: List of Online Newspaper Archives

This is a list of free and subscription-based digital online newspaper archives. Most are scanned from microfilm into pdf, gif or similar graphic formats and many of the graphic archives have been indexed into searchable text databases utilising optical character recognition (OCR) technology.

Check out the list of archives at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

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2.5 Million British Criminal Records Soon Available Online

More than 2.5 million records dating from 1770-1934 will be easily searchable and provide a wide variety of colour, detail and fascinating social history, chronicling the fate of criminals ranging from fraudsters, counterfeiters, thieves and murderers and their victims.

With this new addition, findmypast.com World Subscribers will have access to mug shots, court documents, appeal letters, registers from the prison 'hulk' ships used when mainland prisons were overcrowded. The first 500,000 of criminal records are now available to search on findmypast.com, with the remainder is to be online soon.

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CHURCH OF IRELAND RECORDS ONLINE

National Archives of Ireland at www.nationalarchives.ie

Representative Church Body Library, archive of the surviving Church of Ireland parish registers for the Republic of Ireland at www.ireland.anglican.org/about/42

View millions of baptisms, marriages and burials for Ireland, pay-per-view at www.rootsireland.ie

View nearly 3 million, free pre-1900 church records at www.irishgenealogy.ie

Topographical dictionary of Ireland 1837, free to view and search online at www.libraryireland.com/topog

Pandora survivors' feat of seamanship

Contributed by David Tattersall

The article on this page headed "Revealing a dead man's secrets" reminded me of my visit to the Pandora Gallery in the Museum of Tropical Queensland in Townsville some years ago. This gallery contains an outstanding display of artefacts from the wreck of the *Pandora* and a brilliant audio visual program that goes into considerable detail about the how and why and the aftermath of the wreck.

The *HMS Pandora* was the frigate sent by the British Admiralty to capture *HMS Bounty* and her mutinous crew in 1790.

After arresting 14 of the mutineers who had chosen to stay on the island of Tahiti when the remainder sailed away in the *Bounty*, *Pandora* set off in a search of the South Pacific, looking for the *Bounty* and the remaining mutineers.

This search was unsuccessful (the *Bounty* mutineers had settled on the uncharted and uninhabited Pitcairn Island and destroyed the ship), so after several months *Pandora* headed for home, intending to sail around the north of Australia, and west to India.

The 14 prisoners on the *Pandora* were kept chained hand and foot in a specially built cell on the deck of the ship which they named "Pandora's Box".

In looking for a way through the Great Barrier Reef, the *Pandora* struck the reef and sank, with the loss of 35 men, including four of the prisoners who could not be set free from their cell before the ship went down.

The 99 survivors found themselves on a small sand cay with no shade, and no water and only about two metres above high water mark and 150 metres in circumference. They had been able to save 4 boats but only a small amount of food and water.

The story of how they managed to make their way to Timor in their four small boats, and from there back to England with only a minimal loss of life is the story of a feat of seamanship and luck that is the equal of Captain Bligh's journey after he was thrown off his ship by the mutineers.

The wreck of the *Pandora* was discovered in 1977, and since then archaeologists working with the museum have recovered many artefacts which are now on display in the Pandora Gallery.

I possess a book (most probably long out of print) titled "The Mutiny and Piratical Seizure of HMS Bounty" by Sir John Barrow (1764-1848), first published in 1831 - only 39 years after the *Pandora* survivors arrived back home in England in June 1792.

This book, Barrow quotes correspondence with some of the survivors, and includes transcripts of the courts martial of some of the mutineers, which provides much detail in the story of the original mutiny and of the search made by *Pandora* and her subsequent sinking.

For much more information go to www.qm.qld.gov.au/HMS+Pandora

REVEALING A DEAD MAN'S SECRETS IN AN AUSTRALIAN SHIPWRECK

A new web site details the search for the living male descendants of the 35 men who died on the Great Barrier Reef in 1791 during the wrecking of the *Pandora*. The intention is to find matching DNA (Y) signatures to sequences recently obtained from three skeletons recovered from the *Pandora* wreck in the 1990s.

The skeletons were studied by medical scientists and affectionately nicknamed Tom, Dick and Harry and subsequently kept in secure, climate-controlled storage at the Queensland Museum, pending developments in DNA research which would one day perhaps present a way to identify the three unknown sailors.

Consequently, there are now three good DNA (Y) 'signatures' from Tom, Dick and Harry for comparison and it is theoretically possible to match these signatures with signatures from living male descendants – if they can be traced genealogically of course! But finding 'matches' will provide a means to positively identify Tom, Dick or Harry.

This project will be a 'reverse genealogy' – it sets out with identification of Tom, Dick and Harry as an objective

If your family name is Bowler, Cullimore, Croy, Eglinton, Fea, Mackey, Millar or Stewart, one of these eight men may be your ancestor.

You can also check whether your family name is among the other 27 men who died in 1791 when the *Pandora* was wrecked.

You can learn more at: <http://pandorawreckancestors.net/>

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Oxford Brasenose College and Middlesex Calendar of Sessions Now Online

Ancestry.co.uk, the U.K. web site that is part of the Ancestry.com family of genealogy sites, has recently added two significant new databases:

Oxford - Brasenose College Register 1509-1909

Middlesex County Records - Calendar of the Sessions
Books 1690 - 1709

Both of these collections were previously available as image-only on the site, but have been indexed by the Ancestry World Archives Project (AWAP) a collaborative effort involving thousands of people around the world keying digital records to make them free for everyone. Available via subscription.

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