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## ***From the Editor***

Welcome to yet another new and promising year. This year we have the NSW&ACT FHS Conference to look forward to in September this year, as well as a proposed Bunnings Sausage Sizzle once the weather starts to cool down a bit in March or April. For those who rely on Tony's knowledge please be advised that he will be off enjoying himself in Europe from 25<sup>th</sup> April so please, along with the Committee, wish Tony a fun and knowledge filled break. If you know of, or would like to see the Society take part in an event or tour, please speak to one of the Committee to see what we can arrange for our members.

I have received a couple of articles for the upcoming Camden Calling due in May but I would continue to ask for any items you may have to contribute or ideas that you may think appropriate for either the newsletter or Camden Calling, you can contact me directly at any time on my mobile **0438 012 013** or email:

[w.sims53@gmail.com](mailto:w.sims53@gmail.com).

## **Camden Area Family History Society Inc. Research Room, Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden**

The research room is currently open

**Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm**

**Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm**

**Saturday 9:30am to 12:00 noon**

**There is a charge of \$10.00 per session for non-members to use our resources,**

There is a volunteer on duty whenever the research room is open. They are only too happy to assist with any inquires.

**If you would like to volunteer to assist in the research room please contact the Library Co-ordinator Tony Jackson on 4655 1098 letting him know when you are available.**



*Happy Birthday  
To the following members  
for February 2017*

**Pamela Allison  
Elizabeth Byrne  
Peter Harrison**



## MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room of the Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden.

To help cover the cost of supper we ask for a gold coin donation.

*Visitors most welcome.*

**MEMBERSHIP  
SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

<b>Normal</b>	<b>Pensioners/Concession</b>
Single \$30	Single \$25
Couple \$35	Couple \$30

## CHANGES IN the CAFHS RESEARCH ROOM

If you have been into our Research room recently you may have noticed there have been changes in the rear. Tony Jackson was fortunate enough to secure for the Society the family history collection from Cabramatta Library who no longer wanted them as very few local people referred to them and they needed the space. We now have a complete set of what is called The ARK Collection from the State Archives and please see Tony for further information if you require further description.

## CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY General Meeting Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.

At this month's Camden Historical Society's general meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Dr. Ian Willis will be speaking on "The Cowpastures, just like an English landscape". Here is a brief but tantalizing summary:

*The early Colonial European settlers in the Cowpastures were the key players in the story of creating an English-style landscape along the Nepean River. The settlers took possession of the countryside from the Dharawal Aboriginal People and re-made it in their own vision of the world.*



*The new landscape was characterised by English Placenames, English farming methods, and English settlement patterns, with only cursory acknowledgement of indigenous occupation. The early settlers had such a profound impact on the countryside that their legacy is still clearly identifiable today even after 200 years. This promises to be another interesting night.*

## **TRUNDLE TO PEAK HILL ROAD TRIP with Anne McIntosh**

At the December meeting of the Historical Society Anne McIntosh announced she is planning to put together a Trundle to Peak Hill road trip for interested parties. The trip has been proposed to involve people travelling independently in their own vehicles through locations such as Bathurst, Gulgong (fabulous Local Museum), Lithgow, Parkes and Wellington finally culminating in a visit to Trundle and Peak Hill. Activities would be arranged enroute and by visiting together as a group, access can hopefully be arranged to venues especially for our visit.

Please contact Anne on email at [amc67497@bigpond.net.au](mailto:amc67497@bigpond.net.au) for further details.

## *For Your Diary*



**15<sup>th</sup> Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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The Scottish House Society is holding a Genealogy for Beginners Workshop on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February between 1pm and 4pm at their facilities at 62 Railway Parade Granville.

Bookings are essential as space is limited so email [info@scottishhouse.org.au](mailto:info@scottishhouse.org.au)

For those who remember the humour of Pam Ayres and cannot read her poems without hearing the West Country lilt of her voice:

## THE SATNAV

By Pam Ayres

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.

I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life  
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

*It gives me full instructions, especially on how to drive  
"It's sixty miles an hour" it says, "you're doing sixty five".  
It tells me when to stop and start and when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never, ever safe to overtake.*

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.  
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear  
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

*I'm sure no other driver has, so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.  
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?*

Ah, well you see it cleans the house, makes sure that I am fed  
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed.  
Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff,  
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off!



## GenealogyInTime Magazine Newsletter

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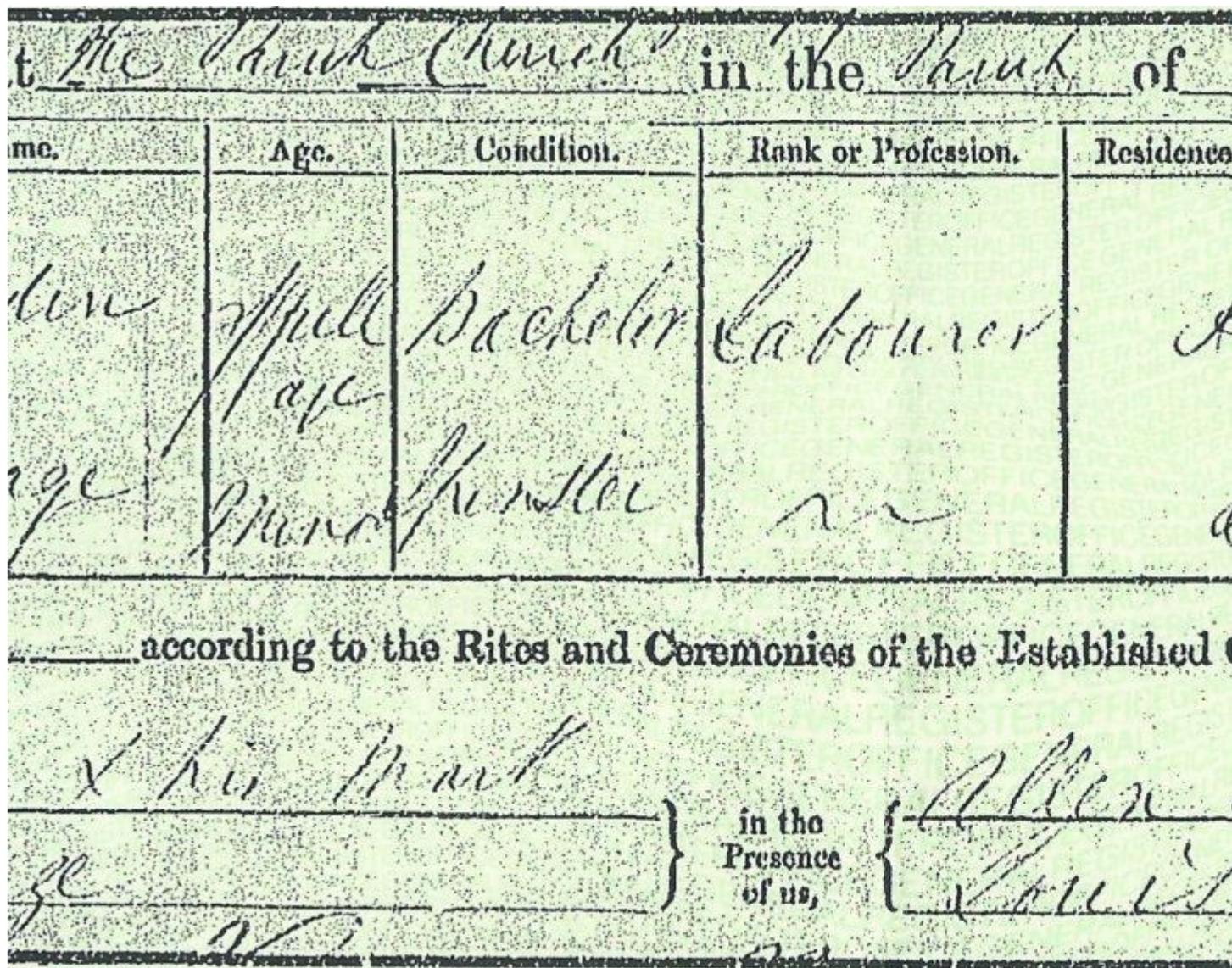
### New Genealogy Record Sets

Next week from February 8-11 is RootsTech in Salt Lake City, Utah. Usually around RootsTech there are fewer new genealogy record set announcements but more new product announcements. We will give a full update on the product announcements next week. In the meantime, we do have a couple of new record sets to talk about, including another big Australian release.

[\[New Genealogy Record Sets\]](#)

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Unfortunately sometimes you might come across a Birth, Christening, Adoption or any other vital record that has the fathers name omitted. Most of the time this will result in a massive brick wall that is



nearly impossible to break down, so it's important to find out why the fathers name was left off in the first place if you are to have any hope of finding out who he was. Some possible reasons are:

## **Reason 1: A fling**

The mother might have had a fling with a man she just met which resulted in a child, the man might have been a traveler or just in the local area for a short while and might not have even known he had a child.

## **Reason 2: Sexual Assault**

The child might have been conceived under much worse conditions, not every girl or family would have chosen to give up or abort the resulting child so would not have wanted the fathers name registered at birth.

## **Reason 3: A paternity suit**

In the past it might have been the case that a father did not want to be on the birth certificate, due to circumstances such as being from a much more prominent or wealthy family. These families will have had a lot more power in courts of law and could have spent a lot of money protecting the families reputation.

The opposite could also be true. A female member of a wealthy family might have had a fling or relationship with a lower class man and they might have tried to cover it up with a quick marriage to another man or keeping the child a secret.

## **Reason 4: The child is illegitimate**

A child is labelled as 'illegitimate', 'base born' a 'bastard' or one of many more terms if they were born out of wedlock. This is in my experience the most common reason and is the easiest to break down too. This could be the case if the parents were in a relationship but were not married when the child was born. In the UK the parish records, i.e Birth, Christening, Marriage, Death, Burial records



were recorded by the parish Vicar or Rector, in the eyes of the parents the child might have been legitimate but in the eyes of most Vicars only a child born to a married couple would be legitimate and depending on the Vicar the fathers name was almost never recorded.

## **Reason 5: The Father did not accept the child as his**

A father might not have accepted a child as his own for a number of reasons:

- It could be that the father genuinely did not believe that the child was his and that his wife or lover has not been faithful to him.
- The father might have thought it was his but did not want the responsibility of a child and dismissed the notion of him being the father.
- The child might have been born with a physical or psychological abnormality which the father did not want to be associated with.

## **Reason 6: The father was deceased**

The registrar might have left the fathers name blank as to the child there would be no father in his life so there would be no point in listing his name on the certificate. It could also be the case that the father died soon after conception and the mother found another man and wants to keep it blank in the hopes that he will take on the child as his own.

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### General Tips

Abnormalities, Abnormality, Abort, Accepted, Base Born, Baseborn, Bastard, Bastardy, Birth, Break Down, Brick Wall, Burial, Certificate, Child, Christening, Conceived, Conception, Concieved, Couple, Court Of Law, Death, Deceased, Faithful, Family, Family History, Family Tree, Father, Fathers Name, Find Out, Fling, Histroy, Illegitimate, Lower Class, Marriage, Omitted, Parish, Parish Records, Paternity, Physical, Prominent, Psychological, Reasons, Rector, Registered, Relationship, Reputation, Resulting Child, Sexual Assault, UK, Unwanted, Vicar, Vital Record, Wanted, Wealthy, Wealthy Family, Wedlock