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From the Editor

Welcome to October and Daylight Savings, gotta love getting home from work in the daylight. This month I had hoped to report on several members who attended the **NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc 2017 Annual Conference** in Orange last weekend however a large number of member attendees seem to have gone missing in action, so we will need to wait until the November Meeting to get reports from them on the Conference in general and the talks they specifically attended.

Please, any members who have articles for the November edition of Camden Calling please send them urgently to myself at w.sims@bigpond.net.au or cafhs2570@gmail.com all submissions will be greatly appreciated.

As indicated last month in the Valley Voice the Committee are still looking for ideas for tours, activities and training opportunities that you as members may be interested in. This edition I have included a couple of tours at Rookwood with the Friends of Rookwood and also a National Trust tour of State Archives and several heritage properties around Penrith.

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 October 2017*

*Beverley Booth Del Clinton
Janet Howe Judith Jennings
Neil & Patricia Patterson
Barry Lewis Cheryl Waterford
Julie Wrigley*



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

Normal	Pensioners/Concession
Single \$30	Single \$25
Couple \$35	Couple \$30

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS –

For any members who have not yet renewed their membership, renewals are due from the 1st of July. Please see Barbara or Beverly to renew for the 2017-2018 financial year. Members can collect their receipts at our Rooms or alternatively you may provide a self addressed envelope with stamp to mail a receipt back to you.

CAMDEN AREA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY General Meeting

At this month's meeting we will be addressed by Jill Finch from St Bartholomews, Prospect who will be talking on St Bartholomews and the work of the Friends of St Barts (FOSB).

St Bartholomew's Church and Cemetery is one of the most **historical** sites in the Blacktown local government area, and one of the few visible reminders of the former **Prospect** Village. ... In January 2001 Blacktown City Council finalised the purchase of the property from the Anglican Church Property Trust.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday the 7th of November (Melbourne Cup Day), and our next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 31st October, both of these meetings will in the Camden Museum in the Library complex and all members are welcome at both meetings.



CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY General Meeting

This month at the Historical Society Meeting on Wednesday 10th October, member Robert Wheeler will talk on ...CRAGS (Camden Regional Action Group) ... and the history of CRAGS and his part in it.

For Your Diary

Event: **NSW State Records Kingswood and Nearby 19th Century Heritage**

Booking Form Reference No. 1415H28

Date: Wednesday 1st November, 2017

Transport: Self drive: meet at main door of the State Archives at Kingswood at 10.00 am

Cost: \$35.00 for NT members, \$45.00 for non members

A self-drive tour starting at the State Archives at Kingswood, 161 O' Connell Street Kingswood, beginning with a simple morning tea (supplied by the Archives) at approximately 10.30am we will have a tour of the building and how you can use the information contained within.

After the end of the tour at the Archives, we will have a lunch break in the Archives grounds, please BYO own lunch and drinks.

After lunch we will head to 'The Manse', home of the Mt Druitt Historical Society, located at 23 The Avenue, Mount Druitt, also known as the Methodist Manse. The Manse was built in the 1880s by John Harris. Here we will have a guided tour of the home by the Mt Druitt Historical Society, together with an explanation of the restoration of this building by Graham Edds.

Our final journey will be to Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road Orchard Hills for Devonshire tea (included) together with a tour of Mamre house. Mamre House is an 85-hectare property at Orchard Hills in Sydney's west, part of Reverend Samuel Marsden's original South Creek farm established in 1804. Mamre Homestead, built c1820s, was the home of this colonial chaplain, magistrate and pastoralist. It was the working farmhouse of a busy rural property, a model farm which included orchards, exotic pasture and other crops.

We hope to conclude the days' tours at approximately 4.30 – 4.45pm. An information sheet will be emailed to confirmed participants about 1 week before the event, with a reminder of date, time and any relevant details concerning the upcoming event. Mrs Airdrie Martin and Mr Graham Edds are the co-ordinators of this event and will be leading you on your journey.

Please forward the completed booking form together with method of payment to the above email address, I will confirm your acceptance on receipt of booking form and payment. Acceptance cannot be guaranteed unless we receive the completed booking form.

Jan Livingstone /Booking Officer.
30th September, 2017



Friends of RookWood

The Final Twilight Tour for 2017 will be held on Sunday 19th November 2017 between 5.15pm and 7.30pm. Join the Volunteer guides for an interesting walk through our World Class heritage area.

Held in the cool of the evening, we tell stories of such people as Captain Moonlight, Jacob Pitman, Louisa Lawson to name just a few. We also tell of a murder that took place in the cemetery. As we stroll along the Serpentine Canal you will be able to see the restoration and elaborate garden plans that were a feature of the cemetery in the 19th Century. Twilight tours depart from the small pedestrian gate in East St near the corner of Railway St. Park in East St. Lidcombe.

The final Heritage Tour for 2017 will be held on Sunday 5th November from 10.00am to 12.30pm and is titled Heritage Walk Part 2 – Plague & Pestilence.

Disease and epidemics took thousands of lives in early Sydney. Measles, Scarlet Fever and Typhoid were responsible for families losing many loved ones within days or weeks of each other, and of course there was The Plague. Men returning from WW1 in 1919 brought the Influenza virus with them causing many deaths. “Cures” for some of these ailments were horrific and many doctors and Nurses died of disease contracted in the workplace. The development of the Medical Profession is also a feature of this tour. Heritage Tours depart from the front area of St Michael the Archangel chapel near the East St Lidcombe Entrance.

Costs of these tours is \$15 per person & Members \$10 per person
Further Information: Phone Robyn Hawes on (02) 9889 3899

British newspapers for family history and other research

The British Newspaper Archive or BNA (<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>) is a similar online resource like Trove. Their earliest papers date from the 1700s, and scanning is ongoing. There is a list of publications covered which will assist in determining whether your family's local area is likely to be included.

BNA is rapidly building up their resources, with 820 newspapers currently included. These have been sourced from England, Scotland, Wales, Nthn Ireland and even the Republic of Ireland (which although not officially part of Britain, has been included through “a deal”).

Unfortunately, unlike Trove, access is NOT FREE. You can pay by the month, the year or to view 40 pages. You will be billed automatically unless you cancel your subscription. Using currency converter on 20 September, the cost for a year's subscription was AU\$135. For most Australians, the monthly or 40 page options are probably more cost effective.

Perhaps you could share a subscription/logon with a friend or family member. There is also the option to give a subscription as a gift.

(<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/account/subscribe>)

To test the resource, they give you three free pages.



There are several fabulous free blogs and training programs promoting the BNA. I have watched and can recommend some of these Youtube videos – particularly useful if you have not searched newspapers before now.

- Making the most of the British Newspaper Archive
- Using newspapers for local history research
- Journeys through time: discovering travel & migration in old newspapers

(What you learn will in many cases be relevant for Trove research as well.)

A Local Knowledge QUIZ from Anne McIntosh

Can you assign a SURNAME to the descriptions below?

1. A doctor recalled by driving in parallel with the Hume Highway through Camden South.
2. The first chaplain of the Cowpastures who was known as the “galloping parson”.
3. The family’s local foundations are commemorated in John and Elizabeth Streets.
4. This convict designed the first bridge across the Nepean. It opened in 1827.
5. His white, high Victorian mansion was said to be a “folly”.
6. This ‘angelic’ French nobleman fled the revolution, joined the NSW Corps and anglicised his name to enlist.
7. They are known through their saleyards and for a local property, “Craigend”.
8. He ruled the Camden CBC Bank from 1877.
9. Built with help from the boss, his house stood upon the hill, then his life was taken by a bull.
10. This family lived many years in the small house that is known today as Oxley Cottage.
11. Their father bought brothers Henry and Samuel had a general store and steam mill on adjacent blocks in Camden.
12. He built a house and named it after a river, but sold it to a surgeon only three years after its completion.
13. This Hollywood movie mogul bought the house used for Camden Grammar School and commissioned a golf course.
14. This captain sold his home to the Catholic Church who used it for an orphanage called ‘Mater Dei’.
15. This early Anglican Bishop is honoured alongside St John’s Church and manse.

For answers, see page 7



Hosted by the Society of Australian Genealogists

Friday 9 – Monday 12 March 2018
at the International Convention Centre,
Darling Harbour, Sydney

**Registrations are now open and places are filling fast,
so reserve your place as soon as possible.**

- ✓ Hear 6 keynote presentations
- ✓ Choose from over 50 sessions on Australian & Oversea topics
- ✓ Catch up with new and old friends at the Welcome Function & Congress dinner
- ✓ Browse exhibitor stalls & get research help
 - ✓ And talk family history for 4 days!

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www.congress2018.org.au

Congress 2018 is being held at the new International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour, Sydney from Friday 9 to Monday 12 March 2018. Congress is the largest family history event in Australasia and is held every three years under the auspices of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO). Early Bird registrations open on 31 May 2017 and the full speakers' program will be released at that time. Follow the announcements at www.congress2018.org.au and www.facebook.com/Congress2018, and on Twitter @Congress_2018 #Congress_2018



On Being a Volunteer

All voluntary organisations depend on people giving a little of their time and energy to help keep things running. Helping out in this way is volunteering, and volunteering:

- Benefits the Community
- Promotes participation and personal growth because it is done freely, without coercion and for no financial reward.
- Provides an opportunity to address human and social needs, and
- Respects the rights, dignity and culture of other people

Volunteering rewards the volunteer at the same time as it rewards those who are helped.

The Society's 'duty' Staff who make use of our rooms possible, and make the Society's collection so valuable, are Volunteers. By becoming a 'duty person' or helping out in some other constructive way, Society members learn more about that Collection and are able, as a result, to use it better themselves. The potential rewards are great, so, why not give it a try?

From the Murrumbidgee Ancestor June 2017

ANSWERS to Surname Quiz (page 5)

1. Crookston	6. Lewis	11. Thompson
2. Hassall	7. Inglis	12. Bensley
3. Macarthur	8. King	13. Gregory
4. Wainwright	9. Druitt	14. Watt
5. Payne	10. Curry	15. Broughton