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From the Editor

It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Miss Janice Johnson who has been a stewart of both the Camden History Society and Camden Family History for many years. She will be missed by many.

At the time of writing, I believe it is just 49 sleeps to Christmas so don't forget next month's meeting on Tuesday 5th December is an opportunity to bring along something yummy and enjoy a relaxed evening socializing with other Society members.

Please be aware all members that closing time is imminent for this years November edition is just about here so any members who have articles for this 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.

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 November 2017*

Annette Clissold 23rd Nov
Yvonne Donovan 11th Nov
Anne McIntosh 24th Nov
Ron Shepherd 24th Nov

And our Patron
Eva Campbell 29th Nov



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

CAMDEN AREA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY General Meeting

At this month's meeting we will be addressed by Anne McIntosh Speaking on her ancestors who had discussing the recent annual NSW&ACT FHS Conference in Orange with several members who attended passing on their thoughts and insights gained by attending the many excellent talks on different aspects of Family History.

CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY General Meeting

This month at the Historical Society Meeting on Wednesday 8th November, Peter Ryan will be speaking on "The Pines" Menangle Park on Menangle Road.

A very good late example of the classical colonial stone house. The Pines has a symmetrical façade with French windows opening onto the front veranda, a slate roof and two rear service wings enclosing a small grassed courtyard. It was built by Edward John Edrop



about 1870.



For Your Diary

Our Christmas DINNER will be at Macarthur TAFE on **Wednesday 22nd November 6.00pm for 6.30pm**, the cost is \$30.00 per head, that includes a free drink on arrival. All monies must be to Barbara by tonight's meeting no monies or bookings will be accepted after then.

And don't forget party night at our December Xmas meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm

The Church of The Holy Innocents, Churchyard, Cemetery and Moveable Heritage Rossmore

Please be aware that the Church of the Holy Innocents is now on Exhibition for intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register.

Bunnings Narellan Sausage Sizzle

On Sunday 21st January 2018, CAFHS will be holding their annual Sausage Sizzle to help raise funds for the Society. This event is one of our major Fund Raisers for the year and we ask all those who can help to speak to Ray or Tony to Advise their availability. Along with raising funds we generally have a lot of fun doing it.

A Handy URL for a British Local History Association

In an email received from Bob Lester, he suggests that **The Local Historian | British Association For Local History (BALH)** may be a good resource for FHS members cheers Bob

<http://www.balh.org.uk/publications/local-historian>

**SO MANY ANCESTORS.....SO LITTLE TIME!
AND on the eighth day God said, "OK, Murphy, take over."**



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!

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Congress2018
and Twitter @Congress_2018 #Congress_2018

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



Notes from some of the talks at NSW ACT FHS conference in Orange September 2017 by Jo O'Brien

Opening the Cage On Your Gaolbird Ancestor – Gail Davis – State Archives NSW

“Captured – Portraits of Crime” Exhibition on the website
<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/exhibitions/captured>

40 000 gaol photos from 1870 – 1930, some are available on-line
More than one photo of some people if they were arrested multiple times
If there's a photo there might be more information in discharge books, entrance books, description books, and other specialised records e.g. hospital, punishment, visitors, and judge's journals
Not all court records survive
Can search by birthplace e.g. for local historians
Surviving records are patchy for lesser crimes - bench of magistrate, court of petty sessions, local courts.
On-line index for criminal depositions received 1849-1921
With new State Archives website don't forget to scroll down for more

Cracking the code: Dating Australian portraits through dress – Margot Riley – State Library of NSW

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

A collection of dated photos from 1788 to 1955 providing a timeline of dress which you can use to help date your photos
Label your photos! Don't forget your current photos – especially digital.
When you make a digital scan of a photo, record the medium, creator and provenance with the photo, and also the notes on the back, or else it can lose its context
Can date photos by more than clothes; consider photographer, studio, props, hairstyle, background and accessories
Refer to fashion plates in state library collection for contemporary fashions
Sleeves are the most frequently changing part of early dresses for ladies
In old photos, young boys are often in dresses with long hair, but it is parted on the side. Girls' hair was parted in the middle.

Whatever happened to Ann Kenny? – Perry McIntyre

Irish immigrants: Why did they leave? How did they get to Australia?
Did they arrive and move elsewhere?
“Free Passage” Anchor books: Wives and families of Convicts scheme. There might be an application form for this available online. Also Bounty children left behind 1841.
Ireland famine girls – Earl Grey's Famine Workhouse scheme 1849-50
JD Lang – Scots Presbyterian immigrants
Assisted immigrants probably not extremely poor as they had to provide a suitable outfit



Immigrants arriving stayed on ship until inspected. Single women went to depot. Hyde Park Barracks became an immigration depot.

There are two immigration lists: agent's list has names; Immigrant's board list has more details including parents' names.

For two immigrants with the same name: compare parents, sister or sibling especially if on board; relations in colony; look at Trove; and refer to descendants' records

Peter Higginbotham site for information on workhouses (www.workhouses.org.uk)

National Library of Dublin has parish registers on-line for free (<https://www.nli.ie/en/parish-register.aspx>)

Visualising History: the ANU Archives Centre and the Tooth & Co. Ltd. Hotels Project – Catherine Ziegler – ANU Archives Centre

ANU hold archives including the University archives, Pacific research, Australian Dictionary of Biography working titles and The Noel Butlin Archives. Website has searchable on-line catalogue <http://archives.anu.edu.au/>

Noel Butlin collection contains records of businesses, unions and professional organisations and friendly societies

Collections being digitised, e.g. trade union minute books, not transcribed but viewable

Tooth Hotel card project – Tooth & Co Ltd kept cards on NSW hotels which they owned, or that bought their beer, and some of their competitors, from 1920s to 1970s. Cards include details of licensees and photos of the building.

Large list of hotels, so they have been mapped – see under Exhibitions

<http://archives.anu.edu.au/exhibitions/hotels-new-south-wales/find-hotel>

Excerpts from The Town of Camden by George V. Sidman (editor of the Camden News for over 50 years)

Postage Stamps

Postage of letters, etc. was another difficulty confronting settlers. It may appear strange, but nevertheless it is true, that the first country in the world to adopt the method of prepaying postage by stamp was the Colony of New South Wales. In the year 1838, stamped covers for letters were first sold in Sydney at 1s 3p per dozen. They were valid for circulation in Sydney only. The first stamp was embossed in relief and was not coloured. It was circular in shape and the design represented the Royal Coat of Arms. Above the design were the words "General Post Office" and below "New South Wales." Adhesive postage stamps were introduced in NSW in 1850. Compulsory prepayment of postage followed in 1852 - taken from George V. Sidman's The Town of Camden



Vale .

Miss Janice Johnson (1946 - 2017)

Janice Johnson passed away in Palliative Care, Camden Hospital, on 9 October, after some months of illness with cancer.

A Memorial Service was held at St John's Church on 17th October at 3 p.m.

The following is a eulogy written by John and Julie Wrigley.

Janice was born in 1946, grew up in Clovelly, and came to Camden in 2007 following a business career in Sydney. Since then she has been actively involved in the Camden Historical Society.

Over the years Janice was a prolific columnist in The District Reporter's 'Back Then' history page, contributing many articles with excellent original research.

In 2007 Janice started researching the history of the historic St John's Church cemetery. She compiled a comprehensive data base and her book **If These Gravestones Could Talk** (2010) has been consulted by many family history enthusiasts. She also published **Reflections on Old Sydney & Colonial Days** in 2012; and **Reminiscences of Early Camden** in 2013. She was a co-author of the fourth edition of **They Worked at Camden Park**. In April 2014 the Camden Historical Society launched her book **Camden World War I Diggers 1914 to 1918**. The book drew on published letters from Camden soldiers and nurses in World War I. Janice's books are popular and will be of long-term benefit to future researchers.

In 2013 Janice was the Honorary Secretary of the Camden Historical Society. She regularly conducted guided tours for groups during History Week and the National Trust Heritage Week. After she resigned as Secretary in 2014 she continued to answer inquiries addressed to the Camden Museum. Since 2008 Janice has been a volunteer archivist at the historic Camden Park House. Janice will be missed by all her friends.

**The facts I collected then made me quite sad
Dear ol' Great Grandfather was never a dad.**

**I think maybe someone is pulling my leg
I'm not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree
I can't help but wonder if I'm really me? - Anon**



Bob Lester forwarded an article he had read in "Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter" which he feels may be of interest to our members

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Why Was the Information Removed from Online?

NOTE: *This is a slightly updated version of an article I published about a year ago. A newsletter reader sent a message to me recently expressing dissatisfaction with records that once were available online but recently have disappeared. I am offering this republished article as an explanation about why we should not be surprised when that happens. I believe that every genealogist should understand why this happens so this article bears repeating every year or two. Please feel free to republish this article in newsletters, message boards, or forward it in email messages as you see fit.*

I will also offer a suggestion as to making sure you keep your own copies of online records that are valuable to you.

A newsletter reader sent an email message to me recently expressing dissatisfaction that a set of images of vital records has been removed from one of the very popular genealogy sites. Indeed, removal of any online records of genealogical value is sad, but not unusual. Changes such as these are quite common on FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Ancestry.com, Fold3, FindMyPast, and many other genealogy sites that provide digital images of old records online. Removal of datasets has occurred dozens of times in the past, and I suspect such things will continue to happen in the future. I thought I would write a brief explanation.

In almost all cases, information of genealogical value obtained from government agencies, religious groups, museums, genealogy societies, and other organizations is provided under contractual agreements. The contracts specify what information is to be provided, how it is to be made available, and what price the web site has to pay to the provider for the records. **All contracts also have a defined expiration date**, typically 2 years or 3 years or perhaps 5 years after the contract is signed.

When a contract nears expiration, the two parties usually attempt to renegotiate the contract. Sometimes renewal is automatic, but more often it is not. Maybe the information provider (the government agency, religious group, museum, genealogy society, and other organization) decides they want more money, or maybe they decide they no longer want to supply the data to the online genealogy service. For instance, in the time the information has been available online,



the information provider may have learned just how valuable the information really is. The information provider may decide to ask for more money or may even refuse to provide the information any more since the provider may have a **NEW plan to create their own web site and offer the same information online on their own, new web site for a fee.**

Sure, that stinks for those of us who would like to have the information everywhere; but, it makes sense to most everyone else. I am sure the budget officer at most any state or local government archive thinks it makes sense.

Every contract renegotiation is different, but it is not unusual to agree to disagree. The contract ends, and the web site provider legally **MUST** remove the information from their web site. The same thing frequently happens to all the other online sites that provide old records online.

Moral of this story: If you find a record online that is valuable to you, **SAVE IT NOW!** Save it to your hard drive and make a backup copy someplace else as well. If there is no option to save, make a screen shot and save it on your hard drive or some other place where it will last for many years. Just because you can see the record online today does not mean that it will be available tomorrow.

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NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Hearing on Vital Records

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conducted the public hearing on their proposed guideline to transfer the birth and death records to the NYC Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) after 125 years from date of birth and 75 years from date of death. Over 60 people attended the hearing with about half testifying. The NYCDoHMH website garnered 357 comments by the time of the cutoff-Tuesday, October 24 at 5:00PM EDT. To view the comments see: <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/comments-view/27591>
The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYGBS) wrote a report in their blog this morning. They note the other organizations that were also at the hearing and testified. It is available at: <http://bit.ly/2yP1B2R>.



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