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CAFHS Australia Day Stall 2007



From the Editor

Tony Jackson and a couple of other members had a very successful stall at the 15th Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at the Sydney Convention Centre last month with a high level of interest in CAFHS and very good book sales about Camden Area.

CAFHS receives many Journals from other Family History Societies around Australia and Overseas and these journals have now been made available to all CAFHS members through our website CAFHS.org.au. Please see page 5 for details.

As usual any members who have articles for both the next edition of Camden Calling and April's Valley Voice please send them to me at w.sims@bigpond.net.au or cafhs2570@gmail.com all submissions will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday To the following members for March 2018

Geoffrey Howe 9th Apr
Michael Trigg 10th Apr
John Wrigley 18th Apr
Wayne Chambers 19th Apr
Sharon Greene 25th Apr



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.**

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

This Month on April 3rd, Lorraine Stacker will be speaking on DNA and how you can use the DNA testing for family research.

For Your Diary

BOTANY BAY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

HERITAGE FAIR



Date Saturday 28 April
Time 10am-4pm
Cost Free
Address Tradies Gynea Club
57 Manchester
Road, Gynea
Contact Noele Watkins 0428227752
Web page www.botanybayfhs.org.au
Or see us on Facebook

EXHIBITIONS, FREE TALKS, ARTS & CRAFTS

Find out how to trace your family history or if you have found your "brick wall", our expert volunteers will be only too happy to assist you. We can offer you advice and information for any country. There will be free informative talks throughout the day, sales tables and local art and craft exhibitions and sales.



Email received from Margaret Wheeler for inclusion in the Valley Voice:

Hi all members,

I have just done a free webinar on TROVE online, which was very useful. It is open to everyone, and so I have sent the information that the National library has sent to me, post webinar. The webinar will be going online soon, and so it is worth looking at.

The links are worth viewing but won't be accessed via this email.

Regards

Margaret

From: Learning National Library of Australia [mailto:no-reply@zoom.us]

Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 2:00 PM

To: Margaret Wheeler

Subject: Thank you for attending Discover Trove Webinar

Hi Margaret Wheeler,

Thank you for attending Discover Trove Webinar. We hope you enjoyed our event.

Please submit your questions or comments

to: learning@nla.gov.au.

A recording of the session will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

If you had any questions from yesterday's session you can ask them through our Ask a Librarian service

<https://www.nla.gov.au/askalibrarian>

Helpful links for the Discover Trove session

-Boolean searching : <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/digitised-newspapers/technical-details>

-Correcting newspaper text
: <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/digitised-newspapers/text-correction-guidelines>

-Creating and contributing, including splitting and merging
: <http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/using-trove/creating-contributing>

Your feedback is most welcome and will help us plan future online programs.



For the bookshelf

Pacita Alexander, *My Dearest Ellen: letters from 'Mrs Rolf Boldrewood' to Ellen Foreman 1851-1905*, The Oaks Historical Society, Picton, NSW, [2013] (ISBN 9780975824047): paperback, 120pp, RRP \$20 plus \$5 postage (available from www.oaksheritagecentre.com)

In 1999, while undertaking a three-year long survey of colonial gardens across the Cumberland Plain and Camden with Geoffrey Britton, one of our most memorable visits was to Ellensville, Mount Hunter, which was a relatively unknown garden compared to some of its nearby neighbours such as Brownlow Hill and Glenmore House. There was the unexpected surprise of Ellensville's magical location, reached by the switch back road like a step back in time, its sprawling flowering cactus, graceful agave, and simple layout. But what was more memorable was Pacita Alexander's love of the history of the place and her enriched telling of the familial connections with other properties we had surveyed. Like an invisible web these complex connections spread out across the Cowpastures, linking people and places. To the garden historian these links conjure images of plant swapping. What appear to be coincidences in design and planting palette become tangible connections. Pacita spoke of a tin of letters.

For social and garden historians letters between friends are among the most wonderful resources we can find. Through these we can really understand what people chose to grow from among what was on offer in the nursery catalogues. Letters give life to gardens past. They are of even greater interest when they are written by someone as important for Australian garden history as Margaret Browne, the first woman to write a book on gardening in Australia, written under the name Mrs Rolf Boldrewood.

Margaret Browne (née Riley) grew up at Denham Court, Ingleburn, which had a prominent colonial garden. Her letters were written to the much older woman, Ellen Foreman (née Moore), who lived with her parents at Raby and later established Ellensville, Mount Hunter. Pacita Alexander has now transcribed and collated those letters in *My Dearest Ellen*. This is a very personal history, which shows the ties between the colonial properties of the Cumberland Plain and hints of the influence of those places on the shared joys of gardening.

Colleen Morris

New Page on our Website

Our Society receives many Journals from other Family History Societies around Australia and Overseas via email which can be fascinating reading.

These Journals have always been printed and retained in our rooms for members to read however these journals have now been made available to all Camden Area Family History Society members through the addition of a page on our website

CAFHS.org.au

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We have gathered a considerable amount of resources and information for the benefit of members, or anyone interested in researching their family history.

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EVENTS

- Botany Bay Family History Society Heritage Fair April 2018

While many societies are happy to distribute these journals for our members to read, we must respect any copyright and password protect the page where these journals are displayed.

To access the "Other Journals (Members only) page please click on the page and you will be asked for a password. This password will be changed at the end of the membership year at 30th June and a new one included with your Membership Card.

The password from now until 30th June this year is
camden2018

so feel free to open this page and make your selection from the many society journals displayed and enjoy reading about other groups with similar interests.



Friday 14 to Sunday 16 September 2018 - the 2018 Association Family History Conference at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

**NSW & ACT Association
of Family History Societies Inc
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018**



Sailing into History

**Friday 14—Sunday 16 September 2018
At the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club**



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PROGRAMME

Friday 14th September

**9.00 – 4.00 FREE Family History Fair
open to the general public**

Free public talks; workshops for conference registrants

Help desk to assist with family history research

For conference registrants

6.30 – 8.30 Meet and Greet

Saturday 15th September

8.30 Open

9.00 – 3.30 Conference

4.00 Annual General Meeting

6.30 – 10.00 Conference Dinner

Sunday 16th September

9.00 – 1.00 Conference

For further details access

Website: www.sailingintohistory.org.au

Email: info@sailingintohistory.org.au



Bridging the Past & Future – Congress 2018

This was a very apt title for the 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry 2018 - we as genealogists are truly a bridge from the past to the future in our families and communities. Our research, documents, trees and stories connect one with the other. This theme was central to many of the speakers' presentations.

The International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour was abuzz with “genies” comparing notes, families, research, ideas, and the new things we had learnt. We felt connected by our shared interest and many conversations were started, and connections made, as we enjoyed morning tea, sat waiting for talks to start, as we walked about in the breaks and browsed the exhibitor tables, even in coffee queues and on the escalators!

All the talks were interesting, many very informative, and several particularly inspiring. The legal genealogist, Judy G. Russell, reminded us of the importance of passing down our family stories – if we don't we can lose them - in “Just Three Generations”. Paul Milner and Paul Blake impressed us with their incredible knowledge of English, Irish and Scottish records. Angela Phippen enlightened us with her investigation into the selective editing of the Diaries of Rachel Henning – “Oops - I wish I'd checked the original!”

Using technology to help us visualise genealogical research was also a theme with fascinating presentations from the Australian Dictionary of Biography on tracing the first three fleeters, and Ruth Graham's presentation on maps through time and the progress in digital humanities. Several presenters had helpful tips for innovative use of internet resources, genealogy sites, blogs and apps, writing, digitising records, and organising ourselves and our research.

DNA testing and ways to compare and analyse results and find connections featured in a number of presentations, leaving us amazed, but maybe a little overwhelmed, with this rapidly growing area of genealogy.

Some speakers covered specialised areas such as German, Huguenot, Aboriginal, New Zealand, and non-conformist research, and convict, immigration, school, land and estate records, as well as freemasonry and heraldry.

There was so much information to absorb, the biggest disappointment being that you couldn't go to every talk as most sessions had 3 or 4 talks running concurrently! Morning tea was very enjoyable with tasty treats, and the long break for lunch enabled us all to enjoy a change of scenery, fresh air, another chat or two, and an opportunity to peruse the many exhibitor tables. These had lots of great offerings and information, and perhaps we made just one or two purchases!

Overall we had a fabulous time (maybe a little tired by the end!), and have returned inspired with lots of new ideas. If you ever get the chance to attend Congress in the future I would highly recommend it, it was all so very interesting and informative, with a great sense of camaraderie – sharing our passion for genealogy with so many other “genies”. Thanks to SAG and AFFHO for a wonderful and well-organised Congress 2018!

By Jo O'Brien March 2018



This article was submitted by Fred Gibson and is about a boys desire to see the Sydney Harbour Bridge opened in 1932 and the lengths he would go to see this momentous occasion:

This is a condensed version of a chapter from a book called " The Bridge " written by Peter Lalor about the building of The Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The subject of the chapter is about a nine year old boy, Lennie Guyther and his journey from his home on a farm in Leongatha Victoria on his horse to Sydney to witness the official opening of the bridge in 1932. Prior to this, in 1931, Lennie`s father had a bad fall and suffered a broken leg and was admitted to a hospital in Melbourne, this nine year old realised that work on the farm still had to be done so he harnessed up a four horse team and set about ploughing a 24 acre paddock to prepare it for sowing and the planting of a crop. When the father returned home he decided as a reward for his good work he would permit Lennie to undertake this journey to Sydney of 600 miles / 1000 kilometres, his horse was named " Ginger Mick " and stood 12.2 hands high and the time from home to Sydney was estimated to take 35 days. The proposed journey was well publicised and people along the route were advised to be aware that this young boy was on his way and to offer any assistance that he may require. He set out from Leongatha on 3rd February, celebrating his 10th birthday on route, which included such places as Mirboo South, Boolara, Yinnar, Latrobe Valley, Bairnsdale, Erica, Gilderay, Warrigul, Noojee, Kilmary, Munro, Sale, Cann River, Bombala, Rock Flat, Nimmitabel, Cooma, Bredbo, Michelago, Canberra, Queanbeyan, Moss Vale, Liverpool, arriving in Sydney on the 8th March, 33 days after setting out. He participated in the procession of officials to the spot on the bridge where the opening ceremony took place and was there seated on Ginger Mick for the entire time, including the slashing of the ribbon by the infamous De Groot. He visited the Sydney Royal Easter show following this Lennie changed his plans to return home, his original plan was to travel to Melbourne by ship but instead decided to return the way he came, by horse.



The following interesting article was received from Janet Howe and may help provide another source for your research.

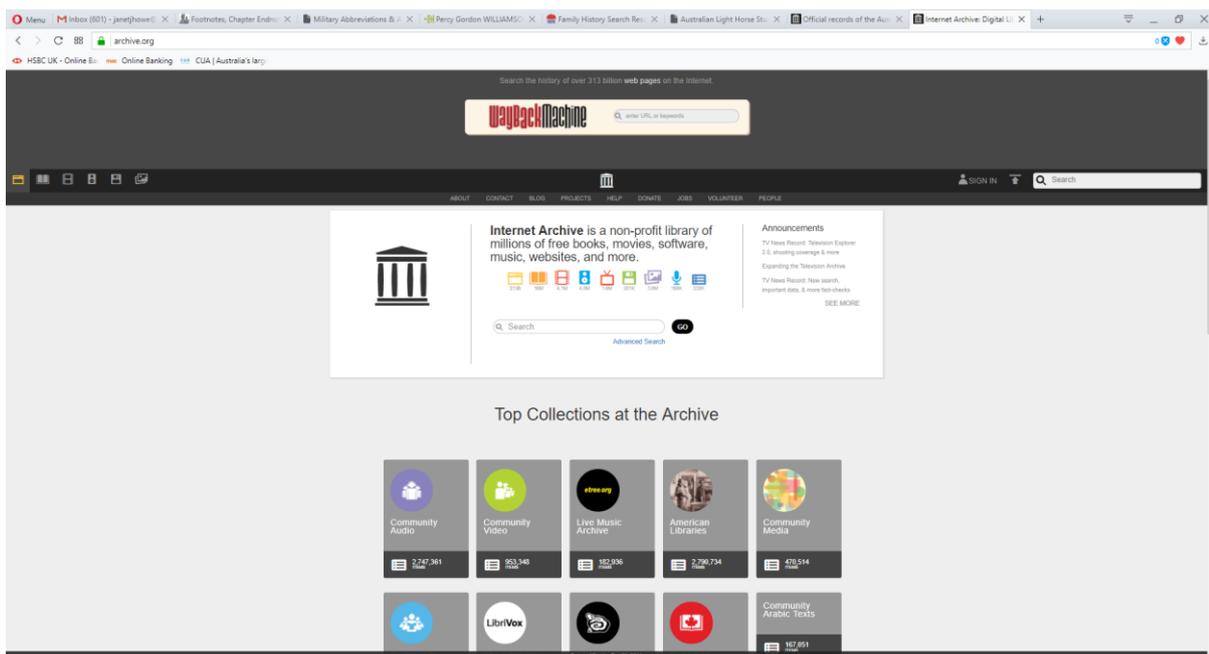
Internet Research you may not have considered: No.1

Are you searching for an elusive relative or simply looking for information to flesh-out their life story? This series is about some amazing internet sites I have discovered over the years which have yielded surprising and valuable results in my quest to learn more about my ancestors.

Archive.org or the Internet Archive at: <https://archive.org>

Archive.org is a U.S. based non-profit digital library with the mission of ‘universal access to all knowledge’. The collection includes websites, software apps/games, music, movies/videos, moving images, journals and millions of public-domain books from libraries around the world. As of October 2016 the collection topped fifteen petabytes (PBs). (PB is the next size up from a terabyte (TB) and to store 1PB would take 1.5 million CD-Roms!). Internet Archive is also an activist organisation advocating for a free and open internet.

Books are word-searchable and while most are downloadable, those not yet in the public domain can be ‘borrowed’ using a virtual library card and you would be surprised at what you can find!





There is so much content on this site it is hard to know where to start, so some examples on about an hour's searching using my family:

- *Official Records of the Australian Military Contingents to the War in South Africa*, Lt-Col P.L. Murray, 1911

A piece about the death of my great-uncle Joseph Faustino "Joe" Palazzi from Wagga Wagga who served with his brother Silvio ...

19th July, 1900.—Marched at daylight. Regiment acting as right flank guard to General Broadwood's force. On finding Boers in front, the regiment pushed on, and was directed to clear the right of the advance. This they did, and in the advance on the enemy's position Private Palazzi was shot through the heart. A small party of "B" Squadron lost touch owing to ground formation, and getting temporarily blocked by a wire fence found themselves exposed to a strong fire at short range. Private Biddle was killed and Sergeant Nicholson severely wounded. After this, "A" Squadron was sent, under orders from the commanding officer (Colonel De Lisle), to my left front, when they became so hotly engaged that for a time it was doubtful whether we would not lose heavily, but by the timely arrival of reinforcements, the enemy retired. Private Bennett, "A" squadron, was killed, and Lieutenant Tooth wounded.

20th July, 1900.—Bodies of Privates Bennett, Biddle, and Palazzi buried this morning; graves marked with crosses. Burial services read by Father Patrick.

- *McNair, McNear, and McNeir Genealogies*, James Birtley McNair
 - 1923 Edition (Y)
 - 1928 Supplement
 - 1955 Supplement (Y)
 - 1960 Supplement (Y)

McNair is my maiden name and the family originates from the Ulster Scottish community in County Donegal, Ireland. These four volumes contain the unregistered single-name research published in the USA. I found out about the books years ago and managed to buy three of them from America, but I couldn't locate the third, which I suspected would yield the greatest information. I can now access that one, the 1928 Supplement.

Also worth exploring:

- *The Clan Macfarlane: The Division of the Clan, Ancestry of David D. McNair*, Mary Wilson MacNair.
- 'The Scotch Settlers in Raphoe, Co Donegal, Ireland', *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 1912 Vol.XXXVI, No.3

Follows from the genealogies above in giving a history of the plantation movement from Scotland to Ireland. At least one McNair is listed, but is he related?



With Sword and Pike.

Morris McConnell
 John Snodgrass
 Alexander McLentock
 Robert Morrison
 Donnell McNichol
 James Richey

John Cocheran
 Owen McNair
 Robert Aickeene
 James Kilsoe
 John Swayne

- *NSW Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, Fifty-Eighth Annual Report, 1919*

Donation from the True Blue Mine which in 1919 was being managed by my Great-Grandfather Herbert Channon and was partly owned by his brother James Channon.

West Wyalong.		£	s.	d.
Evans, G. P. . . . .	..	1	1	0
Flohr, W. . . . .	..	1	0	0
Hartigan, Mrs. . . . .	..	0	18	0
True Blue Mine . . . . .	..	0	10	6
Duncan, J. L. . . . .	..	0	10	0
Staff, Commercial Bank . .	..	0	5	6
Lyttle, Dr. S. P. . . . .	..	0	5	0
Sharman Bros. . . . .	..	0	5	0
Lee, John . . . . .	..	0	5	0
Meagher, John & Co., Ltd. . .	..	0	5	0
Aberline, A. J. . . . .	..	0	5	0
McKenzie, R. . . . .	..	0	5	0
O'Brien, M. . . . .	..	0	5	0
Emmett, A. F. . . . .	..	0	5	0
Souden, H. . . . .	..	0	5	0
Hellyer, H. . . . .	..	0	5	0
Sums under 5/ . . . . .	..	1	9	6
		£8	4	6



- *The Adelong Goldfield*, L.F. Harper, Department of Mines, Geological Survey, 1916 (University of Illinois)

- A 3rd Great-Uncle, Thomas Channon had some success mining gold.

Date.	Name of Party.	Number of Tons.	Yield of Gold.	Remarks.
From 1859 until 1833..	Baker & Co.	500	4,000 6	The whole of these claims are now immersed into a 5-acre lease called the Crown of the Old Hill Company; present depth, 400 ft., and idle. Thickness of reef, from 1 foot to 3 feet. Rate per ton, 7 oz. 9½ dwt.
	Thos Channon	800	6,400 14	
	W. Williams ...	700	5,600 18	
	Bullock & Co.	300	2,400 11	
	Fallon and Bunn	200	2,400 4	
	Vieque and Harri's.....	700	5,600 7	
	Greville & Co.	400	4,000 14	
	Jenkins and Bull.....	650	3,900 9	

- *The Oldest Register book of the Parish of Hawkshead in Lancashire, 1568-1704*, ed H.S. Cowper, 1897.

My maternal 5th great-grandfather was born in Cartmel, Lancashire in 1722, the son of William Birkhead and Margaret Philipson but I've not been able to go back further. As William and Margaret were married at Windermere, and Hawkshead is just on the other side of the lake – could be worth exploring.

- *The Clan Macfarlane: The Division of the Clan, Ancestry of David D. McNair*, Mary Wilson MacNair

I am currently exploring

Other listings:

- Parish Registers: Numerous offerings by W.P.W. Phillimore and various county societies
- Colonial India (just a sample):
 - *List of Tombs and Monuments of Europeans etc in the Madras District*, 1898 (2 Vols)
 - *Inscriptions on Tombs or Monuments in Rajputana and Central India*, 1891
 - *Inscriptions on Christian Tombs or Monuments, Pt.2*, (Punjab, Kashmir & Afghanistan), 1912