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From the President's Desk

We have had a very busy start to the year 2016. In February we celebrated our 30 Year Anniversary with a simply superb event. Helen Roberts, who joined the society in 1987 cut the special anniversary cake.

Special events need to be well organized well in advance and as always, our committee did an outstanding job. Thank you to all our fantastic helpers, what a great team!

Society Patron, Emeritus Professor John Ramsland acted as our Master of Ceremonies for the event and also gave a very special presentation on the extraordinary life of renowned author Paul Brickhill. John's book on Paul Brickhill will be launched later this year.

The Mayor of Port Stephens, Cr. Bruce MacKenzie, opened the proceedings and talked about his family being pioneer settlers to Salt Ash. He also congratulated the society on just what they have achieved over the past 30 years.

Worimi Elder, Uncle John Ridgeway gave the "Welcome to Worimi Country" and sang a very special song he wrote, "I'm a Worimi Boy". John's guitar playing and song wording was poignant and beautifully sung. He is a very special friend to our society.

Scottish piper, Graham Adams enthralled our guests with a selection of music played on the bagpipes, there was also a lot of foot tapping. Graham spoke extensively about Heraldry and the history of names which was very enlightening. (see page 6)

Local historian, David Benson put together, and acted out, some entries from the diary of Sir Robert Dawson, he as the interviewer, and his friend, Brian Jones, acting as Dawson. The dialogue about his time with the A.A. Co was compelling listening.

The society will hold its AGM on 19 April and sadly we will be losing three members from our committee. I urge all members to consider taking on a position to ease the burden of having existing committee members multi-tasking, many hands make light work as the saying goes.

Our next events are in April and May, our two (2) "Meandering up the Myall" ferry trips, held as part of the 2016 National Trust Heritage Festival, as we go to print, both trips are fully booked out, attracting visitors from Sydney, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and local history enthusiasts from Port Stephens.

I do hope you enjoy reading the informative articles we have put together in this edition!

Denise Gaudion

THANK YOU—YOU WILL BE SADLY MISSED

I have been advised by our husband and wife duo, Peter & Nanette Hill, AKA Treasurer & Secretary that they have decided to move on to other interests, taking time out for some holidays and leaving us.

Also on the move is Fay Kent who is relocating out of the area to a retirement village.

We say a very big thank you for all your help and may you have more time to pursue your interests.

30 Year Anniversary

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, EX-MEMBERS, SOCIETY FRIENDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS WHO JOINED US ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION WHICH WAS HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2016 AT CLUB LEMON TREE.

SOME PICTURES CAPTURING SOME SPECIAL GUESTS AT THE EVENT



Worimi Elder John Ridgeway



Helen Roberts cuts the celebration cake



Welcome to Country by Uncle John Ridgeway
MC– Society Patron John Ramsland & a few guests



Local Historian David Benson



Piper Graham Adams– Heraldry



Emeritus Professor John Ramsland

Origins of Names—Graham Adams 30 Year Anniversary Guest Presentation

One of our guest presentations was from Graham Adams, who gave us a wonderful insight about the origin of our surnames and thought we might share some of his name submissions with you.

BAXTER, Joseph

Scottish origin from the name BAKESTER, now BAKER— occupational origin. Also English.

BEGGS, William

Descriptive name from the Gaelic BEAG— both Irish and Scottish— meaning little or small of stature. First recorded in 1209. In Ireland, found in the Ulster region.

CHEAR, Richard

Descriptive name. Also a local name from Chearsley in Buckinghamshire. Village between Oxford and Aylesbury.

COFFEY/ COFFEE/ COFFER/ COFFERER, Mary

An Irish patronymic name which was originally OCOFFEY also CAUGHEY. The original form was OCOBHTHAIDH who was the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe in 1173. It is a common name in Liverpool, being the main point of entry for Irish emigrants.

DA SILVA, Joseph

Can be descriptive name as in silver haired person or a district name – the dweller by the silver stream or a worker of silver, would then be Silversmith.

DAVIS, Ann

Patronymic from son of Davy. First recorded 1327. Common to England and Scotland and earlier in Wales.

DENT, James

A district name from the village of Dent in the West Riding of Yorkshire, about 35 kms east of Kendall. First recorded in 1131.

HEDGECOE/ HEDGECOCK, William

From HITCHCOK (9 variants). A diminutive form of HITCH. A pet name for Richard. Common in the 13th century, particularly in Cheshire. First recorded in 1327. Another reference gives the name as one of many from birds as in HAW, HAY, HEY, all variants of hedge.

HIGGS, Joshua

Patronymic from son of Richard from Lancashire. From HICK, HIGGINS. First recorded in 1273 as HIGGE.

JACOBS, Mary

This medieval surname was not of Jewish origin, although from biblical times. It is found in other forms as (Latin) JACOBUS, JACOBITE and JAINES.

MACKENZIE, Archibald

From the Gaelic– son of KENZIE, meaning son of the fair. Original spelling MacCOINNICH

MASHMAN/ MARSHMAN, Charles

Local name. Dweller in the marsh. First recorded as EDMUND le MERSMAN in 1233. In 1233 as John Mershman.

PENHALL, Samuel

District name– from the manor house of PenHall near the village of Pensax in Worcestershire. Variations are PENHULL, PENNELL, PENHILL.

RIDDLE, Hugh

Originally from Gascony. Now mainly found in Scotland. First recorded in 1124, also recorded as RYEDLE (North Yorkshire) and in England as RIDDELL.

RIDGEWAY, Anthony

District name– at the road over the back of the hill. First recorded in 1379.

SABINE, Herbert

From son of SABINE. SABINA was martyred by Hadrian during the Roman occupation of Britain. The name was in much favour. First recorded 1273.

SWITZER, Henry

Suggested.– a name of Switzerland. First recorded in London 1778.

PARDEK/ PAREK, Caroline

Suggested from PARRACK. Various spellings from PEARROC– enclosed land– hence paddock or park. First recorded in 1276.

UPSALL, Velveen

Local name from the village of Upsall in North Yorkshire, approximately 10 klms north of Thirsk – James Herriot country.

New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to new member

Sean Brennan

and also to returning member

Janet Alterator

“May their branches be full and bear much fruit”

Munro's of Malta



I started searching for my Munro roots in the late 1990's.

Armed with the family tale from my mother of having Sir Hugh Hector Munro as our ancestor who was knighted for building embattlements in Malta and remembering a small booklet, now lost, about famous Munro's in my Grandmother's special box. I trolled through an enormous amount of microfiche and other literature including Who's Who of peerage etc. at Port Stephens Family History Society's headquarters and web sites in the early days of the internet with little success. There was so many Munro's with different spellings and of course the family tradition of naming the first son after the father clouded my research even further. It might as well have been a Scottish John Smith I thought.

I discovered the Knights of Malta along the way & decided he must have been connected here and not a knight of the crown so, disappointed I let it rest for some time.

Members of the Order - Order of Malta <http://orderofmalta.org.au/about-the-order-of-malta/members-of-the-order>

I joined the then Clan Munro Australian Association on Yahoo groups and listed the names of who I was seeking, now knowing they had a monthly newsletter to other members. Low and behold in the next newsletter was a third cousin in America researching the same people at the same time on the same site. How lucky was I, and I was again filled with eagerness to keep digging.

We were so excited to be connected and corresponded with our respective family info over the next couple of years until we discovered we were coincidentally having a holiday in Mexico not far from each other. It was just such a buzz meeting my 3rd cousin and other family members, there, of all places.

Together, we continued to research with the help of whomever was interested and in time another 3rd cousin in Tasmania found me. All the while still searching for the elusive Hugh Hector as new information was coming in slowly about distant and very interesting family members.

Our Tasmanian cousin discovered a deposit at the Mitchell library from my Grandmother's sister Maude, containing a vast amount of letters, newspaper cuttings and photos of her very interesting and varied life. From her live theatre days, to getting married to the R.A.N. commodore, Henry Waterworth Bligh Livesay in Calcutta, and then shortly after World War 11 ended, travelling the world, and also being the owners of the first Sydney to Hobart yacht "Rani".

As the years passed by I became confused with the chronological order of events on the Munro front and by now I had learnt to keep a record of where I'd searched and so avoided going over the same ground again and again as I had in the past.

Each time I managed to find time, between running two businesses and life in general, to go to Port Stephens Family History group on one of two days they were open, I was met with their enquiries as to the progression with my Munro's. Alas, I was no closer than the last visit.

With the offer of help from Di, one of our members in the mid nineties, to my embarrassment she did what I hadn't done, that is to type in the search box on the internet all together, at one time "HUGH MUNRO MALTA" and the following link confronted us.

<http://www.angelfire.com/ky/dawnsplace/susannah.html>

As I read through this elaborate story it became obvious it was about my long lost Hugh and his life and second wife and career in the British army from a young man of 19 to his death in Malta in 1872 at age 64.

Extract from the story online by Pat Stamp, my half 3rd cousin once removed.

"Hugh joined the Royal Regiment of Sappers and Miners on 16th May 1827 at Edinburgh Castle. He stayed in the Sappers & Miners for 20 years serving in Halifax Nova Scotia for 7 years and Corfu (one of the Greek islands) 5 years. He was discharged on 21st April 1847 and had risen to the rank of Colour Sergeant. His physical description at discharge was 5ft 10in, light brown hair, blue eyes with a fresh complexion. He was a mason by trade."

In September 2015 I had the privilege of meeting Pat and some other members of the Maltese Munro branch in Malta. It's a fascinating country that I knew little about until the plan was hatched to go there. Steeped in ancient history as a bonus it is well worth a visit regardless of the family connection.

There have been more family branches discovered, again in America and England, in recent times with some very interesting and talented people which makes me feel a bit ordinary.

There are still some Aussie members to be connected with.

I am a descendant through Hugh Charles Munro, his second of 17 known kids and his end whereabouts remain a **mystery**. Having been born in Nova Scotia in 1833 he came to Australia from England on the ship "Evening Star" in 1856 and married Anne Cooney or Quinney in 1860 in Melbourne. Hugh Charles was, among other endeavours, a cook on the ship "You Yangs" between Melbourne and Sydney with at least one trip to New Zealand, where there is a birth record with the same name as his but parents not known. On birth certificates of some of his issue he is listed as an electrician as well. He also shows up with a publican licence in Melbourne but where did he end up?

They had 8 children, 6 of who lived to adulthood.

I am seeking information from Hugh Charles' descendants from Victorian born:

Child No3 Annie Georgina b.1865. Married James Campbell Hoggan 1883. 4 kids.

Child No5 Susan Elizabeth b.1869 Married William Mathias Nielsen 1894. 2 kids

Child No6 Cecilia Beatrice b.1871 Married Claud Reginald Glass 1909. 1 kid.

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Diary Dates– April to August 2016

AGM

TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016 1PM

RESEARCH LIBRARY

ALL WELCOME * AFTERNOON TEA

MONTHLY MEETINGS

TUESDAY 5 APRIL 1 PM GENERAL MEETING

MAY TO BE ADVISED

JUNE TO BE ADVISED

JULY TO BE ADVISED

MEMBERS WILL BE SURVEYED AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS IF DAY AND TIME IS CHANGED

EVENTS

1st FERRY TRIP

TUESDAY 26 APRIL MEANDERING UP THE MYALL

2nd FERRY TRIP

TUESDAY 10 MAY MEANDERING UP THE MYALL

FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

TO BE ADVISED

The Australian War Memorial in Canberra

If you want a fantastic experience where you will be treated with respect and dignity, go and visit the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

In January 2016 a friend and I made the seven hour trip to do just this. We spent two days there in total and enjoyed every moment. The courteous attitude and thoughtful attention by all the staff was excellent. Their knowledge of war details and what was available for the public was fantastic. From our point of view everyone (from the manager to the volunteers) went out of their way to assist and suggest things for us to see and do that we were not aware of.

As I would be making a trip to the battlefields in France in a few months' time, I was interested in finding out more information on four diggers who fought in WW1, three of whom were killed in action. The one who returned was my grandfather. I had done my research online before making this trip and thought that I had sufficient information required. I had the dossier on my grandfather from the National Archives of Australia, which I had read many times trying to make sense of the handwriting and the acronyms. I also had in my possession the printouts which I had found online. I had been on the AWM website but, as I was to find out, had not checked out all the options that were available to read, print and watch.

After arranging a wheelchair for my friend, our first port of call was the family history centre to see what extra information they could provide on my four servicemen. Reception had already rung ahead of us, so the very friendly and helpful volunteers were ready and waiting for us. We gave them the details that we had, hoping to gain further information. Unfortunately they could not help my friend find anything on her ancestor at all. For 'my' men who died in action, they were able to print out some extra details – e.g. on which panel on the wall of memory each name was listed; also the date the names of these men would be projected onto the façade of the War Memorial after dark. The names are displayed from sunset to sunrise every night, and can be seen from the grounds of the Memorial. Each name will be visibly highlighted for 30 seconds. In regard to my grandfather's dossier, because he had returned, they were not able to decipher the acronyms for me or provide me with any more additional information.

The three men who were killed in action in the war were ancestors of my husband's family. They were two brothers, Norman and Roderick Balshaw and their cousin Alick Bremner. These three men were all killed in different battles in France and their final resting places are miles apart.

Norman was born in July 1891 at Moama, New South Wales. He was the second of three sons in a family of seven children. He enrolled in Melbourne on 4th January 1916 and joined the 8th Brigade as a Gunner at the age of 24 years, 6 months. He arrived in France one year later after completing several training sessions. He managed to avoid being wounded until September that year when he was blown off his feet by an exploding bomb. After spending five weeks in hospital he re-joined his battalion. On 6th April 1918 he was re-admitted to hospital at Camiers, this time with what turned out to be a fatal wound. His battalion had been in combat at Corbie and Norman's body is buried at the CWGC cemetery at Etaples, France which is nearly 72 miles northwest of Corbie on the coast.

Roderick was Norman's younger brother who was born in December 1895 at Moama also. He was 20 years, 11 months when he enrolled in Bendigo, Victoria on 26th September, 1916. Roderick was 'taken on strength' at Camiers, France on 8th June, 1917 and three and a half months later was killed in action. ('Taken on strength' means that he was added to the battalion permanently and it was the Army's responsibility to pay, feed and clothe him. Monies would be allocated for this purpose.) According to the records obtained from the National Archives of Australia, his place of death is stated as 'in the field' and his body has not been identified. His name is one of the 54,000 listed at Menin Gate who has no known place of burial.

Alick Bremner was the fourth son in a family of 11 children. He was born in 1896 at Moulamein, NSW and enlisted at the age of 21 at Warwick, Queensland. He joined the 12th Machine Gun Company and thirteen months later was transferred to the 41st Battalion at which stage they were 'taken on strength' in northern France. The battalion marched into Rouelles on 12th June 1918 where they encountered fierce opposition from the enemy. On 6th July 1918 Alick was wounded in the abdomen and femur and died of these wounds later that day. He was only 22 years old. He is buried in the Daours Community Communal Cemetery Extension nearly three miles west of Corbie, France.

After we left the family history centre we went to the Memorial Hall where the Roll of Honour walls are located and, on which all the names of the servicemen and women who had lost their lives in battle since 1885 to the current day are listed. When you see the wall covered in red poppies, it is very hard not to get emotional thinking that each of these flowers represents a life sacrificed (more than 102,000) and a family of loved ones devastated. I found the names of the three men that I was interested in and made a note of where their names were so I could return and place a poppy next to each of them. We also spent some time in the Hall of Memory admiring the amazing stain glass windows and the mosaic work on the walls. (There is a very interesting story about the mosaics.) The tomb of the 'Unknown Australian Soldier' is also in this hall.

We walked through the various levels of the Memorial and were continually amazed, humbled, saddened and informed by all the displays. The dioramas are amazing and taking a photo does not really do them justice. I was told by the manager that the one which depicts the battle at Mont St Quentin is unique, in that the background and the weather conditions actually change over an eight hour period in accordance with the records from that battlefield. Anyone visiting would not realise this as they would only spend a few minutes at this display. I had the opportunity to share this information with a young boy of about 10-12 years of age. He looked at me with wide eyes, "Really?" he asked and after having another look then ran off to tell his family. (Sure enough, when I returned past this diorama later, the clouds and mist had cleared and it appeared to be a lovely, sunny day.)

We had a lovely lunch in Poppy's Café where the décor is naturally in line with the whole theme of the War Memorial. The backs and seats of the chairs had very interesting pictures on them and certainly 'set the scene'. Once again the members of staff were very polite, friendly and informative. The range of food was very impressive, affordable and catered for all diets.

As the parking at the Memorial is limited to four hours, I returned to the information desk in the Orientation Gallery at the main entrance. I explained that I had to move the car as the four hours had nearly expired. The young man at the desk explained that, because we had a disability label on the car dashboard, we were legally entitled to stay there as long as required. He offered to give us a "free parking" ticket but I was quite happy with the legal requirements. The second day I acquired one of these tickets as I was in a non-designated parking space.

There were so many displays to see with lots of information to read. The camera was working overtime and sometimes the photos were too dark because of the lack of lighting (and my limited camera expertise!) We were told that the 'lack of lighting' is to preserve the displays, particularly the larger ones, as excessive illumination can cause deterioration. The SIZE of some of the exhibits almost defies logic. How do they get massive planes, helicopters, tanks, submarines, etc. into a building that has three levels and large doors – but not that big! It is a real eye opener particularly for anyone who has not been that close to these types of transport. Some of the exhibits, especially for WW1, really bring home how primitive the equipment was that our diggers had to deal with and how cramped conditions were. There are many almost 'hands on' type displays which attempt to 'make it real' for the visitors; lots of audio-visual displays where there are seats for the public to sit and listen. We ventured into a simulated aircraft, vibrations and all, where the audio visual was about the crew communicating with each other during an attack by the enemy. It was very graphic, even to the end where the aircraft was hit and crashed into the ground.

We had planned to stay for the Last Post Ceremony which takes place at 4.55 pm each day. This ceremony is the Memorial's farewell to all the visitors of the day. It is a very moving ceremony and is watched by hundreds of people each day. At one stage when we were in the Orientation Gallery, one of the staff members asked us if we would like to lay a wreath in the Last Post Ceremony. We were both gob-smacked!! Firstly, we didn't realise that this would happen and, secondly, that it was something that we could do. It took us no time to agree to this invitation. We were given a card each for us to write a special message on and this would be placed on the wreath. My friend dedicated her wreath *'to all the men and women who had sacrificed their lives for our country'*. On my card I wrote the names and service numbers of 'my' three diggers who were killed in action. We were to put the date and our names on the back and these cards are kept in the archives for perpetuity. We handed the cards in at the desk and sat down to wait for the ceremony. While waiting, one of the staff came and handed me a large envelope saying, *"I think you may like this"*. Apparently the look on my face was classic! I knew without opening the envelope what was in it. (At the reception desk you can purchase a Memorial Certificate with the name, rank and date of death of a digger on it.) Sure enough, inside were three certificates each with the details of 'my' diggers on it. Wow! What a gift! They will be treasured always and shared with other family members.

The Last Post Ceremony organiser for those laying wreaths was a very helpful and thoughtful lady. She explained the procedure, taking great effort to tell us that there 'is no right way' to lay the wreaths. Obviously it is a very emotional and honouring moment and should be performed with dignity. She assisted my friend to walk out and lay her wreath without fear of falling. The young man who was first to lay his wreath was a descendant of the digger whose story was told as part of the ceremony. There was a large photo of his ancestor on a stand near the Pool of Remembrance at the foot of which he was to lay his wreath.

Altogether that day there were five wreaths laid by people of all ages – from young teenagers to 70 year olds. This topped off a very wonderful experience and a day never to be forgotten. These ceremonies are filmed and posted online approximately six weeks later.

In summing up I would suggest the following to anyone reading this who is considering making a trip to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra:

- If it is not on your 'Bucket List', add it ASAP.
- DON'T cut yourself short by limiting your time to a couple of hours. I was there for two full days and, in looking back, wish I had spent more time there. Mind you, the manager who spent time talking with me told me he had been there for ten years and hasn't seen everything!
- If you want information on one of your ancestors make sure that you have all possible details with you.
- Check out the AWM website TOTALLY – there is so much information about what to see and do online. I regret that I did not do that sufficiently beforehand. <https://www.awm.gov.au/>
- Make sure you set aside time to go to the research reading room if that is where your interests lie. I didn't even realise that I could go in there. I thought it was only for 'staff'. The times and days they are open are on the website, plus other information.
- I would recommend Poppies Café for your eating experience, open 8.30 – 4.30 daily. I tried the Launching Pad Café in Anzac Hall (10.30 – 4.30 daily) but, in my opinion, it was not as nice. It is smaller and can be very crowded. Poppies Café is in a separate building to the Memorial but it is close by.

- Park in the underground parking (and ask for a free parking ticket, if you're game!). It is close to the main entrance.
- If you have an ancestor who died in combat, contact the AWM well before your visit and make inquiries about 'having their story told' as part of the Last Post Ceremony.
- There are many tours which are conducted by well-informed volunteers and they vary in length from 30 minutes to 90 minutes. Ask at the reception desk in the Orientation Gallery for details of content and times of tours.
- Spend time (and money) in the bookshop. They have lots of very interesting things for sale. They also have an online shop. <https://www.awm.gov.au/shop/>
- Also thoroughly check out the National Archives of Australia website <http://www.naa.gov.au/> . They have information that ties in with the AWM.
- Even if you have been to the AWM, plan another visit as 90% of their exhibits are in storage and displays change regularly. They are getting new exhibits all the time. One of the new acquisitions this year (2016) will be a black hawk helicopter.

The Australian War Memorial is open 10 am – 5pm daily except for Christmas Day and entry is free.

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Websites for Indigenous research

- STATE RECORDS NSW:
<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/resources-for/indigenous-people/Indigenous-communities>
- ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS NSW FAMILY RECORDS UNIT:
<http://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/about/family-records-unit/>
- STATE LIBRARY OF NSW INDIGENOUS SERVICES UNIT:
<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/indigenous/index.html>
- INFOKOORI:
<http://li1084/searchbrary.sl.nsw.gov.au:>
- AIATSIS:
<http://aiatsis.gov.au/> (Dawn magazine here)
- LINK-UP NSW:
<http://www.linkupnsw.org.au/>
- STOLEN GENERATIONS TESTIMONIES:
<http://www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com/>
- FIND AND CONNECT:
<http://findandconnect.gov.au/>
- TROVE:
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> (digitised newspapers)

Indigenous names are also found in BDM's, our society has been indexing those registered NSW.

NSW Land Records

NSW LAND RECORDS RESEARCH ING

Search Type	Free or Pay	NSW Land and Property Information - Queens Square	NSW Land and Property Information - Internet Online Shop (Home)	NSW Land and Property Information - Internet HLRV	NSW State Library Link to NSW LPI - Internet HLRV	NSW State Records	NSW State Records Link to NSW LPI - Internet HLRV	Internet HLRV (Home)
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Old Form Title Vol 1 to Vol 8497 View Copy	Free			√	√		√	
Loose Leaf Title Vol 9000 to 15000 Purchase Copy	Pay	√	√					
Folio Identifier Purchase Copy	Pay	√	√					
Folio Identifier (Historical Search) Purchase Copy	Pay	√	√					
Address Search	Free	√	√					
Copy of Dealing (Torrens Title)	Pay	√	√					
Parish Maps & County Maps (incl Historical Parish Maps)	Free			√	√	√	√	√
Land Charting Maps	Free			√	√		√	√
Purchasers Index - Torrens Title 1863 to 1985	Free	√		√	√		√	√
Purchasers Index - Torrens Title 1986 onwards	Pay	√						
Old System Records - Vendors Index Start 1825	Free	√		√	√		√	√
Old System Records - Purchasers Index - Start 1896	Free	√		√	√		√	√
Primary Applications - Form	Free					√		
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NSW Land & Property Information

Location

1 Prince Albert Road, Queens Square, Sydney

Online Shop

http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/land_titles/online_products

HLRV

<http://images.maps.nsw.gov.au/terms/acceptTerms.htm>

Historical Lands Record Viewer

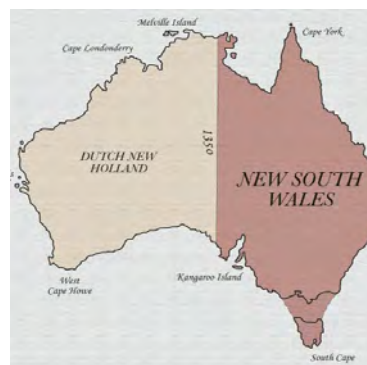
Our changing borders & early research in NSW

Understanding how our borders have changed can help us find records within the archive collections of New South Wales.

New South Wales originally comprised over half of the continent of Australia as well as New Zealand, Norfolk Is. and Lord Howe Is.

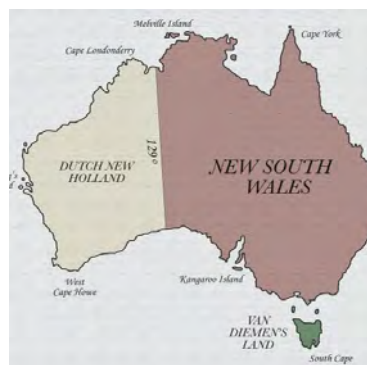
NEW SOUTH WALES : 1788 to 1824

The Colony of New South Wales in 1788 covered the area between latitudes 10 degrees 37 minutes south (Cape York) to 43 degrees 39 minutes south (South Cape) and all the country inland as far as the 130 degree of east longitude reckoning from the meridian of Greenwich, including all islands adjacent in the Pacific Ocean. This meant that Van Dieman's Land, Norfolk Island, Lord Howe Island and New Zealand's North Island and half of it's South Island were all part of New South Wales. The earliest records for the settlements on these islands can be found in NSW records.



TASMANIA: 1825

Van Dieman's Land became a separate colony in 1825, but not officially named Tasmania until 1855. Prior to 1825 there had been no Superior Court so prisoners often had to travel to New South Wales for their cases to be heard in the Sydney Criminal Court or the NSW Deputy Judge Advocate had to travel to Hobart or Launceston to hear cases there. Some of the earliest court records relating to those residing in Van Dieman's Land can be found in New South Wales.



NEW ZEALAND: 1840

New Zealand was considered part of New South Wales until James Busby was appointed a Official resident of New Zealand in 1832. Busby encouraged some Maori chiefs to sign a Declaration of Independence in 1835 and four years later the NSW Governor Gipps was appointed Governor of New Zealand.. The Treaty of Waitangi followed in 1840 and thus NZ became a colony in its own right.



VICTORIA: 1851

In 1847, the then Secretary of State for the colonies, Governor Sir Charles Fitzroy announced a decision to separate Port Phillip District from New South Wales, bounded on the north and north-east by a straight line drawn from the nearest source of the River Murray. The Port Phillip District of New South Wales did not become the Colony of Victoria until 13 July 1851. So the earliest immigration records for Victoria from 1839 to 1851 are records of the Colony of New South Wales.



QUEENSLAND: 1859

Prior to 6 June 1859 it was the Moreton Bay District of New South Wales, and all the earliest records of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Darling Downs and the Moreton Bay Penal settlement are found in New South Wales records. In 1865, the Queensland and New South Wales Governments agreed that the boundary between the colonies should be established on the 29th parallel of latitude. The final determination was completed in 1879.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA: 1863

Following the abandonment of the Raffles Bay settlement (NT), a military outpost was established at King George's Sound (near Albany) in 1829 by Major General Edmund Locker. Capt. James Stirling had earlier explored the Swan River and as a precaution against French interest, he lobbied the London authorities to settle the Swan. In 1828, Sir George Murray, Secretary of State for the colonies, requested that the British Admiralty send a ship from the Cape of Good Hope, Africa to take formal possession of the coast of Dutch New Holland. In 1829, Capt. Fremantle took possession of that part of the continent not included in New South Wales.



NORTHERN TERRITORY

The area now known as the Northern Territory was part of New South Wales. Colonial records in NSW can be found for the Fort Wellington settlement at Raffles Bay from 1826 to when it was abandoned in 1829, and also for Port Essington from 1838 to 1849 when it too was abandoned. In 1863, the NT was annexed under control of South Australia and subsequently transferred to Commonwealth control in 1911. In 1926, the NT was divided into North Australia and Central Australia under control of the Federal Govt.



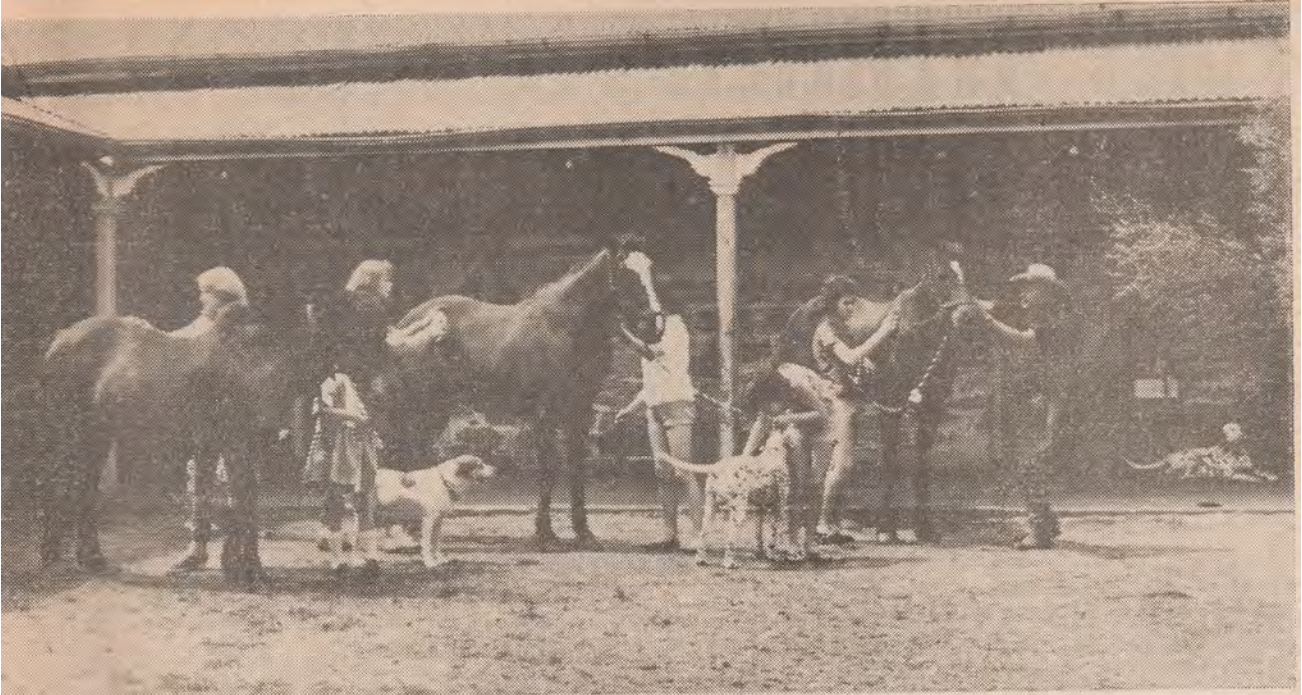
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: 1911

In 1898 the NSW Government proposed that Sydney should be the seat of the new Federal Govt. but the Federal Convention reasoned that it should be at least 100 miles from Sydney. Several sites were proposed with the board recommending Albany or Tumut. Tumut was chosen, however it was abandoned in favour of the 1907 final selection of the Yass/Canberra district. In 1911, the Commonwealth of Australia took possession of the area now known as the ACT. Records can be found in NSW relating to the selection of the site of Canberra and places which were part of NSW prior to 1911, particularly school records.



Days Gone By— Tanilba Bay 1964

SOURCE: PORT STEPHENS DIRECTORY; 1964 SEASON



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The Oberland family from left: Mother Helena, Suzanna, Helen, Georgina & Father George

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Days Gone By— Lemon Tree Passage 1964

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Attractions at...

Lemon Tree Passage

There is already an established village at Lemon Tree Passage, being part of an original sub division made 25 years ago and known as the "Kooindah" Estate, of approximately 100 blocks, which have now nearly all been built on.

The village has a very romantic past and was a landing place for goods from as far north as Bungwahl, approximately 50 miles up through the Myall Lakes, Tea Gardens, and also stores for the settlers in that area.

The goods were transported by coach and bullock wagons and taken aboard at the Passage by paddlewheel steamers for distribution right throughout the upper lakes, and the old wharf piles can still be seen there.

The road is now tarred right to the village and is 23 miles from Newcastle, via Nelson Bay, the turn-off being 11 miles up at Salt Ash.

A post office and general store are at present erected and the telephone and electric light is available for residents. There are also two modern boatsheds that are equipped with first-class motor launches and rowing boats for hire.

The land is situated on a peninsula, having a water frontage of one and a half miles to Nelson Bay and the mouth of Tilligerry Creek, and the surrounding water abounds with all varieties of fish, as the original name of the estate suggests, "Kooindah", an aboriginal name, meaning "the meeting place of the fishes".

It is also very famous for the quality of the oysters which are grown in the waters surrounding the Passage.

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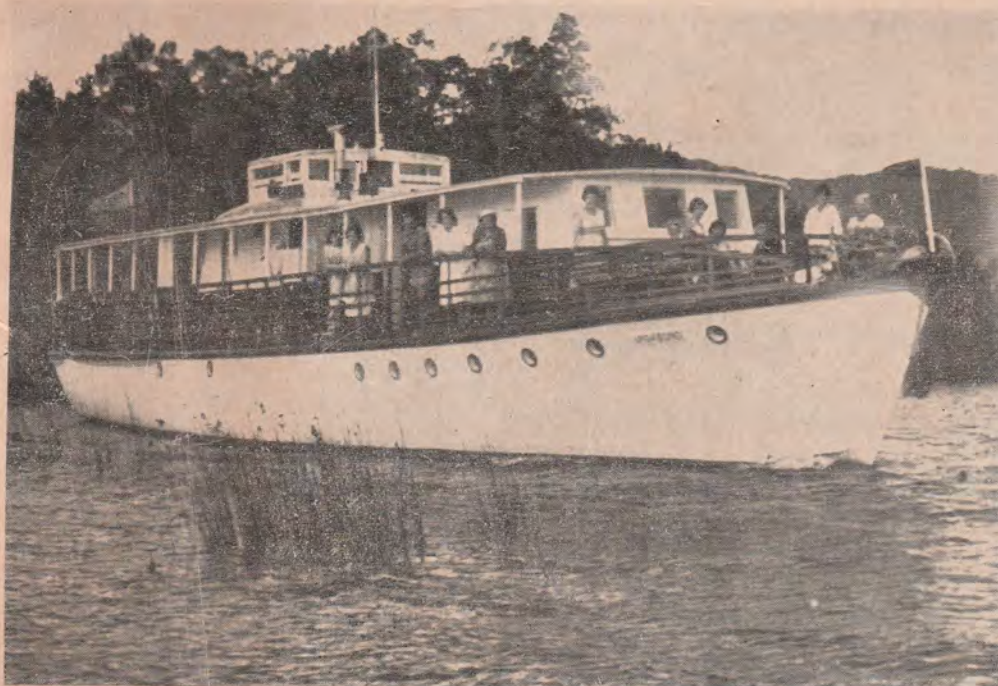
There are two boat hiring businesses at Lemon Tree Passage. One is owned by Christianson & Fort, the other by K. & C. Dunn.

Both have cottages and cabins to let. Lemon Tree Passage also has its own camping ground and a well stocked store.

Days Gone By— M.V. Vagabond Cruise 1964

SOURCE: PORT STEPHENS WATER WONDERLAND DIRECTORY 1964

FIVE DAYS OF ENCHANTMENT



Five days free from the city's noise and bustle, spent aboard the "Vagabond", cruising on the sparkling waters of Port Stephens and the beautiful Myall Lakes adds up to a carefree holiday full of fun and long-to-be-remembered.

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There is an unending thrill to the beauty of the winding Myall River, emerging finally upon the quiet waters of the Myall Lakes, with their teeming bird life, and miles of foreshores, back-

ed by long, rolling hills.

A climb to the top of the highest peaks presents breathtaking views which unfold in all their splendour.

This is a holiday filled with variety, entertainment

and companionship without the bother of prior arrangement.

On the sporting front, for those with energy to spare, there is swimming, fishing, hiking or aqua-planing, but on the other hand, provision is made for complete relaxation just lying in the sun.

Here is a typical itinerary of the "Vagabond":

MONDAY . . . Departs from Tea Gardens at 4.30 p.m. and proceeds down the Myall River into Port Stephens and anchors in some sheltered spot for the night.

TUESDAY . . . Cruising in the Port and visiting places of interest, such as Carrington, where the Australian Agricultural Company found-

ed its colony in 1825. There still remains the old stone church, built by convict labour, and a few headstones in the old burial ground, dating back to the early days.

Tanbla House, which dates back to 1931, is also visited and contains some very colourful stonework.

WEDNESDAY . . . Return to Myall River via Tea Gardens and proceed 16 miles upstream into Broadwater Lake. In these shark-free waters, swimming and aqua-planing can be indulged in with safety. Aqua-planing has proved a very popular pastime on the cruise.

THURSDAY . . . Will be spent on Boolambayte Lake, cruising through this interest-

ing and unusual water-way. Boolambayte Creek is noted for its clear reflections and has beautiful water lilies in season.

FRIDAY . . . Cruise continues on through the Myall Lake with visits to spots of interest.

SATURDAY . . . The cruise terminates at Tea Gardens in time to connect with the bus to Newcastle.

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An interesting feature of this trip is that it can be enjoyed for less than £20.

Full details can be obtained from local tourist bureaux, who also make bookings for this five days of enchantment on the beautiful Port Stephens and peaceful Myall Lakes.

Hawk's Nest Tea Gardens Ferry

It has been calculated that 80 per cent. of the traffic using the ferry is made up of visitors and tourists.

Local bodies want to combine with Stroud Shire Council to maintain the ferry and secure a subsidy for its operation.

They have already approached the Department of Main Roads.

However, nothing concrete has been decided at this stage.

One of the biggest road improvements taking place is the gravelling of the road to Mungo Brush.

A sum of £3,000 has been allocated for this work.

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Local History Research– can you help?

The society is currently researching for a new book. This is going to be achieved over several years and will revise and update the previous book published mainly on the Tilligerry Peninsula.

This book will not only be a fully sourced local history publication but also a people's history about the Tilligerry Peninsula and all the surrounding areas of Salt Ash, Williamtown, Bobs Farm, Taylors Beach, Oyster Cove, Swan Bay and some portions of Anna Bay and Medowie within the Tilligerry Conservation Area.

Please contact the society if you can help with information and photographs.

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EARLY LANDHOLDERS– Parish of Stowell– County of Gloucester

J.S.MOORE– Salt Ash: portions 12 & 23

WILLIAM MULCONDREY Salt Ash: portion 138

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JAMES BRIMBLECOMBE– Salt Ash: portions 74 & 139

F.C. DeHAMEL– Salt Ash: portion 162

Information is sought about the families of above named original landholders.

PLACE NAMES

FENNINGHAM'S ISLAND & STUART ISLAND

Information is sought on the origin of names for these two islands in Tilligerry Creek

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

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Download request form from website: www.portstephensfamilyhistory.com.au

*Research Fee is \$25 (limit of 10 resource documents printed or copied and
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All enquiries are welcome, and we do endeavour to answer requests as soon as possible, however, if at times we have numerous requests, please be patient.

Churching Records

Have you heard of Churching? or a Thanksgiving Service for women?

I came across an entry of St Phillip's Church of England in Sydney for Eliza Speed (nee Russell), my GGGG Grandmother and it was a "churching" entry. Wanting to know more about these specific records I found the following explanations:

Churching' refers to a blessing from the Priest that mothers were given following their recovery from childbirth, the woman would thank God for the safe delivery of her child.

The usual date of "Churching" for women was the fortieth day after confinement (or giving birth) in accordance with the Biblical date and Jewish practice.

Churching ceremonies were performed even when a child was stillborn, so a reference to a woman in the churching registers without any concomittant baptism or infant burial entry can provide a clue to the existence of another child, or explain a long gap in childbearing.

Churching' is thought to derive from a Jewish purification rite, where the sin of childbirth was washed away. Many people thought that childbirth made a woman unholy or unclean because it had resulted from sexual activity; sexual abstinence and virginity being equalled to holiness. People considered the purification rite, or rite of churching to be very important as it allowed the unclean woman to re-enter the Church in a "state of grace".

CLERGY RETURNS

Copies of the Church registers were sent (similar to the Bishop's Transcripts in England) to the Government and began in 1811. From 1811 to 1825, the Clergy Returns were documented differently from the Church Registers. All Quarterly returns have survived from January 1811 until December 1825, with the exception of April– June 1813.

Church Registers and Clergy Returns are available on microfilm as part of the Archives Register Kit available at most local libraries and also see below for a great subscription website:

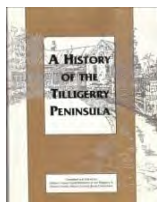
Researching on the internet: www.bda-online.org.au

I have been checking out the above Biographical Database of Australia, a non-profit project and the product of years of work by volunteer genealogists who are gathering biographical data from original manuscripts, beginning with the government and church records of the early penal colonies.

The annual subscription is just \$30 and you can search the specialized indexes online and track individuals and extended families through time. There is a name search facility that will give you a complete, fully referenced, biographical summary of your individual/ resident ancestor.

Subscribers are encouraged to contribute to the database, do corrections and advise of links.

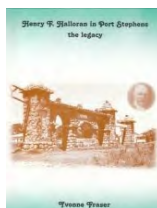
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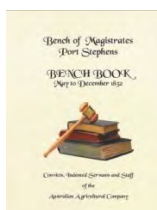


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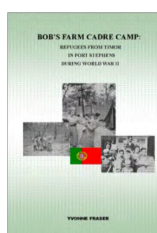
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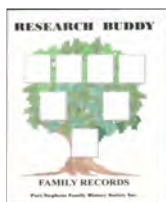


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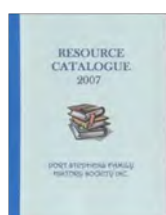
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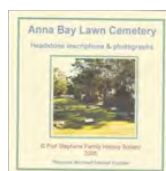


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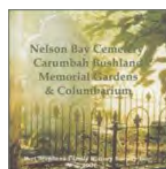


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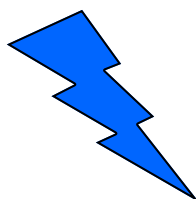
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