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Member contributions always welcome!

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

Patron:	Emma McBride, Federal MP for Dobell
Meetings:	Are held monthly on the 2nd Saturday monthly between February and November, at 'The Cottage', Wyong Old School Community Centre, Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong. Phone 02 4351 2211
Resources and research assistance at 'The Cottage' – available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm. After hours by appointment.	
Fees:	Non-members \$10.00 per hour between 10:00am and 12:00 noon and 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Members Free.

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A NOTE FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

Lynda Smith – President – LM2



I would like to thank the outgoing Committee for all their stellar work this past year. Running a State Conference as well as keeping the Cottage operational during these difficult times has been a trial, but we have survived and benefitted from the experience. A number of long-time members have retired from active committee work and their smiling faces will be missed. I do understand their need for a break though, and a return to their own research activities and/or a focus on their own health. Welcome to new Management Committee members Peta and Ann.

When I joined this group, 40 years ago, it was very different from what it is today. We did not have a permanent home. We had less than 30 members. Our library consisted of loaned items, carried around in a cardboard box. Our funds were low, but our enthusiasm was high. We became friends and helped each other with our research. We wrote letters, with real stamps attached, to far off locations. We took train trips to The State Library and The State Archives at The Rocks. We shared our copies of the Genealogical Research Directory, looking for people interested in our surnames. Microfiche was king. Using microfilm was laborious, especially when the last person wound the film on backwards! Even so, Eureka! moments occurred, much to the annoyance of the staid and proper State Library staff. They didn't appreciate my unique dance of joy!

Times have changed. Technology has become our friend. We can now access records from around the world, in our own home or at the Cottage, at the touch of a button, thanks to the countless volunteers who have collated, scanned and indexed them. We must not be complacent though. Friendship and support are still the mainstays of our group. We need to share our stories and expertise. We need to welcome new members, and returning members and make use of the vast resources we have collected over these 40 years.

Share your stories by submitting them to the Tree of Life. I have had some amazing contacts from people in other states and even overseas after having something published in our humble journal. If you are worried about spelling and grammar, we have members who can edit for you. We do not need scholarly pieces. Set yourself a challenge for the next edition. Have a go!

I would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I know many of us have sick relatives and friends and those we have recently lost. Take a moment over the break to remember the good times with these people and the impact they have had on your life.

Take care, Lynda. ... ❖

GREETINGS FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Kerrie Metcalfe – LM80 – October 2023



Greetings from Immediate Past President

As we approach the end of 2023 and our last Tree of Life for the year I reflect on the positive progress our Group has made, sometimes in adverse situations and with sickness plaguing our committee members and volunteers. I know what a great team we have and it's the reason we are still surviving as an active Family History Group.

Some of our members, who have held positions for many years, came to the decision it was time to step down, time to hand the reins over to younger members with new ideas and I was one such person.

I feel confident the Group is in good hands going forward. I wish them every success and thank those who have come forward to fill some of the roles and those who stayed on the committee to support the new committee.

Lynda Smith, Life Member #2, has taken the helm as President. Lynda has been a dedicated member for 40 years with a lot of knowledge and experience so please get behind Lynda with your help and support.

Groups like ours need volunteers to keep going and we have an extremely well-equipped research centre with the means of researching anywhere in the world, however, it needs volunteers to run it and promote the service we provide to our community, members and beyond.

I thank everyone who stood beside me with dedication and support for the many years that I was President. I now look forward to putting my own research into order and will look to our Group for help.

Kerrie Metcalfe #80 Life Member Oct 2023 ... ♦

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

Monthly Help & Chat Gathering by Zoom.

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Where: Your place. We will also be hosting the Zoom sessions on our big screen at the Cottage if you happen to be available to participate in that way.

Contact the Cottage to put your name down – phone 4351 2211

We continue this gathering where people can informally share their discoveries and stories.

Join us, meet other members, and see what they have discovered.

Think of it as a kitchen table discussion, an opportunity to Learn and Laugh.

Stay with us for as long as you like. Not a meeting, but a gathering.

All Welcome

THE REWARDS OF RESEARCHING EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS

Helen Burkett member 342

My interest in research pushes me to look beyond the immediate family and I thought I would share some of my finds to encourage others to go that bit further.

My 5x great aunt ANN ROBERTS married JAMES DUFFIELD HARDING. He became a famous painter later in life and his portrait hangs in the National Portrait Gallery. He and a colleague invented improvements in drawing materials and apparatus for the use of artists. A book he wrote called *On Drawing Trees and Nature* is still available at libraries around the world.



Another 5x great aunt MARIA ADAMS married JOHN WALLEN a prominent architect and surveyor who designed St. Marks Hospital in London. In 1817 Wallen joined other surveyors and builders to give opinion to the House of Commons that "the practice of employing children to climb and sweep chimneys should be abolished". They also asserted that mechanical devices should be used instead of children. Sadly the practice was not outlawed until 1867.

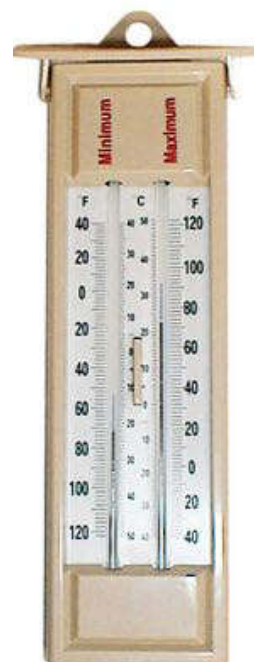
By tracking down the Executors to the Will of my 5x great grandfather WILLIAM EDWARDS, I not only found several more generations of family as they had all come down from Yorkshire together but they were very interesting people in their own rights. First was ZACCHEUS HUNTER a druggist/chemist who was listed as a Levigator, Importer of and Wholesale dealer in Leeches in the 1819 London P.O. Directory. Some of his ointment jars are still available at auction to this day.



The other Executor was THOMAS SOTHERAN who was a Stationer and became extremely well known in the book selling business. He was a co-owner of Sotheran's Antiquarian Bookshops which still trade today.

GEORGE CUSSONS was the brother of my 5xgreatgrandmothr ELIZABETH EDWARDS nee CUSSONS. George finished life as a well known cabinet maker in Westminster. He was a devout Christian who founded the Naval and Military Bible Society to see that sailors and soldiers each received a Bible. He wrote a Memoir which is online and gave me a huge amount of information about my more immediate family.

JAMES SIX was another distant connection by marriage and I found out that he invented the Six thermometer which I believe is still in use today. He was also a member of the American Philosophical Society.



There are more but I hope these are enough to pique your interest into further research – you learn some obscure history and sometimes more about your immediate family. The other thing is that the majority of my family were farmers, tradesmen, etc. but there's always the exceptions.



THE MISFORTUNES OF JANE TITMUS (AKA TITMOUSE) FORMERLY JANE MORRIS

Pamela Andre member 810

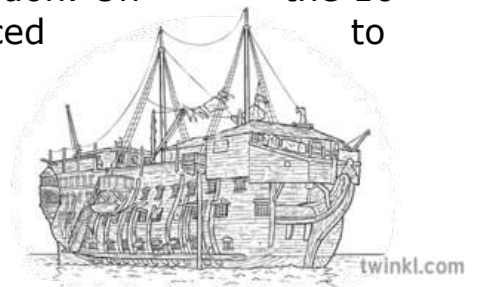
From being a Cook/Dairy Maid in Middlesex, being convicted of theft and sentenced to death which was reprieved to transportation for life to a penal colony, this is the story of my Paternal 3rd Great Grandmother Jane Morris.

Her story starts at 10 Lower Belgrave Road, St George Hanover- Square on 22 November 1830 when Jane Morris was charged with stealing 4 sovereigns, 1 half sovereign; 4 half-crowns the monies of Arthur Campbell, a student in the dwelling of Rev. Robert Lynam for whom Jane had been working for 6 weeks until she gave notice to quit that day. From evidence it appears that Jane was residing at No. 8 Ranelagh Street which from testimony of Jane, was her brother's house. She was tried for Larceny on the 9 December 1830 at the Old Bailey Assizes London. On the 10 December 1830 Jane was found Guilty and sentenced to Death but this was changed to transportation for life. Age given at time of conviction was 25.



T. Malton, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Following her sentence Jane was sent to a hulk in Woolwich where she remained until on the 11 June 1831, she departed Woolwich, London on the Mary III for Van Diemen's Lane (Tasmania) Australia. The Mary III arrived in Launceston on the 19th of October 1831. It was noted that Jane had a temper.



On arrival in Van Diemen's Land, Jane was assigned to William Archer Snr at his two-storey house situate on 420 hectares of land at Longford a town in the northern midlands of Tasmania. William called the house "Brickendon" after a village near his birthplace in Hertfordshire. (Wikipedia)

On the 10 June 1833 at St John's Church, Launceston (Wikimedia) Jane Morris, Convict married William Titmouse. (William himself arrived in



Brickendon - Wikipedia

Van Diemen's Land as a Convict in 1815). William was a Brickmaker and a Dealer in land in Launceston.

Jane Titmus received a Ticket of Leave on 27th March 1839 and her Conditional Pardon on 14 April 1841.

Jane first appeared in local Launceston Newspapers on 1 March 1843 with "threat to assault". Next mention was on 31 March 1843 when she along with her husband, William Titmus and William Morris (her relation) were charged with conspiracy for selling fictitious land.

From then on Jane was to appear some 27 times in Launceston Newspapers. When I read some of the articles, it brought a smile to my face. I liked my 3rd Great Grandmother. Was very spirited and was not afraid to stand her ground if needed.

I thought I would include a few of these articles as follows:

In the Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston) Wednesday 9 September 1846 the following was found on Jane Titmus:



St John's Church Wikipedia

"Friday".... Mrs Jane Titmus was fined five shillings for making use of obscene language, which appears to have been directed towards one of the Justices, who were present when her application for license was refused. She said she had no doubt she had spoken harshly, but here was her eldest daughter (introducing her to the Bench) who would certify that there was nothing so very bad in what she said. The Captain certainly had made some observations respecting her, which was very injurious to a woman of her standing in society... she humbly begged their worships pardons, and could assure them that she never wished or intended to ridicule a magistrate. During the time she was exercising her volubility, a second information was laid against her... and immediately she set foot outside the door, she was served with a summons. A Lady Macbeth could not have presented a more striking figure than did Mrs T when she returned, clutching the obnoxious document with a spiteful grasp – Mrs Siddons would (had it been possible for her to witness it) have envied the magnificent attitude and sublime air, with which she again advanced to the bar. The Bench was struck mute, the Clerk paralysed... the Constable awed, and the spectators held their breath with fearful expectation. After a few seconds of profound silence... the heroine found her voice, which acted like an electric shock on the dormant senses of the stricken Clerk ... being completely roused ... he demanded if she acknowledged the charge contained in the official paper in her hand... being thus checked at the commencement of what was no doubt intruded to be a most eloquent and impressive address ... her oratorical impulse was annihilated, and she pleaded guilty with that sweet and mild manner, for which she is so famed – Fined five shillings and costs".

In the Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston) Saturday 27 January 1849 under Police Report, Friday the following was mentioned "Constable George

Smith had the honor of introducing the celebrated Jane Titmus. It appeared that the offender who had very recently left the "Establishment" in Paterson Street, where she had been residing for several months was probably overjoyed in regaining the sweets of liberty..... But the pleasure of Jane's liberty was not eternal, for her peculiar buoyancy of spirit attracted the notice of an "auld acquaintance" who politely escorted her to the watch houses. Jane, after the usual promises of amendment to his worship, paid the customary fine – ten shillings – rejoined her female companions, who no doubt fervently prayed for "the good estate of the constabulary".....

In The Cornwall Chronicle on 14 July 1847 "Jane Titmus, well known Pest of St Giles was yesterday committed for trial for stealing and pawning a coat..."

In the Launceston Examiner Saturday 25 March 1848....

"ASSAULT – the Notorious Mrs Titmus was released from gaol a few days ago and a warrant has again been issued for her apprehension upon charge of assault. On Thursday whilst under the influence she entered Mrs Brady's house in Paterson Street and in a fit of frenzy struck Mrs Brady a violent blow on head with a log of wood."

The newspapers often described Jane Titmus in colourful terms e.g., "that notorious woman"; "eccentric and distinguished individual"; "well known Pest of St Giles" to name a few.

On 19 August 1853 Jane Titmus was "convicted of stealing a chair the property of John Murphy and as the giving an account of her previous good character and honesty recommended her to mercy, she was sentenced to be imprisoned for 12 months"

In the Cornwall Chronicle on 28 June 1854 and Launceston Examiner on Tuesday 4 July 1854 the following Advertisement was found:

"The Public are hereby cautioned not to give credit to my wife, Jane Titmus. She is having absented herself from home and my protection without any provocation.

W. Titmus (dated 28 June 1854 and 3 July 1854 respectively)

One of the last entries was in The Cornwall Chronicle on Wednesday 19 July 1854....

"SUDDEN DEATH.... Jane Titmus, a well-known character in this town, expired suddenly at her residence in Brisbane Street on Monday Night last. An Inquest will sit on body this day".

The Inquest found that Jane died "by visitation of God to wit; of Apoplexy bought on by the intemperance of the said Jane Titmus and not by any violent means whatsoever to the knowledge of those present.

Jane "Titmouse" was buried on the 20th of July 1854 at Cypress Street Burial Ground Launceston. Jane was survived by her husband, William and seven (7) children. ... ❖

A REMINDER FOR MEMBERS

Members are reminded that anytime they are at 'The Cottage' for any purpose, wearing membership cards in a manner that it is clearly displayed is obligitary.

Your courtesy is appreciated. ... ❖

DNA - HOW TO GET STARTED

Are you considering having a DNA or waiting for a DNA test result? Have recently, or not so recently received a DNA test result and not sure of where to start?

If so and you would like to understand your results and what to do with them. then please come along to a DNA presentation by Michele Gane and Lyn Hagstrom on Wednesday 16th August. Starting time is 10:00 am. The session will be for 2 hours with plenty of time for questions and help, so bring a laptop. or IPad/Tablet along.

Bookings are necessary and can be made through the Cottage

Cost \$10 for 2 hours.

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NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to our new members, and we look forward to meeting and helping you at 'The Cottage'. Contact any of our members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.

C/- Wyong Family History Group Inc., P O Box 247, Wyong NSW 2259.

No	Member	No	Member
1049	Susanne CLEGG	1054	Joseph McCaw
1050	Carolyn GRAY	1055	Margaret McCaw
1051	Anthony LARNACH-JONES	1056	Lexie Anne IRELAND
1052	Kristine HAVRON	1057	Julie BRENNAN
1053	Kristen HAWKES		

DID YOU KNOW HELP IS AVAILABLE?

As a member you are entitled to assistance when you're doing research here at the 'Cottage'. Volunteers are on duty every day ready and waiting to help you locate records and even add flesh to some your ancestor's bones with such details as where they lived, what they did and perhaps even what they looked like. ... ❖



ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS GROUP FUNDRAISER

Tickets are now available from the office for the 2024 Rotary Raffle which is a major fundraiser for our group every year. Tickets are only \$2 each or you can buy a book of 10 tickets for, you guessed it, just \$20. 100% of all tickets we sell comes back to the group so please support this worthwhile cause and buy a book of tickets.

GENERAL MEETINGS ROUNDUP

Members who attended the August general meeting were treated to a very entertaining presentation by two of our members, John Selwood and Wayne Bermingham who presented the John Wayne Show. John and Wayne shared some of their experiences while conducting the Wyong Heritage Walks.



Our Annual General Meeting was well attended in September with twenty-two people present and another 4 logging on via zoom. Quite a number of the management committee decided it was the right moment to retire and look for new challenges or use the extra time on their own personal genealogy research.



The new Committee is listed on page 2. It should be noted, there are still a number of positions to fill.

Our October General Meeting was disappointing, with only seven attendees. Yes, seven! Our Constitution states that ten makes a quorum, so we could not even make any decisions. A number of people gave their apologies, but we still missed many of our regular faces. Perhaps folk

were tied up with the Referendum, or maybe it is the problem with access. Council has been informed again of our concerns over access.

Please support our group by attending meetings and events. We know that access is a challenge. Volunteers are very willing to meet you in the carpark and help you negotiate the stairs. Just call the Cottage when you have parked and someone will come up. IT IS NO TROUBLE.

Have you caught up with one of our Monthly ZOOM meetings? Held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, this is a fun way to chat with members and learn something.

At the October meeting, Helen J-L shared a short presentation on Chillingham Castle, the most haunted castle in England. Her great-great-grandfather was born in Chatton, a Chillingham 'estate village'.

Why not grab your lunch and a cuppa and join us? ... ❖

Do you need help with your DNA?

One on one assistance is available on Tuesdays & Thursdays for just \$10.00 per hour.

Advance bookings are essential.

Please contact the office on 4351 2211

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



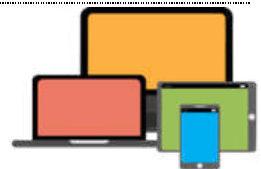
Here at Wyong Family History Group Inc. we offer a range of Special Interest Groups [SIG] where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest. Moderators/Co-ordinators are keen to share their knowledge with others. Please support them.

All are held at 'The Cottage'. Times are available on our Calendar [page 36]

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – Remember, if you book and are unable to attend, please phone and cancel.

SIGs go for one to two hours

Multi-Media Devices – Roger Lewis & Ellen Sheerin continue this group helping attendees sort through their questions no matter what the media or device.



DNA Special Interest Group – After the DNA test, you may be wondering about the next step or how to understand your DNA results. Whether or not you already have your results back, why not come along to our DNA SIG meetings for some guidance. DNA enthusiasts old and new, all welcome! ... Stuart Purvis-Smith



FAMILY TREE MAKER – This popular SIG continues. Watch the Newsletter for topics for the next session.



Numbers are limited – Bookings Essential ... ❖

2023 FEES AND CHARGES

As of 1st January 2023, the following fees and charges apply:

1. **Membership Fees** for a 12 month Membership:
 Single: \$40.00
 Family: includes 2 Adults and 1 other person living at the same address. \$50.00
2. Junior: 18 years and under \$20.00
3. **Special Interest Group Fees (SIG)**: No Handouts. Casual. Question and Answers from participants. \$3.00
4. **Information Sessions**: These run up to two-hours with a structured format and topic with handouts \$5.00
5. **Seminars**: Usually held at a larger venue with one or more guest speakers
 \$30 Members and \$35 Non-Members.
6. **Beginners Course**: \$60.00 for full course over 4 weeks or \$20.00 per day
7. **Intermediate Course**: \$60.00 for full course over 4 weeks or \$20.00 per day
8. **Advanced Course**: \$60.00 for 4 weeks or \$20 per day
9. **DNA Days** for this will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. AM and PM Sessions. Bookings are **essential** and must be in advance. One on One DNA help \$10.00 per hour
10. **Personal Research** after an appointment to discuss your requirements. Approx. \$50 per couple researched
11. **Master Class** These are longer sessions depending on topic; they are structured and can be a hands-on workshop. \$20.00
12. **Non-Member Research Fee** for a two-hour session – become a member for only \$10.00 extra \$30.00

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MILESTONES AWARDS

At the August General Meeting, Doug Thomas was presented with his 15 year membership certificate by President Kerrie Metcalf.

New President, Lynda Smith, presented Ann Compton Martin with her 10-year membership certificate at the Annual General meeting.

We congratulate you all and thank you for your support in maintaining your membership. ... ❖





I have discovered a branch of the family that actually lodged wills and had property to pass on. These wills are quite lengthy and full of archaic legal jargon, but they contain some vital clues and verifications that have proved to be invaluable in completing this side of the tree.

The first will dates back to the late 18th century. A man called Benjamin JOSEY married a Mary WEBB in 1777 and died in 1816. He was a successful wheelwright, living in Risley Common, in Heckfield, in an area of England where county borders and names changed over time. Heckfield is a border town, sometimes in Hampshire or Southampton and it is very close to Swallowfield in Berkshire. You would think that Benjamin JOSEY would be a fairly unusual name, but there are others born in the same county, about the same time. It has taken many years to sort these people out.

Many years ago, fellow researcher had this will transcribed by someone in England. Benjamin goes into great details about the distribution of furniture, livestock, his houses and his business. Initially, he leaves everything to his 'beloved wife Mary' then six months after her death, everything was to be distributed amongst his children. In the process he outlines the makeup of his family- first mentioning unmarried daughter Mary JOSEY who was left a house, his wheelwright shop, other household goods and a cow. Another unmarried daughter Ann was given a cottage, some household goods and his son Benjamin junior gets a blacksmith's shop, tools, a pig and some rental properties. He is to share the rental of these with his sister Mary. After his death, his son Benjamin was to run the businesses and care for his mother. Another son, John gets another wheelwright's shop, a house and grounds. Anything else after the death of his wife is to be split 4 ways. One of his children, Sophia, does not get a mention, presumably as she had married a successful man, John BROWN, master coach builder in 1806.

Sophia's children did benefit from the estate of her brother, John JOSEY who died without issue. He had married a Rebecca ROGERS in 1809. She died in 1841 and he died late in 1842. His will is quite lengthy and has not been transcribed. It runs to four tightly handwritten pages. From what I can read, John had considerable wealth to distribute. He mentions his brother Benjamin JOSEY [junior] and his two children, Benjamin John JOSEY and Catherine Mary [Kitty] JOSEY. Kitty is my ancestor. He then gave married names to his sisters- Ann HILL, Mary WEBB and Sophia BROWN. He also leaves goods and money to his wife's family, the ROGERS, including some of his nieces and nephews.

His executors are given a big task that extends some years as many of the benefactors had to attain the age of 21 before gaining their legacy. His niece Mary Ann ROGERS was given two tenement houses in Alfred St Reading, 'for her own use and benefit', and all other household goods from

his main dwelling, as well as £300. She is also one of the executors, so he must have had great faith in her abilities. In comparison, another niece, Rebecca LAWRENCE nee ROGERS was just given a mahogany tea table.

Nephew Benjamin John JOSEY was to get a silver watch when he turned 16, the trustees to invest £100 and the interest be paid to brother Ben until his two children reach their majority and they then get half each. He also gave his sisters Mary, Ann and his brother Ben 19 guineas each. His nephew John BROWN, eldest son of his sister Sophia BROWN was given £5, his niece Lydia, the wife of Charles BAKER, oldest child of Sophia BROWN and a former husband was given £10 'to be paid into her own hands'. I did not know about Lydia before this. The Wesleyan Sunday school in Reading was given £5. All the family have Non-Conformist baptisms, so that made sense. He then goes into great detail giving his trustees money to invest to assist his brother in law James ROGERS, but under no circumstances was he to be given 'any

"Berkshire, an inland county of England, on the south bank of the River Thames, having Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire on the north, Hampshire on the south, Surrey on the south-east, and Wiltshire on the west. Berkshire is irregular in shape, with an extreme length of 43 miles from east to west, and an extreme breadth of 30 miles from north to south, and an area of 462,210 acres. There is a chalk ridge running through the county, joining the Chiltern Hills and the Marlborough Downs..."
(From *Cassell's Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland*, 1899).

controlling or alienable right or interest in or to the annuity.' It seems James ROGERS may have had problems hanging onto money in the past! I found a misdemeanour listing for a James ROGERS in the Reading Court, having been accused of fraud. He was acquitted at this time, so maybe his brother in law already had his measure back in 1842.

He then states that the following relatives are to share in the remains of his estate, which included more houses. These included: Ann JONES nee BROWN [having married in 1833], George BROWN, Elizabeth BROWN, Sophia BROWN, Caroline BROWN, Joshua BROWN, Emma BROWN and Mary BROWN. The eldest nephew, John BROWN junior was probably expected to inherit his father's estate.

John then details how he wants his funeral done, down to choice of undertaker, stonemason and location of his burial [in

Swallowfield, Berks]. He was a very organised man and I thank him for his gifts to his extended family. I used this information to confirm the full

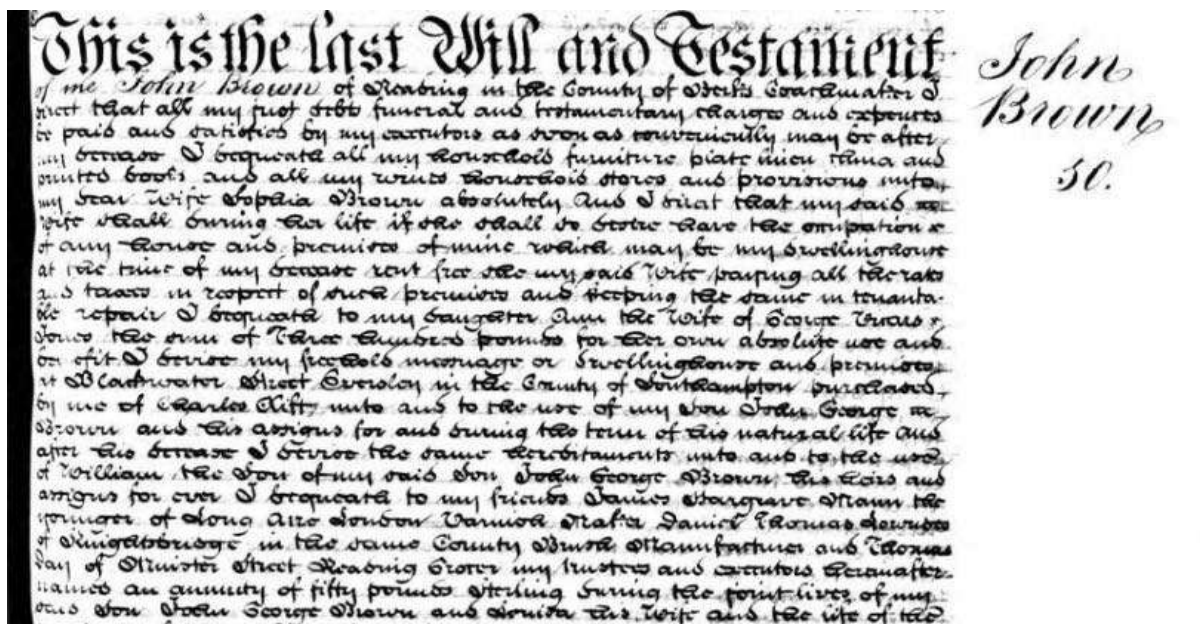


family of Sophia JOSEY, her two marriages and the fate of all ten of her children, all details I did not have before.

James ROGERS died in 1856, having lodged a two page will in 1855. He was then the owner of the George and Dragon Inn, Church St. Swallowfield. His will mentions provisions for his wife Elizabeth and his 'presumed' son Joseph, born to Elizabeth before their marriage. Annoyingly, he then goes on to generalise about any children of his that may survive him, without actually naming them! Mary Ann and Joseph are the only children living with him in the 1851 census when he was a 'waggon master' rather than an Innkeeper. The Inn exists today and is a heritage listed building. Its website says that the building was once a coach house.

John BROWN senior died in 1855, leaving a very detailed will of nearly seven handwritten pages.

He left his wife Sophia [JOSEY] a number of houses and their rents. His daughter Ann, wife of George JONES was given £300 for her own use. His son John was given a house and work premises at Eversley that



would then pass on to his son William. His son George was given the main coach building business and existing stock and an investment of £1000, His son Joshua initially was promised £500 and a life insurance policy but a codicil reduced his money to £100, with the other £400 being split between his daughters. I wonder what Joshua did to upset his father? He left instructions that his 5 unmarried daughters [Elizabeth, Sophia, Caroline, Emma and Mary] be paid regular dividends from his other investments. If any of his children had passed away by the time of their inheritance, then this should go to their issue. He had three trustees administer all of his bequests.

Most of Sophia's daughters did not marry. According to Census records, three of them [Sophia 1815, Caroline 1817 and Mary 1820] lived together, 'on their own means' for over forty years. I haven't found conclusive

evidence of Elizabeth's life after 1851 [still living with parents, aged 40] and Emma, born 1818 who may have ended her days in an upper class mental asylum. Both Caroline and Sophia died in 1895 and they both left their estates to their youngest sister Mary. In all, she inherited over £250. Mary passed away in 1903 and left an estate of nearly £1000, to be divided between two nephews- William BROWN, eldest son of her oldest brother John, and John Thomas BROWN, only son of her brother George.

Ann BROWN b 1809 married George Vicars JONES in 1833 and they had three children: Elizabeth 1834, Anne 1837 and William Restall in 1840. George was a successful market gardener and left her well provided for when he died in 1884. Ann JONES nee BROWN lasted until 1909, still 'living on her own means'. She was 3 months short of making it to 100. In 1878, her daughter Anne JONES married, when she was 40, to George PHIPPEN, a widower with three teenage children. George was an extremely successful nurseryman, florist and seller of seeds. When he died, at the young age of 50, his businesses were sold and his estate went to Anne. It was valued at over £3088! By then, his three children were adults with lives of their own. She did the right thing when she died in 1924 and left everything to George's eldest daughter's family.

At first I did not understand Anne PHIPPEN's probate record, as it stated that everything was left to one Henry Thomas PUGH, Director of Education. I thought she must have wanted to support local education in some way. I could not work this out until I realised that George PHIPPEN's daughter Elizabeth had married said Henry PUGH in 1885 and together they ran a private school. The estate had grown to £4886 by then - a very tidy sum. When Elizabeth PUGH died in 1946, the estate worth had been reduced to £2000.

I don't know if it was a result of not being a beneficiary, but William Restall JONES ended up creating a different legal document. He married Martha FEWSTER in 1861 when he was 20. He married the daughter of his employer, who was a large land owner. William and Martha had five children from 1862-1870. In 1872 Martha JONES applied for a divorce. This was a rare and expensive thing to do at this time. The statements she makes paint a terrible picture of long term domestic abuse, adultery and the effects of a sexually transmitted disease. In 1873, a Decree Nisi was awarded to Martha and she kept custody of her children- another rare decision. William's troubled life was cut short when he died in 1873, at age 32. Without purchasing his death certificate, I can only surmise that his acquired disease caught up with him, or that he ended his own life. I don't believe he left a valid will and his meagre estate valued at less than £100 went to Martha via administration.

All in all, it has been a very fruitful line of research.

Resources: Ancestry, Findmypast, Family Search, and printouts of documents supplied by professional researchers many years ago.





VALÉ JEANETTE CHAPMAN

Sadly, Jeanette Chapman Member 562, passed away late August. At the General Meeting in February 2022, Jeanette was presented with her 10 years Membership certificate. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends. ... ❖



STATE LIBRARY OF NSW

Regina Hogan member 533

Lyn Duff-Clark and myself embarked on a journey to the NSW State Library to delve into the rich history of our ancestors. However, our adventure began with a slight hiccup as I misread the train time and missed the train at Tuggerah station by a mere 30 seconds.

When I arrived Lyn was already deep into her research within the Special Collections area. I ventured to Lower Level 2, where I scoured regional newspapers not available online. A satisfying lunch break at the library's cafeteria rejuvenated our spirits, and I returned to my quest for uncovering hidden gems in the form of death and funeral notices from historical newspapers.

The return train journey seemed to fly by as Lyn and I shared our family history triumphs, discussed persistent brick walls, and exchanged fascinating family stories. It was a day filled with both learning and camaraderie.

We strongly encourage all members to seize the opportunity to explore the invaluable resources at the State Library and consider joining us on our next organized trip. ... ❖



The Running Waters of History.

Kerrie Metcalfe Life Member (80) Immediate Past President

Wyong Family History Group Inc. hosted the inaugural post COVID Face to Face and Hybrid State Conference in September 2023, this being the 38th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies. We had less than twelve months to organise this event. Some would say we were mad, some remembered the 2009 State Conference we hosted and thought we were being adventurous, but I felt confident. We had the ideas and the team to pull it off and we did! With an enthusiastic committee we began the planning knowing this would be a challenge after COVID had shut down the past three conferences and we were required to have a virtual component.

Once we had the venue locked in, the many meetings that followed were long but productive. Guest Speakers were soon in place; Catering was organised; Sponsorship was forthcoming from local businesses and Central Coast Council came on board to provide the virtual side of the event. Advertising, program design and flyers, conference bags and a million other bits and pieces were organised. We had a web page in place and we were then ready to present *The Running Waters of History*. A generous number of members volunteered to make this a success. As President at the time, I was proud to see the team effort that was applied to such an enormous challenge.

It was pleasing to see a good turnout of approx. 80 registered attendees and 50 Virtual. Our Open Day on the Friday attracted a steady flow of community interest and we were excited to present 27 trade tables with all manner of Family History merchandise. Our members also provided an array of tasty food and drink choices on the Friday.

The Conference was a great success, maybe a little down on attendees pre COVID19, but nevertheless a success. The feedback was fabulous. We were exhausted but happy with the outcome.

It was great seeing everyone enjoy themselves at the Meet and Greet and Dinner, both held at *The Ary Toukley RSL*. *Graze With Love* kept the Conference Attendees well fed with healthy choices over the weekend.

It was a great success and shows what a lot of hard work and a good team can generate.

It's hard to tell with changing times and technology, just whether our annual conferences will continue or if they will be a thing of the past. This would be sad as the person-to-person interaction with like-minded people and guest speakers, and networking are such great parts of these events.

I am happy to say a big thank you to all involved for such a wonderful event. ... ❖

The Running Waters of History. – Virtual Conference

Helen Johnston-Lord mem 505

This year, Wyong Family History Group Inc were the hosts for the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc Annual Conference, held at the Toukley 50 Plus Leisure & Learning Centre from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September.

Being the first conference after COVID, it was decided this should be a hybrid conference, i.e., in person and live virtual presentations.

The programme looked interesting. Being mobility challenged, I opted for Virtual participation.

However, an opportunity presented itself and I attended the Friday Free Family History Fair for a few hours. Our very capable team of volunteers manned the canteen with affordable tasty options available.

Browsing the Trading tables and catching up with familiar faces and the opportunity to take a few photos was worth the effort. My ride had me home in time to watch John Hely with his interesting presentation. John had ably filled the gap when one of the presenters called in sick.

8:30 am on Saturday, saw me in front of my laptop in the kitchen with my breakfast watching the Welcomes and very quickly, it was time for morning tea, and I was not yet dressed. After correcting that situation, I had the computer on for the rest of the day. As the weather was a vast improvement on Friday's, at lunch time Convenor Lynn took us on a tour of the Trading area and outside to see folk enjoying the day.

Attending the dinner on Saturday night at The Ary was an opportunity to meet with fellow family historians and appreciate the entertainment from the barbershop quartet, the Silver Chords. Good food, presentations and a raffle draw made for an enjoyable evening.

Not wanting a repeat of Saturday morning's effect, I was dressed and ready with brekkie for the Sunday session ending with Michelle Patient's 'The Ways of Water' presentation hitting the mark of how water runs through the threads of our family histories.

Another informative and interesting day, more presentations and the major raffle draw capped off the experience for me.

Chris Rowan, an excellent choice for MC. The combination of presenters, from my perspective made for an interesting and informative conference experience.

Central Coast Council's 'Let Me Entertain You' Youth Services program provided excellent audio-visual technical support with very few hitches.

The live virtual component, from my point of view, did not detract from the conference enabling those of us who have challenges be they financial, time, distance or mobility, to learn and participate in future events such as this. Well Done Wyong Family History Group and NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies. ... ❖

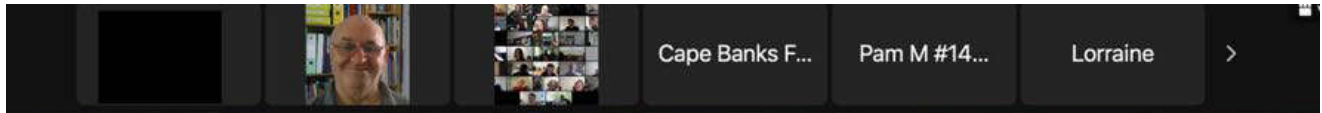
The Running Waters of History.

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Following are images from the Conference, without captions, hopefully they capture the spirit of the event.







Michelle Patient's 'The Ways of Water' presentation hitting the mark of how water runs through the threads of our family histories (ZOOM IMAGE). ... ❖

Their War

They are remembered

*They sleep not in their native land, but beneath a foreign sky,
Far away from those who loved them, in hero's graves they lie.*

ANZACS BUILT IT: THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD 90 YEARS ON

Great Ocean Road & Parks Authority - Published on 24 April 2023

Tomorrow, we remember and honour the men and women who served and sacrificed in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

The spirit of Anzac is about courage, mateship, endurance and loyalty. And these values are quite literally cemented in the road our work at the Authority centres around.

The Great Ocean Road was built by returned soldiers between 1919 and 1932 as a legacy piece to their fallen comrades and it's often referred to as the world's largest war memorial.

Constructed using only picks, shovels and explosives, rugged terrain and harsh weather was just the beginning of the challenges faced along the way—they also had to cope with the physical and mental scars of war.

Officially opened in 1932 with a convoy of 40 cars carrying tourists to Lorne, today the Great Ocean Road carries over two million visitors each year. To commemorate its 90th anniversary, we spoke with members of the Torquay RSL and learnt more about this remarkable piece of history from their unique perspectives.

Lest we forget. ❖



I would like to thank Great Ocean Road Coast & Parks Authority for permission to reprint this article ... ed.



MELBOURNE CUP AWARDED FOR A FROG RACE

Meeting run by the Adam Park Racing Club, Singapore, 1942

This improvised trophy cup is made of two parts of a coconut shell joined together in the centre by a nut and bolt. Each side of the cup has a curved metal handle attached by two small nuts and bolts. The cup has an aluminium plate rivetted to it engraved with laurel leaves and '1942. FROG RACE MEETING (POW) MELBOURNE CUP SINGAPORE.' The base of the cup has another engraved aluminium plate rivetted to it that reads, 'WON BY TRIGGERMAN 3-11-42 OWNER CAPT W. DIXON'.



A Melbourne Cup meet for frog racing was held by Australian prisoners of war at the Adam Park Racing Club at Sime Road prisoner of war camp on 3 November 1942. A frog named Triggerman won the event. He was owned by VX46525 Captain William Dixon, of the Australian Army Service Corps. Dixon was born in Melbourne in 1896. He served in the First World War and enlisted for service again on 12 July 1940. He was discharged on 8 November 1946.

Another POW, VX37222 Private James Purtill, later described frog racing in Singapore as 'this popular amusement did not last long, but while it was going it drew ... the whole camp in fact to the frog racing courses...The idea was simple. You chalked a big ring on the asphalt, put your candidates (suitably marked with coloured rags, papers etc.) in a box in the middle and when the betting was finished the caller lifted the box, and a dozen or so scared looking frogs hesitated a few seconds and then commenced hopping. First over the line, of course, won. The sweepstakes were small but the betting was in many cases heavy ...the crowds at the courses were two deep and money changed hands in big quantities'. According to Purtill all the frogs were given names and pedigrees, e.g. 'Gordon Bennett, out of Singapore by Capitulation'.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C148403> Page 1 of 2 Melbourne Cup awarded for a Frog Race Meeting run by the Adam Park Racing Club, Singapore, 1942 | Australian War Memorial 4/11/2023, 09:04... ❖

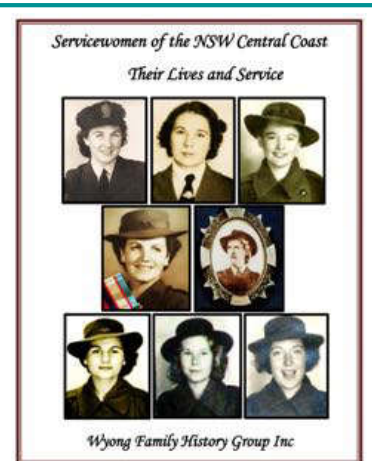
SERVICEWOMEN OF THE NSW CENTRAL COAST

NEW

New Publication from WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

156 Page, fully indexed book outlining the lives and service of 330 women who served in armed services and who were either born, lived or died on the NSW Central Coast.

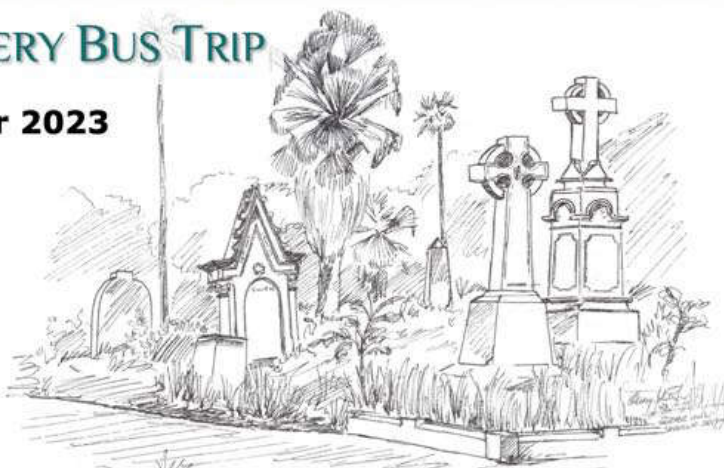
\$40.00 plus postage and handling.



ROOKWOOD CEMETERY BUS TRIP

Saturday 18th November 2023

Our next bus trip to Rookwood cemetery will be on Saturday 18th November 2023. This is a research trip for those who want to check their ancestors are still 6 feet under and none have escaped, and we are currently organising for Friends of Rookwood Inc. to give us a brief guided tour.



No relatives in Rookwood! You are still more than welcome to come with us and explore the history that is within the boundaries of the largest necropolis in the Southern Hemisphere.

Do your homework!!! Bring a folder with the names and locations of the graves. Find this information beforehand by phone or on the internet <https://www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/search> Results may reveal the names of others in the graves.

What to take? We suggest a brush, water, and soft cloth (for cleaning headstones), hand clippers to clear overgrown graves, umbrella (rain or shine), raincoat, warm clothing, sunscreen and hat. And of course, a camera, your notebook and something to write with. Also bring *plenty* of drinking water and your packed lunch.

Time: Pick-up points and times to be advised.

We plan on leaving Rookwood for home about 3.30 pm.

Cost: \$35.00 per person.

Enquiries: 'The Cottage' - 4351 2211,
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Email: wfhg06@westnet.com.au.

In Person: Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong.
[enter via the old school yard]



WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.





Museums of History NSW State Archives Reading Room BUS TRIP



Saturday 25th November 2023

Cost: Members - \$35 per person

Non-members - \$40.00 per person

Pick-up points and times to be advised

If time permits, there will be a comfort stop at McDonalds, St Marys.

The bus will leave State Records no later than 3:30 pm.

More information available on our website.

PLEASE NOTE ... IF THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT

A reader's ticket is necessary and free, and
can be organised online at

<https://mhns.w.gov.au/readers-ticket-application/>;

It will be waiting for you when you arrive.

If you wish to speak to staff at State Records

prior to this trip the phone number is

02 9673 1788

Colonial Secretary's Papers
Convict
Dame Schools
Probate
Immigration
Police Gazette
Shipping
Naturalization
Land Grants
Naval Officers' Reports
Will Books
Maritime Records

Surveyor General
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Schools
Indents
Conservation & Environment
Unemployed in Sydney
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Pardon
Chinese Migration
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Inquests
Historic Photographs

BOOK and PAY on line at www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au

or contact the 'Cottage' on 02 4351 2211, Tuesday to Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

email wfhg06@westnet.com.au

Remember

- Bring your own pencils and stationery.
- To make copies of records, bring your own camera/tablet/smartphone or USB. Paper-based photocopy service is available for a fee.
- Lockers are also available for bags etc. (bring a \$2 coin)
- The reading room has a well-equipped readers lounge with free tea and coffee, microwave and fridge, **we recommend that you bring your lunch** as there are no shops within easy walking distance – the new shopping centre at Caddens Corner is a hilly 800m walk away.





WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

Eat*, Chat and be Merry whether you have been **Naughty or Nice**,
don't think twice. Please join us on

Sunday, 3rd December 2023, 11:00 am – 2:30 pm

For this year's

Jingle & Mingle

At Club Wyong, 15 Margaret Street, Wyong

Partners Welcome

Cost: \$35.00 * **

Payment Options: Direct Deposit, PayPal,
in person at the Cottage

Enquiries & Bookings: 'The Cottage' – 4351 2211
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bookings Close 25 November

Email: wfhg06@westnet.com.au

Where: Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong
[entry via the old school yard]

* 2 course traditional dinner [drinks extra]

** Please advise dietary variation needs



IN OUR LIBRARY
PICTORIAL HISTORY OF WYONG –
“UNCLE GEORGE” OF BLUE GUM
FLAT



One of the most popular and best known pioneers on the Central Coast was George Henry Edward Taylor (known as 'Uncle George'), who was born at Punchbowl, January 1840, and come with his parents to settle at Blue Gum Flat soon afterwards.

He was a brother of Richard Brawn Taylor.

He became a schoolmaster. and married a teacher who was named Elizabeth Bristowe, who was the first teacher appointed to the Blue Gum Flat when it was opened 10 October, 1863. Before that, she had taught privately in the Stinson home at Yarramalong.

In the middle 1860s she was teaching at Cooranbong at the same time as he was in charge of the school at Mandalong some miles away.

George was very sports minded and with his lifelong friend, John Robley. organised the first cricket matches played on the Central Coast.

He was an amateur jockey, who rode at the local race meetings at Gosford and Blue Gum Flat, John Robley wrote of him his memoirs: "the principal jockey was George Taylor and a very good one too."

A horse lover, he delighted in breaking in horses and riding buckjumpers at show rodeos just the fun of it.

He was closely associated with John Robley and William Baldwin in organising the Brisbane Water District Pioneers' Association.

He lived to be a Very old man. His last years were spent at The Entrance where he lived at Bayview Guest House, established by his niece, Mrs "Delly" Denning,

To fill in time, he used to cut swamp oak firewood for the fuel stoves and the fireplaces there.

Here we see him at work cutting firewood with a saw in about 1933, when he was about 93 years old.

"Uncle George died on May 14, 1935, at the age of 95 and was buried in the Wamberal Cemetary. ... ❖



Our picture and text are from Edward Stinson's Pictorial History of the Wyong Shire. Volume 3 which can be found in our Library.



WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Inc.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

***Do you want to know your Family History
but just don't have the time?***

For a reasonable Fee

Let us research either the Paternal or Maternal side of your family.

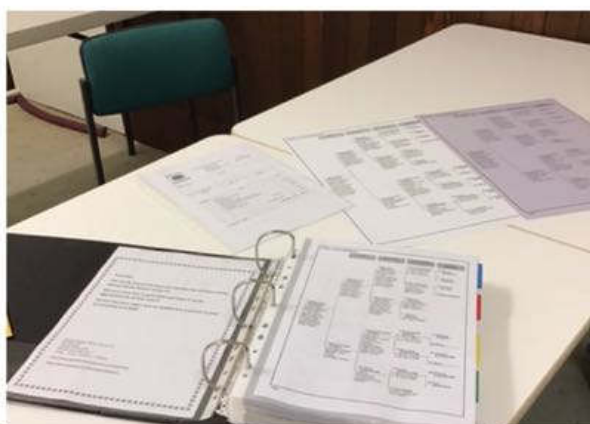
Starting at \$50.00 for both Grandparents we are currently offering a variety of Family History Packages. Each additional person costs \$25 including printing.

Other costs may be incurred for certificates or transcripts (after consultation with the client)

You will receive an A3 Ancestral/Pedigree Chart showing your line, and an A4 display folder of information and stories we may find as well as all the documents you pay for.

All research will be done by our volunteers, some have a Diploma of Family History or have been researching family history for many years. Researchers use our resources, our access to paid genealogical sites, societies in places of interest to your subject also newspapers and State Archives.

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Example of what you may receive.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

More details at: <http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au>

Publication	Type	Price
DIGITAL RELEASE		
Wyong & Districts Anglican Church Records 1838 – 1987 - NEW	USB	\$ 50.00 + p&h
This USB contains over 15,000 primary records including Baptisms 1838-1927, Marriages 1838-1967 and Burials 1837-1987 with links to copies of the original church register pages for Gosford Parish until the early 1900s and thereafter for Wyong, The Entrance and Toukley/Budgewoi Parishes. System requirement is any version of MS windows from XP to Win10 with approximately 10GB hard disk space		
BOOKS & CDs		
Servicewomen of the NSW Central Coast – Their Lives & Service NEW	Book	\$ 40.00 + p&h
156 Page, fully indexed book outlining the lives and service of 330 women who served in armed services and who were either born, lived or died on the NSW Central Coast.		
Bowden Family Funerals Wyong, July 1999 – January 2015	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Reduced Price	CD	\$ 7.50 + p&h
Central Coast Roll of Honour	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Reduced Price	CD	\$ 7.50 + p&h
Includes the full names, rank, type of service & date of death where known of over 12,000 men & women of the Central Coast who were in the Armed Forces. 400 pages fully indexed. Includes 138 stories and photographs		
Gosford Times Marriage and Death Notices 1892 – 1954	Book out of Print	
Reduced Price	CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Incorporating the Wollombi Express 1892-1906 and Wyong District Advocate 1906-1920. Contains entries for 5892 Deaths and 1400 Marriages with many relevant details		
People of Wyong Book 1	Book	\$ 40.00 + p&h
Health & Service Providers - Includes Doctors, Dentists, Fire Brigade and Ministers. 298 pages		
People of Wyong Book 2	Book	\$ 40.00 + p&h
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People of Wyong Book 5 - NEW	Book	\$ 40.00 + p&h
All Wyong District Schools both former and current, public and private, with a list of each school's Head Teachers. 270 pages. Fully Indexed. Coloured & b&w photos of each school		
Purchase all 5 books in this series at the same time and receive 10% discount		
Place Names of the Wyong Shire	Book	\$ 7.00 + p&h
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Records available on combined CD		
Simplicity Funerals Wyong Shire NSW 1993 – 2011	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Includes Toukley, Wyong and Bateau Bay		
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW, Toukley & Wyong 1963 – 2011	Reduced Price	CD \$ 12.50 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Erina 1984 – 2013	Book	\$ 30.00 + p&h
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The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area	Reduced Price	CD \$ 5.00 + p&h
Baptisms, burials and marriages with notes from Albert Glennie's diaries and misc. entries. Includes Kincumber, Mangrove, Wyong, Tuggerah, Cooranbong, Woy Woy and the Hawkesbury River		

Publication	Type	Price
Wyong Agricultural Association	Book out of Print	
Covers the history of the Wyong Agricultural Association as reported in local newspapers, lists of Office Bearers, photos of Founders and first Committee plus the minutes of all meetings held from 1 May 1913 to 18 June 1930. 248 pages. Fully indexed	Reduced Price CD	\$ 7.50 + p&h
Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 – 1953	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	Reduced Price CD	\$ 7.50 + p&h
Wyong & District Pioneer Register [Published 2013]	USB	\$ 35.00 + p&h
Fully indexed compilation of all previous Pioneer Book entries, extensively updated references to over 13,500 individuals. Contains birth, marriage and death details, some photos, personal stories and obituaries for some individuals. Includes a brief history of Wyong. 673 pages	Book out of Print	
Wyong & Lakes District Advocate Notices 1932 – 1995		
Volume 1	Books out of Print	
Contains 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4790 in memoriam notices and 238 miscellaneous event notices. Includes church photographs		
Volume 2		
Contains 11,973 deaths, obituary & probate notices as well as Church and Cemetery photos		
Volumes 1 and 2 available on combined CD	Reduced Price CD	\$ 17.50 + p&h
Wyong Remembers	Book	\$ 19.00 + p&h
The history of the Wyong War Memorial and Centenary of ANZAC events. 53 pages		
Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries 2017	Reduced Price CD	\$ 12.50 + p&h
Includes Jilliby, Noraville, St Barnabas & Yarramalong and Ronkana Cemeteries		
Jilliby Cemetery Wyong Shire NSW	Book out of Print	
Noraville Cemetery Wyong Shire 1869 – 2012	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
St Barnabas & Yarramalong Cemeteries Wyong Shire 1886 – 2001	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Ronkana Cemetery Wyong Shire 1825 – 2016	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
	Reduced Price CD	\$ 5.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016	Book	\$ 25.00 + p&h
	Reduced Price CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h
This index has been compiled from the WFHG Inc. cemetery database. It includes burials [and niches] at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas [Yarramalong] and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong Cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. We also acknowledge the CC Council Bereavement Officers for their contribution to our records. Contains cemetery maps, Deceased details – name, age, date of burial, grave location [section, row, plot], some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all graves including those unmarked. 220 pages		
Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
	Reduced Price CD	\$ 5.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery	Reduced Price CD	\$ 5.00 + p&h
30,000 names – not all from Wyong		
Genealogy Recorder	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
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LIFE MEMBERS



From time to time our Group awards a Life Membership.

These members have been recognized for their commitment and contribution, helping us become the Family History Group we are today. ... ❖

Name	Memb No.	Date of Award
The Late Keith Shakespeare	01	Sept 1994
Lynda Smith	02	08 Dec 1995
The Late Patricia Irwin Sharp	03	14 Sept 2001
Marilyn Cridland	11	13 Sept 2007
Pam Mansergh	14	13 Sept 2007
The Late Esther Dean	23	13 Sept 2007
Janice Barrett	44	13 Sept 2007
Kerrie Metcalfe	80	9 Sept 2010
Roger Lewis	127	20 Sept 2012
Robin Wright	133	20 Sept 2012
Trish McDonald	194	09 Oct 2014
Glenise Clery	284	09 Oct 2014
Michele Gane	174	03 June 2018
John Selwood	79	03 June 2018
Meg Gibson	43	20 Feb 2021
The Late Gwen Bates	70	20 Feb 2021

TRANSPORT



Members – Transport to and from The Cottage is a problem for some of our members.

If you have are able to help, email The Secretary:
secwfhg2@westnet.com.au

or phone [02] 4351 2211 during open hours. ... ❖



ACCESSIBILITY

Our wheelchair accessibility has been closed temporarily due to the fire in April 2023, Central Coast Council are unable to tell us a date when we can again use our access road and carpark *The Cottage* has one basic accessible toilet?



If you find our hill and stairs a challenge too far, contact the Cottage on 4351 2211 and someone will be happy to help you safely to our door? ... ❖



VALÉ

HARRY JOHNSTON-LORD MEMBER #504

Sadly, after a short illness, Harry died on Friday 26 October 2023, he and Helen joined our group in 2011.

Harry was born on 1st February 1943 in Port Kembla. His father was a greenkeeper and his mother a homemaker. Harry trained to be a Fitter and Turner, firstly at HMAS Platypus (torpedo factory) and later at Garden Island but didn't really enjoy this work. He spent some years working for the Daily Telegraph, before finding his dream job as a screen printer. Harry even taught screen printing classes at Hunter's Hill and other Evening Colleges.

He loved to do pencil sketches and water colours. As well as working with leather, often in miniature, he constructed and painted traditional Japanese kites and he loved to make miniature paper models. He was an excellent photographer. He had a life-long interest in Egypt.



Harry loved to help others. He was a blood and plasma donor for many years. He volunteered with Norah Head Marine Rescue as a radio operator, and he used to visit people in hospital. Harry was also a Justice of the Peace for many years.

His main passion was Rookwood Cemetery. He was a member of the Friends of Rookwood for 30 years and was a tour guide for over 20 years.

When he and Helen moved to Warnervale, Minnesota Road used to flood on a regular basis. They joined the local group "Fix our Roads" and campaigned for the improvements that now make this main road safe for everyone to use in all weather. His daily rain reports were much appreciated by this group.

With Helen's guidance, Harry learned to use computers and was Helen's first critic of the Tree of Life and other publicity items. Harry will be sorely missed by his family and many friends. Privately cremated.

Lynda Smith





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Darkinjung people as Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. we pay our respects to the Elders, past, present, and future, and recognise the continuing connection and contribution to this land. We would like to extend that respect to any First Nations people who are our readers.

WFHG INC. PLANNED EVENTS

- Subject to change.
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, **all** our meetings, interest groups, information sessions and courses are held at 'The Cottage'.
- **SIG** = Special Interest Group ... Booking essential.
- **Info** = Information Session.

	2023	Event
November	Tue 7	Melbourne Cup BBQ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
	Thu 9	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 11	Remembrance Day. 10:30 am General Meeting 1pm General Meeting 1:00 pm, Guest Speaker Trish Skehan - Military Topic
	Thu 16	Research Organisation Information Session 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 18	Rookwood Cemetery Bus Trip
	Tue 21	DNA SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 22	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm – Topic – Christmas
	Sat 25	Museums of History State Archives Kingswood Bus trip . Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
December	Sun 3	Jingle and Mingle Christmas luncheon downstairs at Club Wyong. 11.30 am – 2 pm
	Tue 5	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Thu 14	Christmas Morning Tea 10:30 am Cottage Closes for 2023

	2024	Event
January	Mon 15	Cottage Clean-up
	Tue 16	Cottage Opens for Research in 2024 Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Sun 21	Tree of Life Deadline
	Wed 24	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up – Who, When & Why did ancestors come to Australia? 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
	Sat 27	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Mon 30	Intermediate Family History Course – Week 4
	Tue 31	Committee Meeting for February 10:00 am
February	Sat 3	General Meeting 1:00 pm
	Tue 6	Research Assistant Drive 10:00 am
	Thu 8	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 10	Love Lanes Festival
	Tue 20	DNA SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Thu 22	Irish Research SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 24	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Wed 21	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
	Tue 27	Committee Meeting for March 10:00 am
March	Sat 9	General Meeting 1:00 pm
	Thu 7	Scottish Research SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 19	DNA SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 23	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Thu 21	Irish Research SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon St Patrick's Day morning tea
	Tue 26	Committee Meeting for April 10:00 am
	Wed 27	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm



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Research Centre

'The Cottage', Building 9, Wyong Old School Community Centre,
Rankens Court, Wyong.

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At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

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WFHG thanks Ms Emma McBride, for her assistance in the production of this issue of the Tree of Life.

Remember, Member contributions are always welcome and 21 January, 2024 is the closing date for submissions for next issue of the "Tree of Life".

Local LDS Family History Centre

Akora Road, Wyoming [near ALDI]

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Members' contributions are always welcome.