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OUR MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

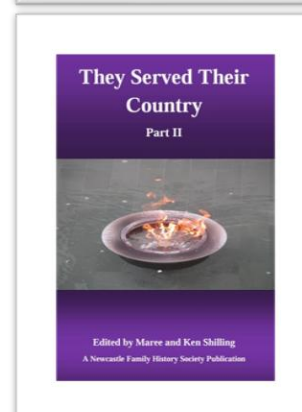
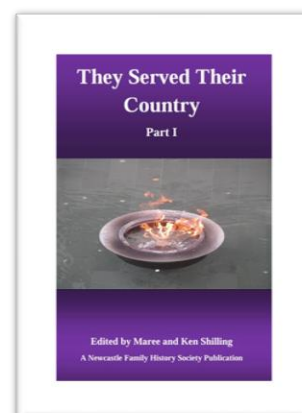
They Served Their Country Parts I & II

(2024)

Each Book (in colour) (900g): 440 pp. A4, \$50.00

Download Parts I & II combined: \$45

This publication is in two parts. Each part is available as an A4 book (printed in colour). Both publications have been combined into the one download. The publications contain individual stories of people who served their country. Biographies were contributed by their descendants or by researchers from Newcastle Family History Society Inc. Stories range from the Maori Wars through to Afghanistan. As well as stories about those who served, you can also read about other military-related items such as Aussie, the WWI soldiers' newspaper, the remarkable statues in the Hyde Park War Memorial and the soldier poet who wrote 'In Flanders' Fields', to name just a few. Each part is indexed.



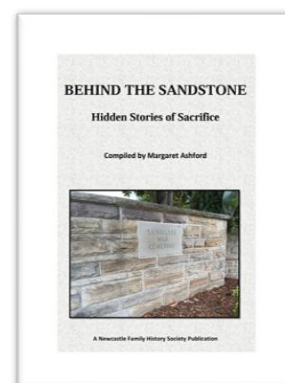
Behind the Sandstone: Hidden Stories of Sacrifice

(2024)

Book: (in colour) 103 pp. A4, \$35.00

Download from our shop: \$23

The publication contains stories of the 73 men buried in the Newcastle War Cemetery at Sandgate between 1942 and 1947. Interesting supporting material from a variety of sources reveals Newcastle's contribution to the war effort. The cemetery's history is told and is illustrated by rarely seen photographs. The Hunter Valley Commonwealth War Cemeteries at Greta, (East) Maitland and Muswellbrook are also described and illustrated. The publication is indexed.



Albermarle – Third Fleet Transport

(1998)

Book: A4 (450g): 104 pp. \$15

Currently out of print

A listing of convicts, masters, crew, naval and military personnel as well as a history of the vessel, chronology, listing of names with Colonial documentation, conviction, hulks, sentences and document transcriptions.



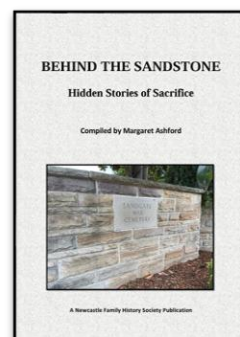
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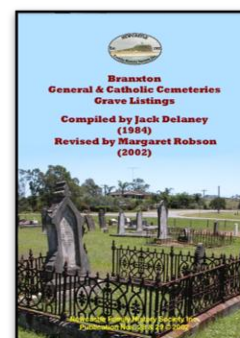
Branxton General and Catholic Cemeteries, NSW

(2002)

Book: A4 (600g): 198 pp. \$30

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Originally compiled by Jack Delaney in 1984, over 2,000 burials in the General and Catholic graveyards are recorded along with a short history, index, photographs and site plans of both graveyards provided by Cessnock City Council and the Maitland Catholic Diocese.



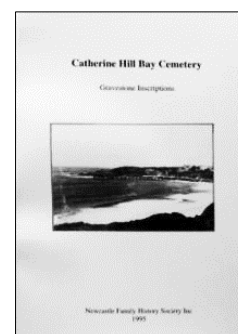
Catherine Hill Bay Cemetery, NSW: Gravestone Inscriptions 1896-1994

(1995)

Book: A4 (300g): 57 pp. \$15

Publication currently under revision

The cemetery contains nearly 600 headstones or burial sites to 1994. Details recorded include the monumental inscriptions and grave diggers' records, which in some cases provide the only available information for unmarked graves.



Christ Church, Newcastle, 1804-1900.

Transcriptions and Indexes of Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers

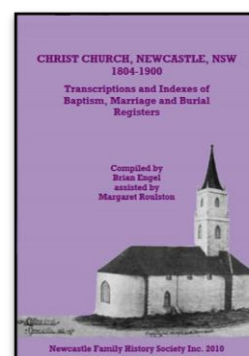
(2010)

Book: A4 (1,400g): 465 pp. \$50

USB wafer drive (100g): \$35

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Fully indexed transcriptions of Christ Church Registers for the 1800s have been reproduced from original records held in the University of Newcastle's Cultural Collections. The Registers contain approximately 5,100 Baptisms, 1,120 Marriages and 3,352 Burials.



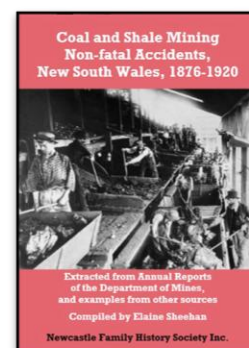
Coal and Shale Mining Non-Fatal Accidents, NSW: 1876-1920

(2006)

Book: A4 (800g): 263 pp. \$35

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This work, sourced from the Annual Reports of the NSW Department of Mines, lists the names of NSW miners who suffered non-fatal accidents and also details over 4,000 incidents, providing information not readily available from any other source.



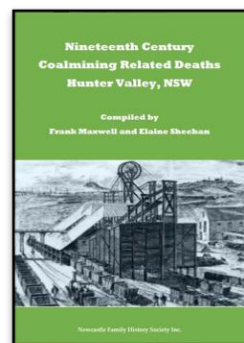
Coalmining Related Deaths, Hunter Valley, Nineteenth Century

(2004)

Book: A4 (750g): 260 pp. \$30

Download: \$18

Based on the work of Mr Frank Maxwell, a retired miner, the publication identifies 406 fatalities and includes a short history of coalmining in the region. Early victims included convicts, ticket-of-leave men, emancipists and immigrants, mostly from the mining areas of the United Kingdom.



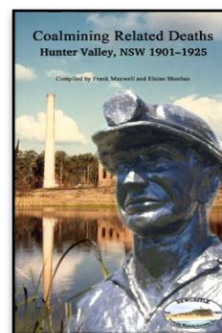
Coalmining Related Deaths, Hunter Valley, 1901 – 1925

(2006)

Book: A4 (1,200g): 404 pp. \$35

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This companion volume extends the coverage of the Nineteenth Century Coalmining Related Deaths, Hunter Valley for the next quarter of a century until 1925.



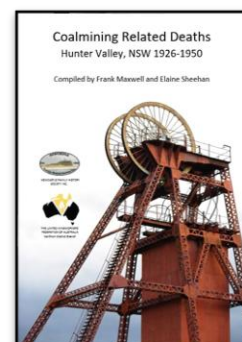
Coalmining Related Deaths, Hunter Valley, NSW, 1926 – 1950

(2008)

Book: A4 (1,300g): 446 pp. \$35

Download: Price on Application

This work is the third volume in the coalmining series and includes some 470 fatalities in over 90 collieries, mainly the result of accidents associated with the many and varied jobs in the coalmining industry. A detailed account of the Redhead disaster of 1926 is also included.



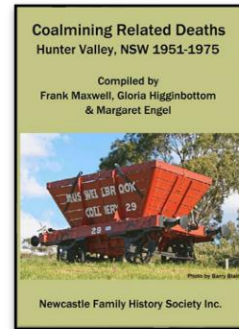
Coalmining Related Deaths, Hunter Valley, 1951 – 1975

(2017)

Book: A4 (1,000g): 353 pp. \$35

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The final coalmining volume includes 355 fatalities, documenting other deaths such as drowning in dams, accidents with colliery trains, age-related natural causes, accidents on the way to work and at least one murder, all of which occurred near the old workings.



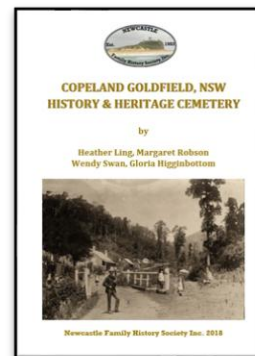
Copeland Goldfield, NSW: History and Heritage Cemetery

(2017)

Book: A4 (500g): 133 pp. \$35

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This publication records cemetery burials and history of the gold rush years which began in 1876, in the foothills of the Barrington Mountains. The *Barrington Goldfields*, later known as *Back Creek* then *Copeland*, became a large settlement where gold mining flourished. In the early 1900s gold mining became expensive, yields deteriorated and gradually the population moved away.



Diaries of John Reid, Victorian Schoolmaster, 1853–1856

(2002)

Book: A4 (est. 500g): 60 pp. \$20

Currently out of print

This publication is a transcription of six diaries of John Reid who was born in Scotland on 12 June 1835. The family came to Australia in 1852, settling at Mooney Ponds, Victoria, for four years before relocating to Sydney. There, John Reid became a colleague of the Reverend John Dunmore Lang.

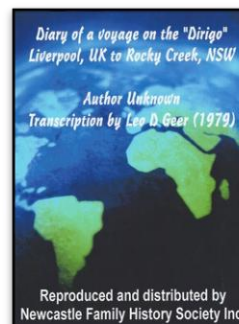


Diary of a Voyage on the Dirigo, Liverpool, UN, to Rocky Creek, NSW

(2003)

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A diary was kept during the 108 days of a voyage from Liverpool to Sydney by a young male emigrant sailing in the ship, *Dirigo*. Although the author remains unknown, the handwritten pages of the diary are dated 1859–1860. The Publication includes both the transcription and images of each remaining page of the diary and is only available as a download.



Early Newcastle – The Fettered and the Free

(2005)

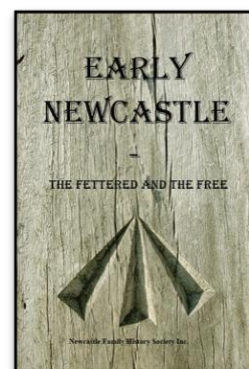
Book: A4 (1,100g): 370 pp. \$50

USB Wafer drive (100g): \$35

Download from our shop: \$25

This study describes the first years of settlement (1804 – 1824) in four parts:

1. The development of Newcastle to the end of penal settlement
2. A database of 4,500 individuals including 750 soldiers
3. Stories of some selected individuals, as well as
4. Eight appendices, a bibliography and an index.

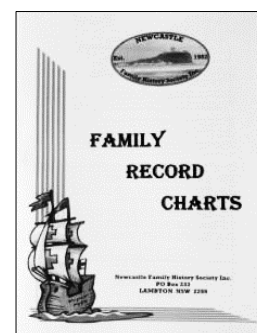


Family Record Charts

(2007)

Book: A4 soft cover (folded A3) (150g): 20 charts. \$10

A set of blank charts in a workbook format suitable for recording Birth, Marriage and Death details of parents and their children and which includes provision for noting sources.

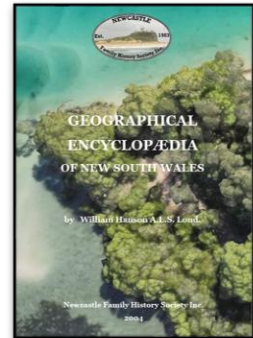


Geographic Encyclopaedia of New South Wales Originally Published in 1892 by William Hanson

(1892 – This reproduction 2004.)

Download from our shop: \$30

Some place names familiar to the citizens of New South Wales in 1892 can no longer be found on current maps so this volume is a valuable aid in finding geographical locations which might feature in family documents. Hanson's original publication dated 1892 was reproduced by NFHS in 2004. Purchase as a download is recommended.



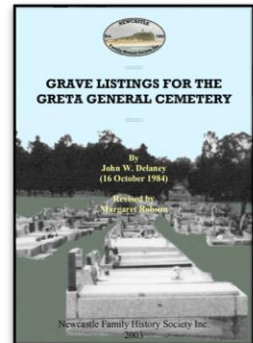
Greta Cemetery, NSW

(2003)

Book: A4 (500g): 140 pp. \$25

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This publication identifies 1,500 burials including a record of 'unlocated' graves. In WWII, Greta's army base was established and the cemetery has a small War Memorial section. The base became a migrant camp post-WWII, and the cemetery records reveal the names of some European migrants. A short history, photographs and site plan are included along with a full index.



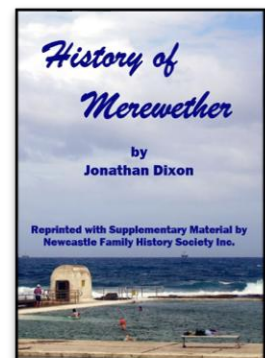
History of Merewether

(2006)

Book: A4 (500g): 152 pp. \$25

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NFHS produced a publication containing the History of Merewether by Jonathan Dixon (1935) supplemented with an index of surnames, 22 photographs of old Merewether and a list of occupiers of properties from 1 July 1910 to 1 January 1913 as transcribed from Water Board Rate Books.



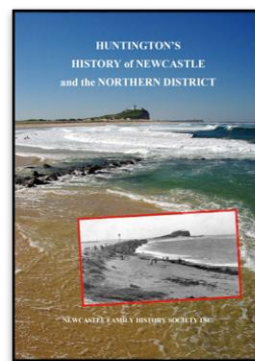
Huntington's History of Newcastle and the Northern District

(2009)

Book: A4 (800g): 279 pp. \$35

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At the instigation of the *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate*, Henry William Huntington published a series of columns which appeared twice weekly from 10 August 1897 to 2 August 1898. Those columns provide a detailed record of Newcastle and Hunter Valley events from earliest times to about 1850.



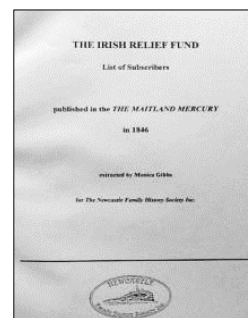
Irish Relief Fund List of Subscribers Published in The Maitland Mercury in 1846

(2002)

Book: A4 (200g): 31 pp. \$15

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An advertisement in *The Maitland Mercury* of 9 September 1846 set in train a relief effort in the Upper Hunter Valley which attracted donations from many districts.



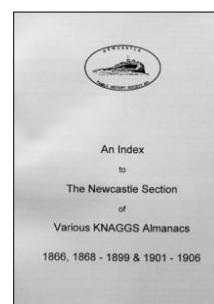
Knaggs Almanac – An Index to the Newcastle Section, 1866, 1868-1899, 1901-1906

(1977)

Book: A4 (350g): 77 pp. \$15

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The NFHS Library holds a complete set of surviving Knaggs Almanacs. This work is an index to names (2,300 entries), businesses and other organisations from which the years listed above can be consulted for more details.



The Story of Lambton – A Suburb of Newcastle, NSW

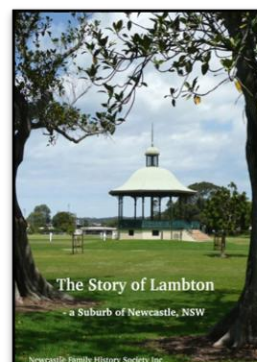
(2009)

Book with extra USB of images: A4 (1,200g): 411 pp. \$50

USB wafer drive (100g): \$35

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This work is a comprehensive record of the origin and development of the suburb of Lambton. Many of the suburb's senior residents provided oral history for the project and contributed photographs were reproduced on an accompanying disk together with a database of early Lambton residents.



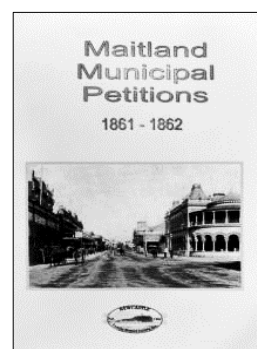
Maitland Municipal Petitions 1861–1862

(2005)

Book: A4 (200g): 46 pp. \$15

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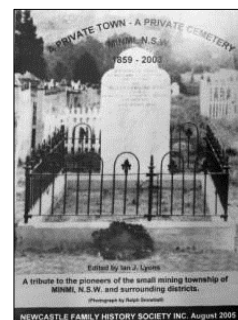
The book is illustrated and lists the signatories on petitions concerning municipal government in the 1860s for East and West Maitland. It also has a 'street directory' listing all petitioners and the address from the petitions. The East Maitland council petition lists 208 names. The first petition for West Maitland has 448 names. A later petition from opponents of incorporation lists 641 signatories. A supplementary petition of those seeking a council has 229 names.



Minmi – A Private Town – A Private Cemetery

Book: Currently unavailable – Under revision

The Brown brothers owned the mine and controlled the private township of Minmi, setting aside land for a cemetery. The publication contains headstone inscriptions; birth, death and marriage information; public notices (death notices, funeral notices, in memorial, inquests); some family history and an index.



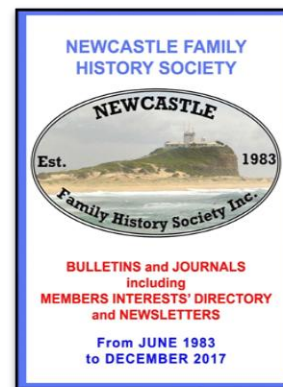
NFHS Journal and Bulletin Collection

(2018)

CD: \$15 (while stocks last)

USB Wafer (100g): \$35

All Bulletins and Journals produced by NFHS from June 1983 to December 2017 have been digitised and included in this publication. Society monthly Newsletters from February 2003 and all Members' Interests Directories are added as a bonus. All 420 PDF files are fully searchable.

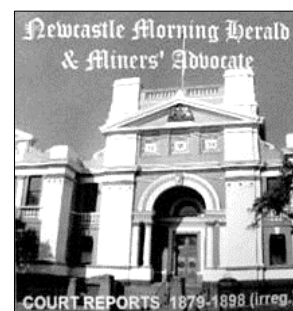


Newcastle Morning Herald & Miners' Advocate Court Reports 1879–1898 (irreg.)

CD: \$10 (while stocks last)

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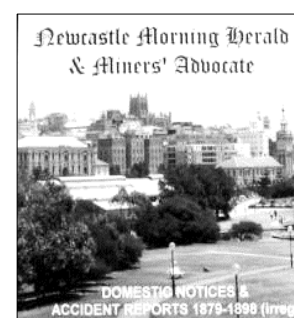
A total of 1,509 pages of Court reports has been scanned and reproduced on this CD-ROM providing 54,000 entries. The pages are indexed by surname.



Newcastle Morning Herald & Miners' Advocate Domestic Notices, Accident Reports; 1879–1898 (irreg.)

Download: Price on Application

An extensive collection of accident reports has been combined with domestic notices on this CD-ROM. The pages have been indexed with 51,000 entries.



Newcastle Pasturage Reserve ('The Commonage'): A List of Applicants to Purchase

(nd)

Book: A4 (300g): 72 pp. \$15

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A brief history of the Pasturage Reserve is followed by an original plan of the area and a map of the area today. A database gives the name of the applicant and location of the lot being applied for, any improvements the applicant had made to the property and the Boards' response to the application.



Newcastle West Burial Grounds (Presbyterian, Roman Catholic & Wesleyan Methodist)

(2007)

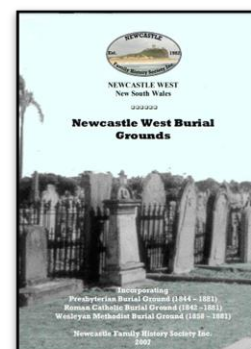
Book: A4 (1,150): 104 pp. \$40

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Originally published separately, the three listings have now been combined into one volume:

- 1) Presbyterian (1844 – 1881) 1,300 names
- 2) Roman Catholic (1842 – 1881) 1,172 names
- 3) Wesleyan Methodist (1858 – 1881) 169 names.

Included are maps, the history of the sites, an index of surnames and supplementary material (news items, obituaries, funeral notices).



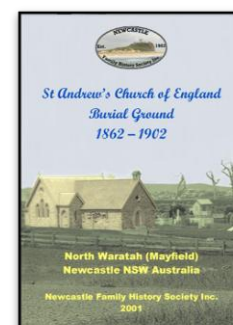
North Waratah (Mayfield) St Andrews Church of England Burial Ground 1862-1902

(2001)

Book: A4 (550g): 169 pp. \$30

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This publication resulted from a study of records in the Death Registers once held in the Newcastle office of the Registry of BDM, Diocesan Parish records in the Archives of Newcastle University and local newspapers.



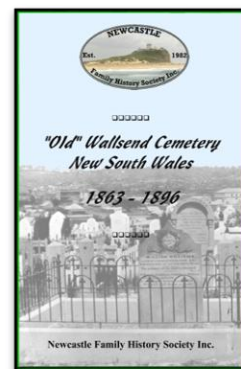
'Old' Wallsend Cemetery, NSW, 1863–1896

(2007)

Book: A4 (1,450g): 391 pp. \$40

Download from our shop: \$22

In 1862, the Wallsend Coal Company granted land for a cemetery negating the need to travel to Newcastle for burials. Because of overcrowding, the cemetery was closed in 1896 by which time there had been up to 4,000 interments in the small area located in Newcastle Road and now called Rest Park.



People of Newcastle

Each A4 book in Colour (800g): \$50

Each A4 book in B&W (800g): \$35

Each USB (100g): \$35

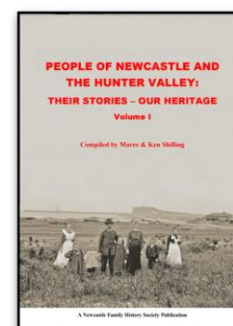
Discounts apply for the purchase of two or of all three volumes. Please contact our Secretary for details.

Download Volumes 1, 2 & 3 combined from our shop: \$65

People of Newcastle – Volume 1

(2021)

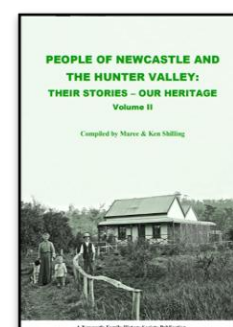
This 251-page publication arose from the NFHS Sandgate Cemetery tours but it was decided to include stories from those whose last resting place was in the wider region of the Hunter Valley. Stories tell of those who are both the grand and the quieter-living folk who left their mark on our region. There are 50 biographies in this volume. Check our website for a complete contents list.



People of Newcastle – Volume 2

(2021)

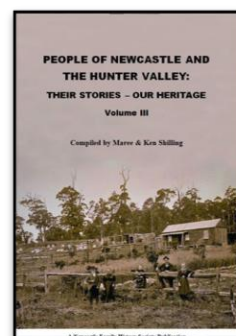
This 287-page book is the second volume of biographies of people whose last resting place is in Sandgate and the wider region of the Hunter Valley. There are 50 further stories in this volume painting pictures of other times to help us better understand our past. Check our website for a complete contents list.



People of Newcastle – Volume 3

(2023)

This is the third publication arising from the NFHS Sandgate Cemetery tours. It has 275 pages and includes another 50 biographies about people whose last resting place is at Sandgate or in the wider region of the Hunter Valley. Stories cover those from the ranks of the great and grand to the ordinary people who all left their mark on our region. Check our website for a complete contents list.



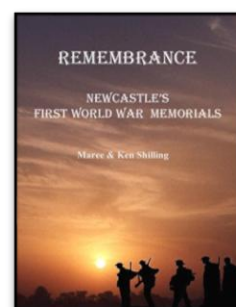
Remembrance: Newcastle's First Work War Memorials

(2017)

CD (100g): \$35 (while stocks last)

Download from our shop: \$30

The CD includes information on 204 memorials originally located in the current Newcastle Council area. Many are illustrated and 256 biographies have been attached to the memorial where the name appears. Another 67 more in-depth individual stories of servicemen, nurses etc were also contributed by members of the Society as well as the wider community. A database with 13,433 entries lists all names found on the memorials and honour rolls.

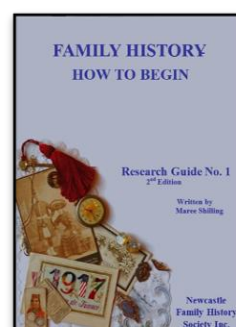


Research Guide 1: Family History – How to Begin

(2020)

Book: A4 Colour: 32 pp. \$12

This second edition was updated from the 2011 publication in 2020. It is designed to give the beginner an introduction to Family History research, it includes ways to improve your interviewing technique, finding locations of appropriate resources, copying documents and photographs, organising your research material and interpreting old documents.

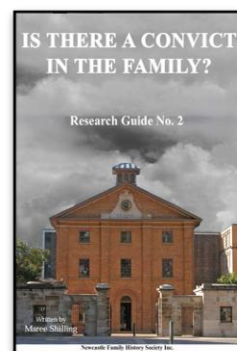


Research Guide 2: Is There a Convict in The Family?

(2010)

Book: A4 Colour: 32 pp. \$12

This booklet aims to provide guidance in the steps needed to track down that elusive ancestor in your family, giving pointers to sources where a search should be directed. A list of abbreviations found in records is given with their explanations. Transport ships and Hulks are discussed as well as convict certificates and letters.

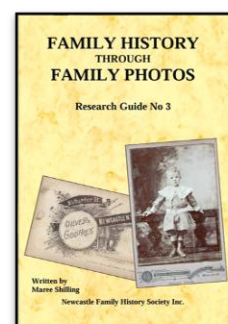


Research Guide 3: Family History Through Family Photographs

(2011)

Book: A4 Colour: 32 pp. \$12

This booklet shows ways to identify and date your old images as well as hints on the preservation of family photographs. Various types of photographs through the ages are illustrated and features discussed. What people were wearing through the ages is described and illustrated, helping with identification and dating.

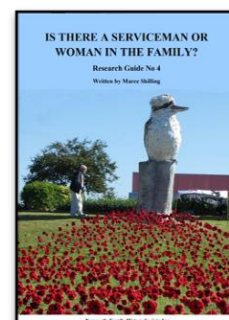


Research Guide 4: Is there a Serviceman or Woman in the Family?

(2022)

Book: A4 Colour: 32 pp. \$12

This booklet shows ways to identify and locate information about ancestors who may have served in the military. Some information you may already have found but where to seek further details and explanations about military service and uniforms is also included. Illustrations add to the comprehensive explanations.



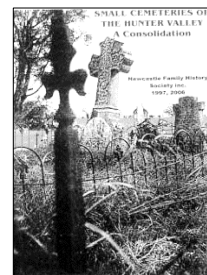
Small Cemeteries in the Hunter Valley

(1997)

Book A4 (350g): 84 pp. \$15

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With a compilation of the burials recorded in 23 small cemeteries located in the Hunter Valley, this publication is based on short cemetery transcriptions held in the Newcastle Family History Inc. library.



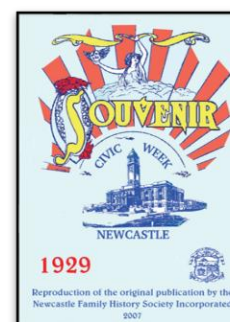
Souvenir Civic Week, City of Newcastle, 1929

(2007)

Book A4 (1,100g): 376 pp. \$35

Download: Price on Application

This book, originally produced to celebrate the completion of Newcastle City's Town Hall, provides us now with a fascinating, extensively illustrated snapshot of the whole city at a significant point in time when suburban local government still held sway. The book, augmented with an index, documents many aspects of life and services in Newcastle. Many photographs are reproduced in this volume.



Stockton Cemetery Burials, NSW, 1890–2005

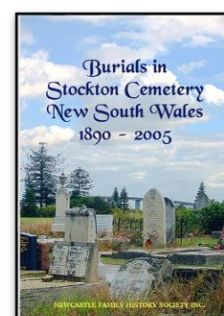
(2006)

Book A4 (1,400g): 842 pp. \$50

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Contained in this publication is a comprehensive listing of burials in Stockton Cemetery, NSW, including details of marked and unmarked graves, newspaper funeral notices etc if available.

Maps have been provided to resolve the differences existing between the Trust, Church, newspapers and Council records. The publication contains a supplementary USB of photographs of all existing headstones located in the cemetery in 2005. All photographs are matched to the denomination, row and plot number of each grave and it is therefore necessary that this disk is used in conjunction with the book.



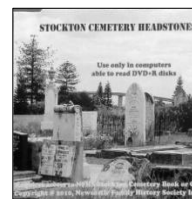
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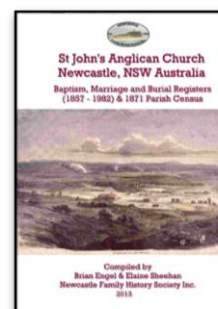
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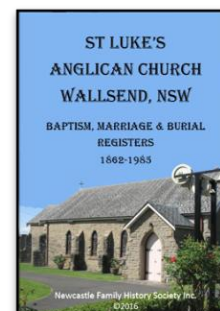
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The historic Church of St Luke at Wallsend is the second oldest Anglican Church in the Newcastle area. The publication includes a short history of St Luke's plus details of 2382 Baptisms, 1458 Marriages and 2320 Burials. Entries dated earlier than 1867 were extracted from the Hexham registers.



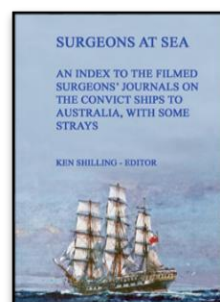
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The database on this CD lists those recorded in the Surgeons' journals; convicts and their children, soldiers, crew, free settlers and their children and colonial officials. In total there are 52,244 entries showing where possible, the name, age, status, medical condition and/or punishment for each individual. The surgeons' journals of 670 ships were transcribed.



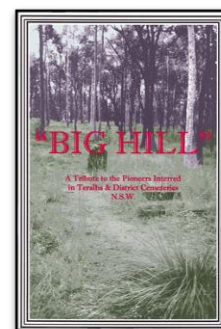
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(2002)

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The ruins of an old cemetery near Teralba ('Big Hill') containing a few headstones lying broken and neglected could once be located on the hill in Teralba. Area around the cemetery has now been developed and the cemetery is now greatly reduced in size. Many burial records for the period have not survived but 200 burials in the area have been identified and included in this work along with a history of the area and index.



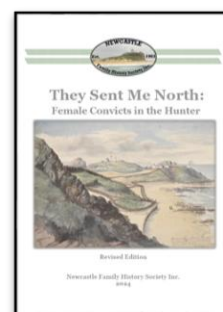
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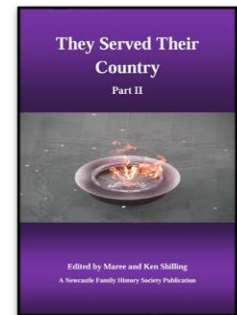
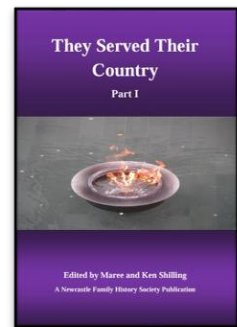
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This publication is in two parts. Each part is available as an A4 book (printed in colour). The publications contain individual stories of people who served their country. Biographies were contributed by their descendants or by researchers from Newcastle Family History Society Inc. As well as stories about those who served, you can also read about other military-related items such as Aussie, the WWI soldiers' newspaper, the remarkable statues in the Hyde Park War Memorial and the soldier poet who wrote 'In Flanders' Fields', to name just a few. Each part is indexed.

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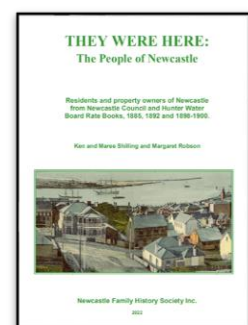


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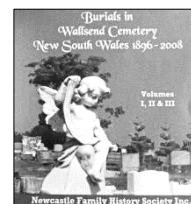
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(2009)

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These three volumes contain a comprehensive alphabetical listing of all recorded burials in Wallsend Cemetery on Sandgate Road, Birmingham Gardens. It includes details of marked and unmarked graves, headstone inscriptions, funeral notices, obituaries, inquests etc., where available.



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Wallsend Cemetery Volume 2 (H to Parsons, C)

Wallsend Cemetery Volume 3 (Parsons, E to Z)

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