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Member contributions always welcome!

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

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Resources and research assistance at 'The Cottage' – available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm. After hours by appointment.	
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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Lynda Smith – President – LM2



By now, I hope that all traces of Easter chocolate have disappeared from your hiding places. We had a quiet one, as our youngest son and his family enjoyed some camping at Hat Head. I have yet to see the photos, but an egg hunt was held and much fun was had.

In recent weeks, we have been unable to access our Cottage. [Building 9] The site we use belongs to Council and there are a number of tenants who make use of the many buildings that make up Wyong Old School. Unfortunately, a number of rough sleepers have also taken up residence in the grounds. The majority are trying their best in difficult personal circumstances. Sadly, some are determined to cause problems. On this occasion, the bad behaviour could not be dismissed and the Police closed the site while they investigated the situation. We opened again on Tuesday April 29th.

We always have a busy calendar of events and many of these had to be relocated, or re-formatted to be done via Zoom during closure. Others could not be accommodated, and had to be either postponed or cancelled. Our thanks to Council for giving us free use of the Berkeley Centre and Central Coast Library Service for providing access to free meeting rooms.

This situation was very unfortunate and distressing for our members, and the issue of increasing homelessness is a world-wide one, not easily 'solved'. A task force has been established to implement safety solutions and investigate other issues. Please remember that if you would prefer not to use the walkway, you can still park in the main carpark and phone the cottage. Someone will come and meet you and escort you to the cottage via the driveway. If it is easier, you can phone beforehand and arrange a specific time. There are also a number of disability spaces outside our cottage.

Our group was represented at the annual February Love Lanes Festival, a community event coordinated by Council. Our gazebo was visited frequently, and we met some very interesting people. This photo was taken before the event started.



We were also invited to an International Women's Day High Tea at Wyong's new RSL Life Care Centre. It was a lovely afternoon, giving us a chance to 'network' with other groups.

Council sponsored a Senior's event at Wyong Race Course in March. This was another opportunity to get publicity for the group.

Our first Beginner's class for the year was a success, with many attendees becoming members. Thanks again, to all who gave instruction, provided morning tea and completed the necessary printing. It takes a team to put on such sessions.

We held a successful Seminar in April and a new Special Interest Group for England/Wales has been established.

St. Patrick's Day was also acknowledged with a colourful, tasty morning tea.

Please check our weekly newsletter for details of upcoming events, and our website calendar. We will shortly be having a planning meeting to arrange the rest of the year's calendar.

With the colder months coming, there is no excuse. Stop procrastinating! Get out those boxes of unlabelled photos and provide "Who, when, where and why" details for future generations. Cull as you go. No-one needs 15 photos of the same thing. Sort through that mountain of paperwork and locate those gems. Update your research.

Cross off some of your 'to do' items. That's my plan!

Happy researching, Lynda.



A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Welcome to our May 2025 edition.

I hope you find it as interesting as i did compiling it.

I often do a little follow-up research on elements of an item sent. I am easily distracted, clicking here and there, This keeps my mind busy.

Being a visual person, I have been playing with Microsoft Copilot, which is an AI component available through Microsoft 365. The pictorial results have been interesting and sometimes amusing. I have used some in this publication. I also toyed with the text



feature, the results may be seen on page 15.

Meanwhile, keep an eye on the weekly Newsletter to see our next featured topic.

Please enjoy this issue and your stories and reactions are always welcome.

Researching, writing and recording your family history is a wonderful gift for your family, they may not appreciate it at the moment, time will shine a different light on your efforts.

Email your stories to me at wfhgtol2@gmail. Our next deadline is 21 July 2025.

Stay well and Stay safe. ... ❖

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Member Robert Patton kept us entertained at our February monthly meeting sharing his recent travels with a compelling power point presentation and stories from his visit to Casablanca and the Khyber Pass, showing some unique historical churches and places of interest, it was very entertaining and interesting. We were joined with a number of members on Zoom as well



Regina thanking Robert for his time.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Regina Hogan Member 533

Our March meeting at the Cottage saw a strong turnout, with twenty members and visitors attending in person and several more joining via Zoom.

We were pleased to welcome guest speaker Greg Powell, an accomplished author with 13 books to his name, covering topics such as bushrangers and bushwalking. Greg delivered a fascinating talk on some of Australia's most notorious bushrangers, including Ben Hall, Frank Gardiner, Thunderbolt, and the Jewboy Gang. He shared intriguing details about the gang's raid on a home in the 1840s, on the site where Alison Homestead stands today.



Greg's presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all, sparking great interest and discussion among attendees. We extend our thanks to Greg for an engaging and informative session.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Due to the closure of The Cottage, our general meeting was held at the Berkeley Community Centre in Glenning Valley. A smaller than usual group of members attended, and they were treated to an engaging talk by our guest speaker, Dr. Andrew Kwong.



Dr. Kwong shared fascinating insights from his life, spanning his childhood in Zhongshan, China, his escape from China at the age of 12, and his educational journey in China, Hong Kong and Australia. He spoke of his more than 40 years as a general practitioner in Australia and highlighted his experiences along the way. He also explained how he came to write his book *One Bright Moon*.

In addition to his life story, Dr. Kwong provided helpful exercises tailored for people over 50 and praised our group for its friendly, happy, and social atmosphere.

INAUGURAL AI SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Regina Hogan member 533



We had an exciting start to our AI SIG at the Cottage in February with 18 keen members at our inaugural meeting! Join us on the third Tuesday of every second month to discover how AI can assist you with family history research, writing, transcribing, and more. Big thanks to Stuart for getting us off to a great start! ... ♦



LIFE CARE HIGH TEA

Lynda Smith, LM2

It was crowded, noisy, colourful and just a little crazy, but I think that is what a celebratory High Tea should be. The staff and volunteers at Life Care Wyong outdid themselves on 27th February when they decorated the main room of their 31 Hely Street cottage with beautiful tiered stands groaning with cakes, sandwiches and slices, plates of hot finger food and seemingly endless cups of coffee and many types of tea.



There was a great deal of conversation and laughter, as well as some informative talks by relevant organisations.

Life Care is part of the RSL and has been established to act as a drop in centre for veterans, families of veterans and carers of veterans. On this day, close to International Women's Day [8 March], MP Emma McBride spoke about the sacrifices made by nurses in the past, especially in times of war. The walls were covered with relevant photos on this theme. A huge 'lucky door' raffle was held at the end of the afternoon, and just about everyone in the room won a prize. Everyone on our table managed to do so. Our group was represented by myself, Kerrie Metcalfe, Roger Lewis and Chris Ullrich.

Please check out this facility if you can benefit from their services. Check out <https://rsllifecare.org.au/veteran-services/veteran-family-hubs/central-coast>, their Facebook page, or phone 0408 735 935. ... ♦



GENEALOGY GOLD SEMINAR

Mining Sydney's Archives & Managing Your Treasures.

Regina Hogan, Member

Members who attended the Genealogy Gold Seminar at the Wyong Golf Club early April, enjoyed a day filled with valuable insights and engaging presentations.

The event kicked off with Lilian Magill, who shared her expertise on Mining the City of Sydney Archives. Lilian introduced the group to this free resource, showcasing the wealth of information and captivating photos it offers.

After a delightful lunch at the Club, the afternoon session featured Jill Ball, who presented Managing Our Genealogy Assets. Jill guided attendees on how to organize, record, publish, and preserve genealogical research for future generations.

Both speakers were thanked for their informative sessions, and were presented with thoughtful thank-you gifts.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to making the seminar a success. ... ♦



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 of your ancestor's bones with such details as where they lived, what they did and perhaps even what they looked like. ... ❖

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, practise 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 37]

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



DNA SIG – 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!



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



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SIG – Alternating monthly with our popular DNA SIG, this new group offers a safe, friendly, fun environment to explore the wonders of AI.

Whether you're curious about how AI can enhance your family history research or just want to experiment with its incredible possibilities, this "AI Playroom" is the perfect space to learn, share, and enjoy.

Stuart Purvis-Smith and Regina Hogan (*assisted by ChatGPT*) **Come play, explore, and discover AI with us—no prior experience needed!**



SCOTTISH RESEARCH SIG
IRISH RESEARCH SIG
Welsh Research SIG
English Research SIG

It is not always easy to unravel the records of these countries. We will help you try to find what you are looking for. These popular groups continue. Watch the Newsletter for dates for the next session.



MICROSOFT OFFICE SIG – The Standard Office bundles come with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and OneNote. Join this group to discover to learn some of the amazing features of this package. Watch the Newsletter information about the next sessions.



Numbers are limited – Bookings Essential

2025 FEES AND CHARGES

The following fees and charges apply:

1. **Membership Fees** for a 12 month Membership:
 - Single: \$45.00
 - Family: includes 2 Adults and 1 other person living at the same address. \$55.00
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. **Workshops**: longer session, 3-3½ hours max, more hands-on, possible use of personal devices, a skills-based presentation \$10.00
6. **Master Class** These are longer sessions depending on topic; they are structured and can be a hands-on workshop. \$20.00
7. **Seminars**: Usually held at a larger venue with one or more guest speakers \$35.00 Members and \$40.00 Non-Members.
8. **One-on-one** DNA, FTM or other hands on personal **help**. Only certain times available. Bookings are **essential** & must be in advance. One on One help \$10.00 per hour
9. **Library Spotlights** members only, guided exploration of specific resources. Bookings essential No fee.
10. **Personal Research** after an appointment to discuss your requirements. Approx. \$50 per couple researched
11. **Bus Trips** prices will vary according to destination, tolls, size of bus, petrol prices etc. Charges will be kept to a minimum. Booking essential.
12. **Beginners Course**: \$60.00 for full course over 4 weeks or \$20.00 per day
13. **Intermediate Course** \$60.00 for full course over 4 weeks or \$20.00 per day
14. **Advanced Course** \$60.00 for 4 weeks or \$20 per day
15. **Non-Member Research Fee** for a two-hour session with limited assistance – become a member for only \$10.00 extra \$30.00

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ZOOM MEETINGS

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

These meetings will continue over the next few months and are a fun way to share our experiences whilst enjoying a cuppa or lunch.

Our themed topics have shown us how many of you are experimenting with PowerPoint or similar software.

Why not have a play, join us and show your efforts and catch up especially good for us who are transport challenged. ... ❖

MILESTONE AWARDS

So far this year we have awarded continuous membership certificates to the following valued members:

20 years: Anne Lee #186 and Sue Hatton #193.

15 years: Susan Cantley #459.

10 years: Cheryl Whamond #736

and Lynette Sayers #738.

We congratulate all for supporting us both physically and by maintaining their memberships. ... ❖



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 obligatory.

Your courtesy is appreciated. ... ❖



ACCESSIBILITY

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. ... ❖

TRANSPORT

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

If you are able to help, email The Secretary: wfhg06@gmail.com or phone [02] 4351 2211 during open hours. ... ❖

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

Monthly Help & Chat Gathering by Zoom.

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: Usually 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

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

Join this gathering and meet other members, where people can informally share their discoveries and stories.

Think of it as a kitchen table discussion, an opportunity to Learn and Laugh whilst you nibble your lunch or enjoy a cuppa.

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

All Welcome



ROOKWOOD CEMETERY BUS TRIP

Monday 26th May 2025

Our next bus trip to Rookwood cemetery will be on Monday 26th May 2025. This is a research trip for those who want to check their ancestors are still 6 feet under and none have escaped.



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: secwfhg@gmail.com

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

ROOKWOOD GENERAL CEMETERY

Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm * Sun: 9:00am - 3:00pm *

Phone: (02) 8575 8100

* Phone consultations only



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.*

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF WAR

Dr. Terry Joyce. Member 897.

ANZAC Day was recently observed and I would like to share some of Frederick (Fred) Aloysius Charlier's experiences in the UK Regular Army during WW1 and WW2. I inherited his WW1 diary from his son, my father. Consequently, all of the quotes presented here are from grandfather's diary.



The Diary

Frederick was one of many underage enlisted soldiers in Britain's army and a subsequent underage Officer at the warfront. His pencil written record was sometimes in small lettering and difficult to decipher. It wasn't created while Junior Officer Charlier sat at his lamp-lit desk in his comfortable room at the officers' headquarters. Instead, he often scribbled his words about the truths of war squatted in some bivouac or trench, and under lights from enemy fire.

The pages contained his mundane existence, such as, what he ate, where he slept, and his, and 'his men's' leisure time (the original Facebook posts?) Many pages were far from ordinary. I've squirmed and cried watching war movies and reading war books even when they were light on reality. As expected, reading Grandpa Charlier's account of war took me on an emotional roller coaster ride.

At times, his words aroused strong motherly feelings and fanciful thoughts. I couldn't imagine any of the 17-18-year-old boys that I've known, volunteering for war and behaving as expected. In my head, I liberated Frederick Charlier, returned him to his parents, and demanded an explanation for allowing their 17 years old son to leave the nest and join the army.

My imaginary rescue was on high alert as I read Fred's first-hand experience of the Battle of the Somme. He was only eighteen!

Battle of the Somme

The Battle of the Somme began on 1 July 1916, and on that day my grandfather wrote in his diary:

...rose about 1pm and censored some letters. Went to an open-air concert,

performed by the Battalion. The Brigadier and many of the villagers were in attendance ...wrote a letter home to Len [his older brother].

The second day of the Battle was clearly another fun-day in the life of this British soldier working overseas. On Monday, 3rd July 1916, Grandpa, a keen sportsman, competed at the Brigadier Sports. He volunteered for two events, both on horseback – *'Tilting the bucket' which he deemed 'a failure'*. The second game he scored no better, *'pillow fight over water. Fall in twice'*.

I was ambivalent about reading more pages, I knew, because my father told me, that sooner rather than later, play-time ceased, and then Fred experienced the Battle of the Somme, and he wrote about the horror reality of war. That day came two days later. On Wednesday 5th July, Fred wrote:

Leave for the trenches at 6. Arrive about 12.30.

About a month later, the frivolity of pillow fights were long-gone memories.

Fred's diary entry on **Wednesday 2nd August** includes:

The wood is one mass of dead mules also bodies. The stench is awful! A German prisoner gives himself up to one of my gun-teams.I take shelter with my servant under a few planks. It becomes too hot. We make a bolt for it across the Longueval Road to the trench from Waterlow Farm. I am buried twice....as I opened my eyes, I found my orderly blown to pieces, a foot here, and a leg there. ...Boche [a derogatory term for a German soldier] open rapid fire and make a frontal attack. My gun team does good work, and attack is held up. I discover a Vickers M.G. without any gunners. I open fire until a few men arrive. We are fiercely bombarded for 10 solid hours.

If a lengthy bombardment wasn't enough to raise a sweat on my grandfather's brow, clearly the following incident scared the living daylights out of this boy soldier. He was digging a new trench with a spade. After much hacking, he removed what he thought was a stubborn branch sticking out of the ground.

'I hacked and hacked until it felt severed, and I was picking it up prior to throwing it over the parapet, then a sickness or rather nausea came over me. It was a human arm'.

Fred then writes about an incident which happened later that day. Later that night, he ran for his life because the 'enemy had sighted us'. When he stopped running, Fred realised that he was alone, and he wasn't sure about his whereabouts. He didn't know if he was within enemy lines or his own. The diary bears testament to Fred's moments of terror when he admits:

'My feelings went beyond fear, ... at last bravery returned'.

He went on looking for 'home', only to trip over an old wire just a hundred yards from his home trench. As he fell to the ground, *'I found my hands clutching at a dead man's face'*. Fortunately, back in his trench Fred was... *'able to calm down in readiness for the morning barrage'*.

Dangerous work at night had benefits for the troops. When you read the following lines, there seems to be heartfelt joy among the soldiers after a successful night at war:

One night in August:

'...Start walking to FREMONT. A beautiful evening. Men all off coats and we all sing as we tramp, tramp. Arrived just past midnight'.

The next day, Fred resembled a normal teenager again:

'Rise about 11.30. No parade. Slept all the afternoon. Play cards in the evening'.

Fredrick A. Charlier survived the Somme Battle and the whole war. He exited the army as an Honorary Captain with a bit of deafness which lasted a lifetime. When he completed his service, he was appointed to the Regular Army Reserve of officers on 6 September 1921. My grandfather had proven his ability and leadership qualities during the 1st World War and he was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry on the field.

Recalled to the Colours

About six weeks before the start of WW2 (1 September 1939) Frederick Charlier was recalled to the army to serve with the Pioneer Corps. It was a British Army combat corps formed in 1939, and they were used for light engineering tasks. Fred Charlier was appointed Officer in Charge of No 45 Unit on January 1 1941, a week later he was in charge of No 2 Depot, Pioneer Corps. He took on various roles and he also gained relevance to Australia.

Lieutenant Colonel Grandpa, was posted to the middle east where he taught Australian soldiers of the 46th Battalion about the ways of fighting in Africa. The following photo of a much older Fred A. Charlier can be found at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

According to the Virtual War Memorial, (<https://vwma.org.au> > explore > units), the 46th group was an infantry battalion of the Australian Army. Originally raised in 1916 in Egypt as part of the doubling of the AIF that took place after the evacuation of Gallipoli, and prior to deployment to France.



*ERITREA. 1941-42.
Lieutenant Colonel
F.A. Charlier, Officer-
In- Charge Of The
46th Group, The
Pioneer Corps. ... AWM*



QUORN WAR MEMORIAL

The Flinders Ranges Council

Taking pride of place on Railway Terrace, the Quorn War Memorial commemorates Australian servicemen and women who have served in conflicts in which Australia has been involved. The memorial was considered unique at the time because it was "the only one in the Commonwealth erected wholly and solely by the soldiers' in memory of their fallen comrades of World War One. The voluntary labour kept the cost of this magnificent structure to just 120 Pounds.

The Memorial was unveiled on 22 April 1923 in front of some 700 people. The Choral Society and the Brass Band contributing to the atmosphere of the day.

The names of the fallen of World War Two, Malaya, Korea, Borneo, Vietnam and Cyprus were added to the memorial at a later date.

The War Memorial was extended in 2023 and features unique life-sized sculptures representing Australian soldiers and nurses, as well as commemorative plaques, each referencing a specific war or conflict and those who served in them. These features are illuminated at night creating a beautiful, reflective atmosphere.

The impressive wire mesh sculptures were designed and made by Queensland artist Ivan Lovett. The Quorn War Memorial also is home to a WW1 95mm SB (Smooth Bore) Turkish Field Gun. The gun was captured by the 4th Australian Light Horse Brigade on 1st November 1917 at the World War I Battle of Beersheba and belonged to the 116th Trench Mortar Battery indicated by Maj. Gen. Hüseyin Hüsnü Emir Erkilet "Yıldırım" (The Lightning) (Turkish artillery on 20 Dec 1917). It is one of three such guns (considered to be rare examples of Turkish manufacturing innovation) that exist in Australia, captured as a trophy during the battle. Several Light Horse regiments were involved



during the battle, and in the absence of any company stamps, it was most likely a joint capture.

It was presented to the township of Quorn in 1922 as an 'allotted trophy' from the Australian War Museum via the South Australian State Trophy Committee. No other examples are known to exist outside Australia at this time. This gun forms an important part of the history of Australia and Quorn during World War One.



Note: Thanks to staff at The Flinders Ranges Council for their generous assistance and co-operation. After a prompt from member Ellen Sheerin, I researched this memorial. When I contacted the Council, the reaction was so positive, not only was permission granted, but they also shared information regarding other interesting memorials within their LGA. I can see further articles in the wings. H.



THE PAPER WAR OF 1752-1753

An Intellectual and Ideological Battle

I came across this event whilst researching another topic. I thought I would try Copilot, this was the result. ... Helen J-I member 505

The Paper War of 1752-1753 was a notable conflict among English intellectuals, marked by a flurry of pamphlets, essays, and printed arguments. The dispute centered around the works and ideas of William Warburton, particularly his commentary on Shakespeare and his theological writings. Warburton, a prominent cleric and theologian, had published his thoughts on Shakespeare in a manner that invited both admiration and severe criticism.

Background

The roots of the Paper War can be traced back to Warburton's critical examination of Shakespeare's texts. Warburton's annotations and interpretations were bold and, to some, audacious. He claimed to have uncovered the true meanings behind Shakespeare's writings, often proposing conjectures that many contemporaries found contentious. His approach was both scholarly and speculative, leading to polarized opinions within literary and intellectual circles.

The Major Players

- William Warburton: The central figure of the conflict, whose works sparked the controversy.
- John Hill: An apothecary and writer who fiercely criticized Warburton's claims, accusing him of arrogance and flawed scholarship.
- Henry Fielding: The novelist and dramatist who sided with Warburton and penned defensive replies, supporting Warburton's interpretations.

- Christopher Smart: A poet and Warburton's protégé, who also participated in the fray, defending his mentor's work.

The Nature of the Dispute

The Paper War was characterized by a series of published pamphlets and essays, each attacking or defending Warburton's scholarly works. John Hill, who was one of Warburton's most vocal critics, published several pamphlets under pseudonyms, which mocked Warburton's theories and derided his intellectual arrogance. Hill's critiques were sharp and often personal, questioning Warburton's credibility as a scholar.

In response, Warburton's supporters, including Henry Fielding and Christopher Smart, penned counter-arguments that defended Warburton's integrity and scholarship. Fielding's responses were particularly witty and incisive, aiming to dismantle Hill's criticisms and uphold Warburton's reputations. This exchange of pamphlets grew increasingly heated, with each side striving to outdo the other in wit and rhetorical skill.

Impact and Legacy

The Paper War of 1752-1753 is significant not only because of the intellectual vigor it demonstrated but also because it highlighted the dynamics of literary and scholarly criticism in the 18th century. The dispute showcased the importance of public intellectual debates and their influence on the reputations and careers of the participants.

Though Warburton's works remained controversial, the Paper War cemented his position as a formidable scholar. Conversely, John Hill's relentless critiques earned him notoriety but also respect for his fearless approach to intellectual debate. The conflict underscored the competitive nature of scholarship at the time and illustrated how printed media could be used as a battleground for ideas.

Conclusion

The Paper War of 1752-1753 remains a fascinating chapter in the history of English literature and intellectual discourse. It exemplifies the fervor with which scholars defended their ideas and attacked those of their rivals. This ideological battle, fought through the medium of printed pamphlets, offers a glimpse into the vibrant and often contentious world of 18th-century scholarship.

The Paper War serves as a reminder of the enduring power of the written word and the intellectual passion that drives scholars to assert their beliefs and challenge opposing views. It is a testament to the dynamic and ever-evolving nature of literary and intellectual history. ... ❖



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The Conjurors (1753) depicting Fielding (left of centre) and Hill (right of centre)
The Conjurors (1753) By Lady Fanny Killigrew. Depicting (from left to right) Elizabeth Canning, Henry Fielding, Sir Crisp Gascoyne, John Hill, and Mary Squire. Appears in Plate 63 of Battestin, Martin and Battestin, Ruthe. *Henry Fielding: A Life*. London: Routledge, 1993. Currently in the British Museum, Prints and Drawings.

WHAT DOES THE TERM “HERITAGE” MEAN TO YOU?

Lynda Smith nee Prentice. LM 2

National Heritage Month began on 18th April this year. The 2025 theme is “Unearthed”, a concept very dear to me. If I was making University course choices now, I would sign up for a degree in Archaeology. It has been a love of mine for many, many years. At the time, I chose the more sensible BA/Dip Ed route and became a high school English and History teacher. Tracing my family history was a natural companion to my professional work.

The National Trust sponsors this series of events every year. I quote from their website: *“The National Trust believes Australia’s heritage matters – it creates a unique identity, a sense of place and a strong reminder of our proud history. As an organisation, we have been advocating for the protection, conservation and celebration of Australia’s built, environmental and cultural heritage on behalf of our members, and for the benefit of the community, for more than 75 years.”*

Another definition from the Oxford Dictionary: *“heritage” refers to the history, traditions, buildings, and objects that a country or society has had for many years. It also encompasses a person’s ethnic or religious background, including the countries, cultures, and religious groups their ancestors come from. In its broadest sense, heritage includes natural and built landscapes, physical artefacts, and cultural forms (e.g. music, literature, art, folklore, monuments), intangible culture (values and traditions, customs and practices, spiritual beliefs, language), and biological traits.”*

The National Trust’s choice of “unearthed”, as a theme is an apt one. The National Trust explains their focus. *“Revealing the past, bringing to light lesser-known histories and stories, and unearthing knowledge to empower younger generations as custodians of culture and tradition.”*

That is our challenge, as family historians. Over the last 45 years, I have “unearthed” many genealogical gems- unique information, photos, objects, fellow researchers, previously unknown cousins ... the list goes on. It has been an extremely rewarding process for me, helping me to understand my heritage. So, what does my personal heritage entail? It is a complex mixture of the DNA I have inherited from my parents, my life experiences to date, the cultures of countries I have chosen to live in and the meaning behind objects I have chosen to keep. It is the classic balance of nature versus nurture, which is the probably the case with everyone.

So, what makes up my heritage? My father was born in New Zealand, into a family that blended Irish, Scottish and English ancestry. His immediate family moved to Australia when he was three. My mother’s family descends from an “Australian Royalty” mix, with some European pioneering influences added in. I have a sister, seven adult cousins and an aunt and uncle still living. Sadly, both my parents and an aunt and uncle have passed. My parents only had one sister each, but we have managed to create quite a large family from these humble beginnings. My husband and I had three children and now have eight grandchildren ranging in age from 25 to nearly five.

I did my Ancestry DNA test a couple of years ago. When it first came back, I had quite a high percentage of Scottish ancestry, but recent adjustments

have altered that. I now have 51% English/Northern European, 34% Irish, 6% German/central European, 4% Scottish, 3% French and 2% Cornish! My sister's results are similar, 49% English/Northern European, 21% Irish, 11% Scottish, 3% French, 5% Denmark, 2% The Netherlands and 9% Cornish. So how much does this knowledge help me decipher my heritage?



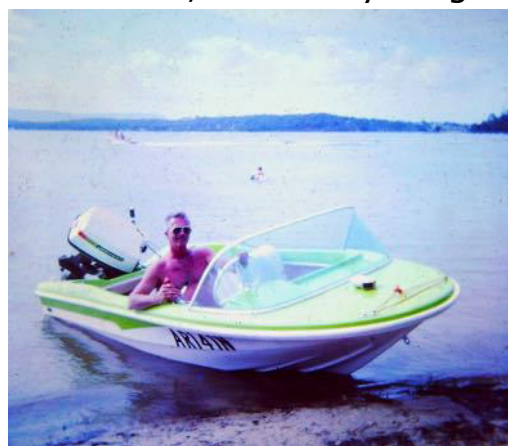
My actual research has confirmed many locations in these areas of the world, aside from Cornwall, and some of the European places. I look forward to investigating further.



It also explains, to an extent, why we have maintained some of our family traditions and some specific interests can be directly linked to our origins. My mother, for example, had a deep love of bagpipe music, owned a tartan and actually liked haggis! She loved watching the Military Tattoo each year. She even owned a small piece of land in Scotland, which she visited in 2007. Her favourite tippie was a smooth whiskey. She made amazing fruit cakes, mince

pies, Christmas puddings, yet her mother could only manage gem scones. She did like whiskey as well though, and they shared a love of gardening! This silver cameo brooch comes from my maternal great-grandmother's Charlotte HILLIARD's line. My mother inherited it from her mother and she loaned it to me on my wedding day. I now own it, and it is very precious to me. I will leave it to our daughter, who has a daughter of her own. I can only hope that they appreciate it as much as I do. It is up to me to provide the provenance.

My father was very proud of his Kiwi origins and loved to wear a New Zealand jade ring that my eldest nephew now owns. Until I started researching our family, he had little knowledge of his paternal PRENTICE side of the family [Scottish/Irish] and he only knew something of the recent members of his mother's side, the GREENS. I now know that he comes from a long line of boat builders, yet he became a Naval cadet, loved anything to do with sailing ships and loved building ship models from an early age. I have his model of the Titanic. Dad loved to fish, had his own boat, and enjoyed numerous cruises. He even created oil paintings of ships and seascapes long before I did the research to unearth these ancestral facts. I, however, get terrible motion sickness on any watercraft, even though my great, great grandfather Richard Augustus Willoughby GREEN was a champion sculler who was presented to Queen Victoria! Where did my sea legs go?



Photos and objects kept and handed down also add to our feelings of connection to the past. I have been very lucky in this area. Our children, however, think Alan and I may have a little too much "stuff." I shall have to make sure they know what is worth keeping. I have started doing an electronic photo inventory, listing physical details about important objects, and other information, such as their provenance, in the hope that a future someone will recognise the value of these items. I have also started doing profiles of significant people in our family, as many of our ancestors have done some amazing things and these too should be remembered.

So, what are you doing to preserve your heritage? What have you unearthed so far? What treasures are still out there to be found? Enjoy the search. I know I will. ...

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AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE 2025 BRISBANE 21ST TO 24TH MARCH, 2025.

Regina Hogan, Member #533



I was fortunate to attend the 17th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, "Connections: Past – Present – Future," held at Eight Mile Plains, Brisbane. Three members of the Wyong Family History Group were in attendance: Ellen Sheerin, Maria Northcote and me,

I allowed myself a few days before the conference to catch up with a friend in Brisbane where we both enjoyed taking in the sights of the CBD. It had been a long time since I had been to the heart of Brisbane, and we enjoyed being tourists for a few days. One of the highlights was catching Titanic: The Human Story exhibition. An audio guide, included with each ticket, narrates the stories and testimonies of passengers and survivors from the Titanic. Displays included photographs, personal belongings and other memorabilia. It was a very moving exhibition.

After bidding farewell to my friend, I made my way to Eight Mile Plains, where I had booked accommodation conveniently near the Brisbane Technology Park Conference & Exhibition Centre, the venue for the conference. I took a rest day before the event began, using the time to review the extensive list of speakers and carefully choose the sessions I wanted to attend. With three speakers presenting concurrently, it certainly wasn't an easy task! By Thursday afternoon, I had connected with some Central Coast genimates, and we made plans to have dinner together before our early start on Friday. We needed to register, pick up our program packs, and collect our lanyards ahead of the 9 a.m. conference start.

Judy Russell opened day one's keynote with a fascinating presentation on the Sentence of



Transportation. As always, Judy proved to be both informative and entertaining, and this talk was no exception.

One of the talks I attended on Friday was presented by my Queensland friend, Pauleen Cass, whom I had met in 2019 at Rootstech in London. Pauleen's presentation focused on 66 emigrants from Dorfprozelten, Bavaria, Germany, based on her own family research. She shared some excellent research tips and introduced websites I hadn't previously used in my German research.

The Conference Meet & Greet social event was held at the Convention Centre on Friday Evening. Author Jane Smith introduced us to her new book. One Free woman – The True Story of Convict Hannah Rigby.

After the Meet & Greet, a group of us headed to a hotel for dinner. We were delighted when Dr. Nick Barratt joined our table, and we spent the evening chatting and enjoying our meal.

The conference organizers offered a series of Masterclasses on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Despite the early 8 a.m. start, the small classes of 25 people were well attended. I thoroughly enjoyed Judy Russell's "You Be the Judge – Ethics in Action" on Saturday morning, and Nick Barratt's "Researching English Ancestors Prior to 1700" on Sunday morning was equally informative.

The exhibitor space was located next to the conference room. A large number of exhibitors stayed busy between talks and during lunch, answering questions from the over 400 delegates who attended the conference.

Saturday began with a fascinating keynote talk by Hamish Maxwell-Stuart on "How is Technology Changing Family History?" After another full day of engaging speakers and topics, we dressed up and attended the conference dinner. It was a fantastic, relaxed evening spent catching up with genimates. The table decorations were very interesting creations representing DNA.



At the conclusion of Sunday's speaker program, the final keynote speaker, Nick Barratt, delivered a captivating talk on "The Future of Family History in the Digital Age." He covered a range of topics, including generative AI, cybersecurity, DNA, and online connectivity. Nick certainly left us with plenty to ponder as we continue to research, record, and write our family histories.



On Sunday night, a large group of genimates gathered for a farewell dinner at a local club. There was plenty of conversation about the past three days,

along with excited plans to reunite at the 2027 AFFHO Conference in Wellington, New Zealand.

In summary, the conference was a fantastic three days of networking, learning, and listening to incredible stories. It was great to reconnect with old genimates and meet new ones. The chance to hear from such high-calibre speakers, from both Australia and overseas, was invaluable.

My next conference will be the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference to be held in Wollongong this September. Will I see you there?



Jill Ball and Regina Hogan



Regina Hogan and Ellen Sheerin



They were promised a new life.



MY PARENTS WERE TEN POUND POMS

Ann Holland. Member 981

My parents, Percy Woodruff and Hazel (nee Martin), were Ten Pound Poms and came out to Australia in 1951 as newlyweds to start a new life. They left England 29 January 1952 onboard MV "Dorsetshire". My father was 35 and my mother was 22. Dad was the boss of the secretary pool at Air Ministry in Carlisle in Cumbria following the war. Such a handsome man! Ex Airforce and stationed overseas in India during the war for 6 years. All the ladies swooned over him according to my mother, but he was an older man and a divorcee. They married at the Registry office in Carlisle in 1950.



Wedding Day 1950 Percy, Hazel, Isabella and James



Hazel, Percy, Nana Woodruff and George at Beauty Point Tasmania

They travelled to Australia via the Suez Canal and Colombo Sri Lanka, arriving at Fremantle Western Australia on the 16 March 1952 and eventually arriving in Launceston Tasmania where his younger brother George lived and worked with the Harbourmaster. George had followed his father's footsteps and joined the Merchant Navy at a young age. His mother regularly travelled overseas following George on his travels to the USA and Australia more than once.

My parents eventually moved from Tasmania to Melbourne, then Sydney over the next 10 years where I was born. My Grandmother didn't visit Australia again after 1957 as far as I know. George met his wife in 1958 on board ship and



*Ann and Nana Taylor 1961 Mt Keira
(Near Wollongong)*

they married in Vancouver Canada, returning to Australia to live. My Nana must have figured he finally had a good woman to look after him.

However, something has always confused me. I met Nana Woodruff in 1974 in England on my first trip to the UK. I also met Gramma Martin so who was the Nana Taylor who always featured in our lives?

We obviously had a really nice day and hopefully ice cream. I don't remember meeting her, but the photos all clearly show names places and dates. (good on you Mum) Everyone seems to be happy although I look a little confused.

Anyway, after many years, bringing up a family, multiple trips to the UK, retiring and really getting into Family History, I started to work on my mother's side.

She only ever spoke about her Mum and Dad, six brothers (Tom, Dick, Harry, Jack, Jim and Bill) and her sister Gladys. I found out that not one of the boys used their christened name (except Tom who was christened Thomas and possibly Jack who was christened John) No mention of any cousins or aunts or uncles. Her sister was beautiful and a celebrated athlete (in Carlisle) She was herself the Seventh child of a Seventh child (that means she has fae or fairy blood) Her younger brothers pushed her down the stairs into a brick wall (how she broke her nose)



*Ann, Hazel, Nana Taylor Sublime Point
1961*



Percy, Ann and Nana Taylor 1961

I grew up knowing about my father's ex-wife, my-half sister, his aunts, uncles, grandparents, great grandparents, cousins, second cousins, adopted cousins and married cousins. Also his links with other famous Yorkshire families, seafaring ancestors and grandfather clocks.

Obviously, Nana Taylor was related to my mother's side of the family as I had no information to assist with that side of the family. So when I had time, stuck at home with children and not working, I started on Ancestry.

I have since discovered -

1. We are not related to the Earls of Marr (as far as I can tell)
2. Mum was never the Seventh child of a Seventh child – Freda died when she was 2 which makes Bill (christened Robert) the Seventh child
3. Her father also was not a Seventh child he was the Eighth
4. I have been unable to find my grandmother on the 1901 census (she said she was given to a man at the pub by her parents??!)
5. A whole generation moved to the USA and Canada in 1860's
6. Uncle Jim didn't know his father. His mother also never knew her father. Both were brought up by their grandparents, aunts and uncles. There may actually be a link to the Border Reivers (Raiders) in the UK.
7. Nobody in the UK wants to do a DNA test.

SO still no clues for Nana Taylor!

I tried something different. My father's family makes a habit of using surnames as middle names. Very helpful – an odd middle name for a girl "Russell" pointed me in the right direction for an ancestor.

Light bulb moment - my half-sister Dawn has 4 christian names! I met her mother more than once in the UK while visiting.

So last year I asked her if her mother had ever come to Australia. She explained her mother would never travel any further than the Mediterranean! She had never been known as a Grandma or Nana or any other term that

may indicate she was an older person. She

introduced herself to everyone as Joanna (her name was Joan). She was very upper class and came from a very good family. So, while Dawn went to Band Class, I rattled through boxes of photos she had brought out for me. There she was on the boat. There she was out sailing. Joanna was **not** Nana Taylor but **her** mother was Dorothy Eva Carter. Joan's father was Harry Grenville **Taylor**.



Joan Lindley Dorothy Grenville Taylor
Woodruff Kerridge-Judd



Nana Taylor and Nana Woodruff

Nana Taylor was my half sister
Dawn's Nana.

Nana Taylor was my father's ex wife's
mother.



Dorothy Eva Carter Grenville Taylor



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Nana Taylor was my father's ex mother in law.
Nana Taylor is my step grandmother so Nana Taylor is not related to me at all but she has always been part of our family.

HOWEVER she travelled halfway around the world by herself to meet her ex son in law's new baby. She had been very disappointed with the behaviour of her daughter. ... ❖

MILTON, OUR MAN OF MYSTERY.

Lynda Smith. LM 2

My mother had twin female cousins, Leila and Joan Fox, born in 1932, the daughters of her father's older brother Harold. There was also a brother of the twins, named Harry. As this family also lived in Sydney, my mother and her sister socialised with them on a number of occasions. Cousin Harry even came to my mother's 90th birthday in 2017.

Leila married a gentleman of Greek heritage, Milton FACARIS, in Chatswood in 1956.

They went on to have four sons, Milton junior, Andrew, Timothy and George. I had an enquiry via Ancestry from a descendant of Joan FOX, asking if I had any information on Milton, and I had little, so I decided to focus on him for a while.

Research into this man of mystery has proved to be problematic. He does not feature on Australian Electoral Rolls as I believe he never became an Australian citizen. I found his arrival in the Australian Archives- listed as Miltiades FACARIS, born in Egypt of Greek parentage, on 10 November 1924. He arrived on the ship 'Pioneer Reef' an American owned freighter, previously known as the Comet, in 1955. This information was part of the Register of Aliens. The first thing I noticed was the name change, and the country of birth. I added this information to my Ancestry tree and did a



search. The only result that came up was about Milton's headstone on Billiongraves.com. Over 200 pages of potential FACARIS entries were available on Ancestry, and all but two were not relevant.

The headstone includes a small headshot of Milton and an inscription: "Beloved & respected husband father and grandfather greatly missed by all until we meet again."

Milton was interred at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park on 4 August 2004. The date on the headstone confirmed his birth details on his arrival document.

I then tried TROVE. I only found two mentions of Milton, Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 - 2001), Friday 15 October 1965 (No.134), page 3379

He was listed as someone who was owed compensation for untaken leave by the A.E.W.L. Shipowners & Stevedores,

Accounting Office - *M. Facaris, M. Facaris, owed 26 pounds, 7 shillings and 8 pence and 7 pounds 17 shillings and 4 pence in lieu of Annual leave owed.* The Association of Employers of Waterside Labour was an organisation of waterfront employers, comprising Australian shipping owners and the various stevedoring companies around Australia. They were responsible for supplying labour to ports and terminals.

This led me to believe that Milton could be either a merchant seaman or a worker on the wharves.

The only other entry I could find related to land.

Thurs. 24 April 1969

Auctioneer's listing of money held by Harvey Browne & Co 402 Illawarra Rd., Marrickville - 10 pounds as a deposit by M Facaris held since 1963.

I tried Findmypast and found no other information on Milton/Miltiades. Familysearch gave me over 430 entries of people with the surname FACARIS or some variation of it, with Greece as a place location. When I tried place: Egypt, there were 73 entries, and place: Australia gave 72. None of these seemed to be connected to our mystery man

More obvious spelling variations found so far are: Facaros, Facaras, Facoras, Facares, Facharis, Fakowras, Facouras, Fachari, Facares, Fackarias, Fakoras, Fakaros, Fakiris, Fakouris, Fekaras, Fecharas, Fechouras, Fekaris, Ficaris, Fickaris, Figaris, Fikaris, Fikiri, Fikar, Fikaris, Fikares, Fikarus, Fkiasaras, Figaris, Focarris, Fogaris, Fucuaris, Fucaras, Fucaros, Fykaris, Phakouras,. Mind-boggling!



Milton's burial came up on Find a grave, but was the same as the information I already had. I tried a general Google search and came up with some social media entries for Milton junior and some of Milton's grandchildren, but nothing on our mystery man.

Australian Archives records also included some requests for other people with the same surname enquiring about sponsored migration. These people came from the small island of Ikorus, in the Aegean Sea. These requests happened in the 1920s and did not give me anything new on Milton's possible Greek heritage. Museums of History [NSW State Archives] gave me no new information on Milton.

I am not a close enough relative to request Milton's death certificate or marriage certificate. I will be suggesting this action to the grand-daughter of Milton's who has recently come up as a DNA cousin. This person is a child of Milton's son George.

This photo of Milton, Leila and one of their sons was supplied by Carol HARDIE via her Ancestry page. Carol is related to Leila's sister Joan.

I am at a loss as to where to look for anything more on Milton. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know. ❖

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BEYOND THE SEAS: THE LIFE OF JEREMIAH SMITH

Brief story by Kerrie Metcalfe LM80 with a little help from Chat GPT

In the quiet village of Higher Easter, Essex, in the year 1786, a boy of thirteen named Jeremiah Smith stood on the cusp of a fate few could imagine. With no family name to shield him and no legacy to claim, Jeremiah—perhaps a foundling—was about to be thrust into the maw of British justice.



On a warm August morning, while the dew still clung to the hedgerows, Jeremiah was caught in a desperate act. The dwelling of James Beard stood empty, and Jeremiah, driven by hunger or perhaps the lure of gold, stepped inside. He took with him a silk handkerchief, a coin purse, and a small cache of money belonging to James Young. It was an act that would change his life forever.

At the Essex Lent Assizes in Chelmsford, before the stern eyes of Justices Sir Henry Gould and Sir Alexander Thomson, Jeremiah was tried. He pleaded not guilty to breaking and entering and was acquitted on that count. But on the charge of theft, he admitted his guilt. The sentence was swift and grim: transportation beyond the seas for a term of seven years.

Jeremiah spent the next three years aboard the hulk prison ship *Justitia*, moored on the Thames. There, among chains, Labor, and illness, he helped raise gravel and repair the Thames Wall—work intended to break the body and crush the spirit. But Jeremiah endured.

In March of 1791, still just seventeen, he boarded the *William & Ann*, one of the creaking old vessels of the Third Fleet. The ship was worn, the journey long—154 days at sea. Eighteen men perished on the voyage, and Jeremiah, thin and sickly, arrived at Port Jackson, barely more than a boy.

In this strange new land, Jeremiah's story took unexpected turns. In 1797, he enlisted in the New South Wales Corps, becoming a private under Captain Johnstone. Service offered stability, but also brutality. In 1801, after deserting, he was captured and sentenced to 500 lashes—a punishment as brutal as it was common. Yet, again, Jeremiah survived.

His military service led him to Van Diemen's Land, where he nearly perished in a barn fire in Launceston. Still, he endured, serving with honor and even acting as an assistant surgeon. He was granted livestock and was stationed at Port Dalrymple.

In 1811, he returned to New South Wales and married Sophia Akers, a woman of quiet strength. They wed at St. John's Church in Parramatta, in the presence of two witnesses who could not write their names, signing only an X. From convict to soldier, from exile to husband—Jeremiah was transforming.

He was granted land near Campbelltown and later farmed at Airds. The 1822 Muster recorded him as a landholder; the 1828 Census described him as a free Protestant sawyer with livestock and cleared acreage. He built a life for his family, his land later worked by his son and grandson near Braidwood.

In his final days, Jeremiah lived as a respected farmer at Cowpastures. On May 30th, 1848, he passed away at the age of 71. He was buried at St. Peter's Church in Campbelltown, his occupation listed simply: Farmer.

Jeremiah Smith's life was not marked by fame or fortune, but by resilience. From a nameless child in Essex to a landowning settler in New South Wales, his journey was one of survival, strength, and quiet redemption. In a world that tried to forget him, he carved his name into the soil of a new nation.

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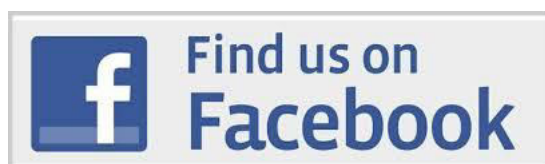
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Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016 This index has been compiled from the WFHG Inc. cemetery database. It includes burials [and niches] at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas [Yarramalong] and Yarramalong 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	Book CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h \$ 10.00 + p&h
Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939	Book CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h \$ 5.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery 30,000 names – not all from Wyong	CD	\$ 5.00 + p&h
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Great Value for these records which are not on the Internet. Nor are they available from any other source. Usually priced at \$40.00 for the two books, buy both now for only \$25.00		2 x Books \$ 25.00 + p&h





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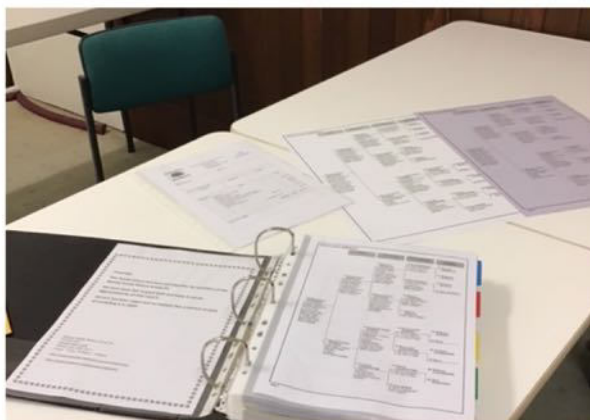
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Example of what you may receive.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to our new members. 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.

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No	Member	No	Member
1084	Brenda Cairns	1090	Robert Havron
1085	Sue Allen	1091	Penelope Barnett
1086	Dianne Winter	1092	Geoffrey Graham
1087	Jean Skornia	1093	Christine Pateman
1088	Nola Winter	1094	Faye Chapman
1098	Kerry Smith	1095	Jennifer Leprince

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

KEITH SHAKESPEARE, LIFE MEMBER #1

*For our newer members, a short biography about our first Life Member ... Ed.
Lynda Smith. LM2. April 2025.*

The man many of us knew as Keith SHAKESPEARE was actually named Alfred Keith, but obviously preferred his second name. He was born in 1925 when his parents lived in Blackwall on the NSW Central Coast. His father James was a farmer. James [born 1868 NSW] had first married in 1889 to a Margaret BAILEY in Condoblin and had a number of children with her before her death in 1908. Left with a young family to raise, James married again later in 1908 to Susanna HAY [born 1891]. They had a large family together, Keith being their youngest son. Around 1916, the family moved from Condoblin to Blackwall. Three of Keith's older brothers saw service in the Australian Army during the Great War. Keith's father James passed away in 1941 and his mother in 1963. Keith joined NSW Railways in 1942.

Keith married the lovely Jean in 1945, in Chatswood. She too preferred her middle name, being registered as Lillian Jean RICHARDS in 1928. Jean's parents were William C RICHARDS and Emmerline [many spelling variations] SEARLE. She had numerous siblings. Keith was working as a junior porter with the NSW Railways parcels office at the time. Keith and Jean had three children: Graham, Jennifer and Neal. The family moved all over the state as he gradually rose through the ranks to become a Station Master. Keith spent many years being a relief Master while other staff had sick leave or holidays. He also supervised unmanned stations. The NSW Electoral Rolls list Keith and Jean at places such as Mendooran, Coonabarabran, Binnaway, Trundle, Tarana, Yenda, and Port Kembla. Keith took on a permanent position at Wyong in 1969 and he and Jean lived in the Railway Cottage on the Pacific Highway for many years. Keith was the longest serving Station Master, holding this vital role for 14 years.

In the 1970s, steam locomotives were replaced by diesel-electric locomotives and the steam servicing facilities were gradually removed from Wyong. Soon after, many local sidings were made redundant as industries turned to road transport. State-wide, many sidings were removed including those at Wyong.

"Normal work at Wyong was no problem, you watched everything that went on... watched trains that were running late, watched ticket sales, loading and unloading parcels and luggage from trains, even to unloading from goods



Keith and I, 1995, when he presented me with my Life membership]

trucks. It was all part of the job.” [quote from Keith, noted in one of our People of Wyong books.]

Before he retired on 29 Dec 1982, Keith and Jean bought a small acreage in Wyong Creek. Keith loved to garden and kept up a large veggie patch and sold bunches of

chrysanthemums for Mother’s Day each year.

I first met Keith in 1983 when I attended the second meeting of the Wyong Family History Group at Wyong Library, when it was in rooms under the Council Chambers. He was the first to greet me and I knew at once I had met one of nature’s true gentlemen. Keith was a quiet, unassuming man who did not enjoy being in the limelight, but he was passionate about Family History, so he overcame his dislike of public speaking to run workshops and hold office numerous times. Keith was Vice President on many occasions and was coerced into being President from 1996-1999. He ran many workshops in those early years, and suggested our first Member’s Interests Lists. Most of the resources we used belonged to Keith and he would cart boxes of goodies to each meeting. He was an extremely generous man. Keith also suggested the transcription of our local cemeteries. In 1994 Keith became our first Life Member.

He was in his element talking to the pioneers of the area, many of whom he had met during his time as Station Master. He always maintained a good relationship with Wyong Historical Society and the Wyong Pioneer’s Association. It was his idea to begin compiling a Pioneer Register and he spent countless hours interviewing people, cross-checking facts before we published our first one in 1995.

Keith and Jean decided to downsize and moved into a lovely home in Lake Haven in their later years. The garage soon became the repository of his many boxes of research. Keith and I used to check out surnames for each other when we found a new resource. One of my main lines is SMALLHORN and alphabetically, it was close to SHAKESPEARE, so we often found gems for each other in those pre-Internet days.



From left, back row, Alan SMITH, front row, Lynda SMITH, Janice BARRETT, Esther DEAN, Keith SHAKESPEARE, Jean SHAKESPEARE, Pat SHARP and Marilyn CRIDLAND.



Alan reading reading for me.

In 2004 our group held a special social event in the backyard of then President Janice BARRETT's home at Charmhaven, to celebrate Keith's contribution to WFHG. Emotion overcame me and I did not manage to read all of my speech on that day, but my lovely husband took over for me.

By this stage, we all knew that Keith had a terminal cancer and we did not know how much longer we would have him with us. Our worst fears were realized when he passed away on 7 December 2005 in Wyong Hospital. His funeral was extremely well attended. Keith was buried in his beloved Jilliby Cemetery. By this time, he and Jean had become proud great grandparents.

We moved into what was then called Wyong Community and Cultural Centre in 2005 and of course, one of the cottage rooms had to become a library. Jean attended the cottage when we dedicated this room to Keith on 17 January 2006. This was a fitting recognition as much of the original contents of this room came from Keith's personal library. Jean passed away in November 2009. She had always supported Keith in his involvement with our group. Any time he helped at a stall or joined us on a bus trip, he came supplied with a thermos of tea, homemade snacks and lovingly made sandwiches. Jean was an excellent cook and another beautiful soul. They now share this lovely plot and headstone.

So, next time you visit our library, take a moment to read the information about Keith, and give him your thanks for providing such a strong foundation for our group.

It was a great pleasure to have known you Keith. April 2025. ... ❖

Sources: [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

[People of Wyong book- compiled by John Selwood.](#)

[Own knowledge/photos](#)

[John Selwood](#)

KEITH SHAKESPEARE
Passed Away 7th December 2005
Loving Husband Of Jean
Father Of Graham, Jennifer & Neal
Grandfather and Great Grandfather
SADLY MISSED



GRAVE NO 14

AN OLD BOOK

An extract from the 1875/6 Yearbook:

Annual Summary Pg.6, Chronicle of Home News:

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Memories.
That's How it Was
Back in the Day.

Page 18: July 24, 1876 – Wanted, A Lady Help. - Four ladies who interested themselves in the employment of women of the middle classes, recently put four separate advertisements in *The Times* asking for "lady helps." They did this to see how many answers would come to them. The four advertisements drew over 9,000 applications from young girls, married women, and widows – a large number of whom were the widows of clergymen and doctors. ... ❖



VALÉ
GARRY LEE MEMBER #528

Roger Lewis LM127

It is with great sadness that I announce to you that past member Garry Lee #528 passed away on Saturday 12th April 2025

Garry was a member for about 9 years, he joined the WFHG on 30 June 2011

Garry would be seen at The Cottage or events supporting his wife Anne as she applied her amazing skill in setting themes for whatever event we held.

Garry drove the State Records bus several times, he was MC plus ran the Auction at our 2012 Christmas party also he was the MC for the groups 35th birthday celebrations.

In 2020 Garry and Anne moved to Kilmore Vic, Anne continued her membership while Garry chose to resign.

Garry's contributions to our community were invaluable, and his presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

His dedication and support were evident in every activity he undertook, showcasing a commitment to the WFHG that was both inspiring and heartfelt.

As we remember Garry, we also extend our deepest sympathies to Anne and their family during this difficult time.

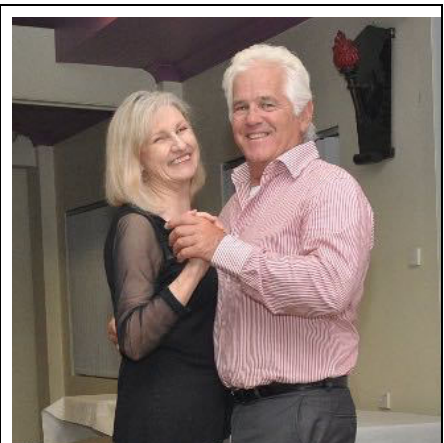
May his memory live on in the legacy he leaves behind and in the hearts of those he touched.



Garry with Frank Gero and the Town Crier at the 2011 Colonial Day



MC at WFHG 2012 Xmas party



Garry and Anne at WFHG 2013 Xmas party

A NOTE TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Wyong FHG, for another excellent journal. (Vol 42 No 1)
Cheers Cessnock FHG

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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'.

Bookings will assist in organising events and may make the difference between holding or cancelling the event.

SIG = Special Interest Group **Info** = Information Session. **TBC** = To be confirmed

	2025	Event
	Sun 11	Mothers' Day
	Tue 13 & Sun 18	Heritage Walking Tour 11:00 am Alberts café near Wyong Station Finish 12:30 pm Wyong Post Office.
	Wed 14	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up. Topic: The Great Depression/Women I Admire 1.00pm–2.30pm
	Thu 15	Preparing for a Rookwood trip- Lyn Hagstrom \$5.00 10:30am–12 noon MS Office SIG Ellen Sheerin \$3.00 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 17	Lake Macquarie FHG Open Day
	National Volunteer Week 19 May.2025 – 25 May.2025	
	Tue 20	DNA SIG \$3.00 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm \$3.00
	Wed 21	WFHG Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea 10.30 am
	Thu 22	Irish Research SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 24	Multi-Media SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Mon 26	Bus Trip to Rookwood Cemetery \$35.00 Bookings Essential
	Thu 29	Shipping records Information Session \$5.00 10:00 am – 12:30 pm with Helen Burkett
June	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Thu 5	Scottish Research SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Mon 9	King's Birthday Holiday
	Thu 12	Family Tree Maker SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon English Welsh SIG \$3.00 10:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 14	General Meeting 1:00 pm Guest Speaker: Susan Napper Professional genealogist, then meeting Cottage opens at 12 Noon for research.
	Mon 16	Beginners Course Reunion Morning Tea 10:30 am
	Wed 18	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up. Topic: Goldfields, Mining 1:00 pm – 2.30 pm
	Thu 19	Google My Maps Information session. \$5.00. Bookings essential
	Sat 21	Bus Trip to Powerhouse Museum at Castle Hill. TBC Details to Come.
	Mon 23	How to use Facebook for Family History 10:30 am - time/cost details TBC
	Tue 24	AI SIG \$3.00 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 25	Library Spotlight on Convicts. 10:30 am - 12 noon. <i>Free event.</i> Bookings essential
	Thu 26	Irish Research SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Microsoft Office SIG \$3.00 with Ellen Sheerin 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 28	Multi-Media SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Mon 24	Exploring our Library Resources – from 10:00 am <i>Free event</i>
	Mon 30 July 7, 14 & 21	Beginner's Course \$60 for 4 weeks 9:15 am – 2:30pm Bookings essential
July	Tue 1	Committee Meeting 10:00 am

	2025	Event
	Thu 3	Scottish Research SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 5	Bus Trip to Highland Games at Aberdeen. TBC Details To Come.
		NAIDOC Week 6TH – 13th July
	Wed 9	Library Spotlight on First Nations 10:30 am - 12 noon. <i>Free event</i>
	Thu 10	Family Tree Maker SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon English Welsh SIG \$3.00 10:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 12	General Meeting 1:00 pm with member Show & Tell Cottage opens at 12 Noon for research.
	Tue 15	DNA SIG \$3.00 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 16	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up. Topic: What have you learned from newspapers? 1:00 pm – 2.30 pm
	Mon 21	Deadline for TOL
	Tue 22	Trove/Ryerson Index Information Session. 10:00 am - 12 noon. \$5.00 Bookings essential.
	Thu 24	Irish Research SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Microsoft Office SIG \$3.00 with Ellen Sheerin 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 26	Multi-Media SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 29	Committee Meeting for August 10:00 am
August		National Family History Month 1st to 31st August
	Mon 4	Library Spotlight on Cottage resources 10:00 am <i>Free event</i> Bookings Essential
	Thu 6	Scottish Research SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 9	General Meeting 1:00 pm Guest Speaker to be confirmed Cottage opens at 12 Noon for research.
	Mon 11	Introduction to DNA Workshop. BYO device & lunch. 10:00 am–3:00 pm \$20 Bookings essential.
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon English & Welsh SIG \$3.00 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 16	Public Access Open Day. What is Family History? 2nd hand book sale, free research. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
	Tue 19	AI SIG \$3.00 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 20	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up. Topic: Immigration/Migration Journeys 1.00pm–2.30pm
	Thu 21	Preparing for a trip to Museums of History Kingswood Archives. 10:00 am - 12 noon [Time TBC] \$5 Bookings essential.
	Sat 23	Multi-Media SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 26	Committee Meeting for September 10:00 am
	Thu 27	Irish Research SIG \$3.00 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Microsoft Office SIG with Ellen Sheerin \$3.00 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
To come:	Kingswood Bus trip Train trip to ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park NSW & ACT State Conference and much more	

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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.

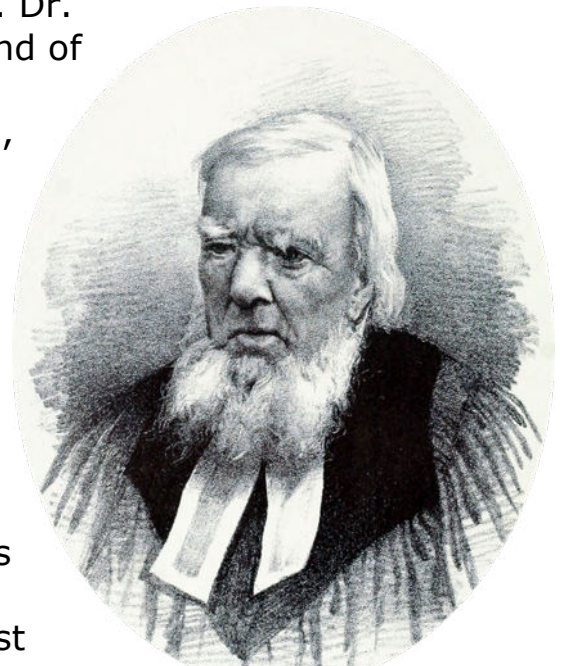
AN OLD BOOK

Another extract from the 1875/6 Yearbook:
Annual Summary Pg.6, Chronicle of Home
News:

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Page 152. April 3. An Aged Minister. – The Rev. Dr. James Ingram, a Free Church minister in the island of Unst, the most remote of the Shetland group, on this day completed the hundredth year of his age, and the seventy-sixth of his ministry in that district; and the inhabitants of Unst and the neighbouring islands celebrated the occasion with a soirée in the Free Church. The building was crowded with persons of every denomination, and the minister of the parish presided. The rev. Doctor was born on April 3, 1776, at Logie Coldstone, in the county of Aberdeen, and was chosen minister of Unst in 1821. In 1838 his son was associated with him as assistant and successor, and at the period of disruption both left the Established Church, almost the whole of their congregation accompanying them. A new church was built, and Mr. Ingram took his full share of conducting the services down till 1867. A second assistant was then appointed, the Rev. Mr. Ingram, jun., having also become an old man, and the senior pastor has since only occasionally preached.



Wikipedia, The Rev. Dr. James Ingram,
aged 100



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