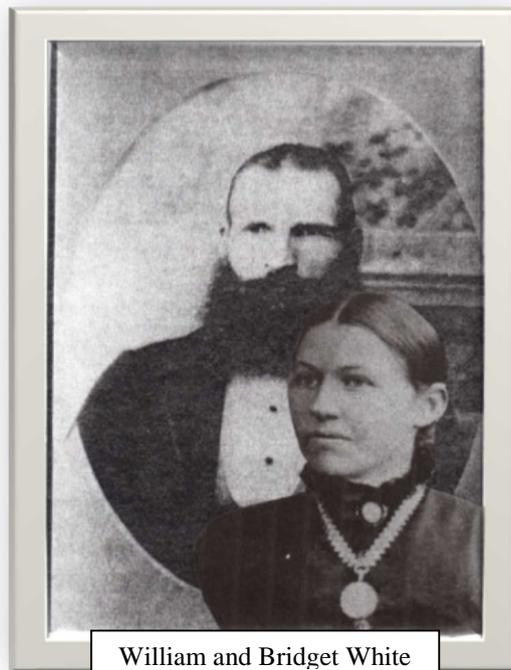


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Family History Room has been very busy of late with new members and continuing members taking advantage of our excellent resources. Some days all computers are in use so make sure you book a computer in advance so you won't be disappointed if none are available. Recently in one week in we had four new members sign up after being very ably assisted by monitors to find information on their families. One of these is possibly our oldest member, being 92 years of age.

A very special welcome to these new members and also special thanks to Monitors who assisted them in finding facts about their families and filled them with enthusiasm to find out more. One of our recent visitors was a lady from Newcastle who had come to Coffs Harbour with her husband and two children specifically to find information on her McIntyre family. The monitors were able to help her find information on computer programs and in our Library Reference section. School Register Books showed enrolments of some family members in small schools of the area and in Local History books there were photographs. It was wonderful to see her excitement at finding information and to realise how diverse our records are. Often we become so immersed in our computer records we forget how good reference books can be.

Two of our members have presented informative Workshops in the past few months. Leonie Baker was the speaker at the March workshop which was an 'Introduction to Family History'. This was extremely well presented by Leonie who is one of our Society's most experienced researchers and also a monitor. The workshop was very helpful to beginners as well as other researchers - many thanks to Leonie for all her efforts.

Our April Workshop was a 'hands-on-session' with valuable tips on how to access the NSW Land Registry Records. It was very ably presented in our Rooms by member, Ian O'Hearn who has had extensive experience in the use of these records. Ian assisted groups of four people per hour on computers, working from 10am to 3pm with only a short break for lunch. His stamina was amazing and the 16 people who booked for these sessions were helped considerably. A special thank you to Ian for so generously sharing his knowledge and know how on these records.

Following our Society's Brain Storming Session in February, a Member's Survey has been prepared and included in the June issue of Genie Allergy. We are hoping all members will take the opportunity to make suggestions and comments for the benefit of individuals and the Society as a whole. All members are urged to respond. There will be a copy on our Noticeboard and our new website as soon as it is up and running.

Rosie Doherty, President, #396



*The tree of life for some has cast its shade. We must make sure their memories never fade.*

## NEW SCANNING SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

The Society is offering this new service to members who would like their old photos, slides or negatives digitised. Stan Gordon has offered to assist members by doing the scanning. He would prefer that members go to his home at Toormina and take their photos, negatives and slides as well as a USB drive so the scanned images can be saved to the USB. The cost of this new service is 50 cents per image which will be added to our Society's funds. If you would like to take up Stan's offer, please phone him on 02 6658 7955 or email him at [stngordon@gmail.com](mailto:stngordon@gmail.com) to arrange a suitable time.

If you have large documents, such as foolscap BDM certificates or newspaper pages up to A3 size, etc., you are able to scan them using the **A3 Book Edge Scanner** we have in our room. This Scanner is now installed on the WIN7 computer and the scanner unit is on a trolley under the bench ready to wheel out and use. The scanned images will be saved to the computer and then can be copied to your USB drive or you will be able to print them. As our Society's printer is an A4 one, the scanned images are reduced in size to fit but if you would like to have them printed as A3, you will be able to do this at a print shop. Please ask the monitors on duty for assistance.

## THE TRANSPORTATION AND LIFE OF CONVICT WILLIAM WHITE

William White arrived in Australia aboard the '*Waterloo*' on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1838.

By 1836 convicts no longer enjoyed the latitude afforded in the earlier decades of the colony. The growing population of free settlers resented the competition for jobs, and there was strong pressure to cease transportation.

The '*Waterloo*' was built in Bristol in 1815. Prisoners were transported to New South Wales on the '*Waterloo*' in 1829, 1831, 1833, 1836 and 1838 and to Van Diemen's Land in 1835. On this voyage, the Captain was **Captain John Cow R.N** and the Surgeon **James Ellis R.N** who kept a Medical Journal from 10 September 1837 to 21 February 1838. Two hundred and twenty-four male prisoners from districts throughout England, Ireland and Scotland as well as some from Canada were embarked on the '*Waterloo*'. The Guard consisted of twenty-nine rank and file of the 51st regt., seven wives and fourteen children. The two officers of the Guard were **Lieut. Hare 51st regt.** and **Mr. Hill 50th regt.** The convicts and guard were embarked on the ship at Woolwich and Sheerness, late in September 1837 and the '*Waterloo*' departed London on 4th October 1837. On the 7th October there was an outbreak of measles and two children of the Guard were affected. Soon afterwards three more cases occurred. The Surgeon reported that the cases were mild and easily treated. Two (other) children died on the passage out. The prisoners were reported to be generally healthy, although according to the surgeon they looked as if they had been scantily fed for some time before embarkation.

The voyage was long and tedious, being ten weeks at sea before they reached the Cape of Good Hope. They departed from the Cape on the 23th December, and so Christmas for the prisoners of the '*Waterloo*' was celebrated at sea. A total of 127 days, not counting the time spent on board prior to embarkation, were spent at sea. According to **James Ellis**, the long voyage resulted in the prisoners and guard being afflicted with dysentery, inflammatory fever and scurvy. The '*Waterloo*' arrived in Port Jackson on 8th February 1838. Being a very old ship, the conditions were probably damp, poorly ventilated and inadequate. The number aboard was high for its tonnage and in general, the standard of convict transports deteriorated in this era, as shipping was diverted to military purposes. Five years later, on another voyage, the '*Waterloo*' sank off the Cape of Good Hope, with nearly two thirds of her convict cargo perishing.

**William White, his brother John and cousin Stephen Kennell** (William born 20.5.1810 in Eye, Suffolk), arrived in Australia on 8 February 1838 on board the '*Waterloo*' having been sentenced at Norfolk Assizes on 1 August 1837 to 14 years for shoplifting. He, his brother **John, Mary and Charlotte White** and **Stephen Kennell** were charged with having broken into the shop of **Mr Robert Garnham of Ludham** on 25 May 1837 and stolen some ribbon and other articles. **Thomas White** (their father) was charged with receiving. The 3 women were acquitted but Thomas, William and John White and Stephen Kennell were each sentenced to 14 years. Only William, John and Stephen were transported however. In his Convict Indent William was described as being 27 years of age, reads and writes, Protestant, married with 2 children. His native place was Suffolk - occupation Groom, 5'7¼" tall, of ruddy complexion, freckled with brown hair and brown eyes. He had the alphabet as far as *m* tattooed on his left arm, an anchor inside his left wrist, *w+w+c+c* on the back of his left hand and a blue ring on the third finger of his left hand. In the UK Prison Hulk Registers and Letter Books it says of **William White** '...had been convicted before. Notorious bad chart, very bad connexions'. He was stated as being a married man with 2 children, could read and was a hawker. He and his brother John were held on the Prison Hulk '*Justitia*' moored at **Woolwich** until their transportation.

It is said that as a young man of 18, William fell in love with the ruddy faced **Charlotte Chinnery**, one year his senior. She was a silk weaver and needlewoman and bore the characteristic scars on her thumb to prove it. At least two daughters were born but 1836 saw the beginning of a tragic sequence of events that tore the family apart when Charlotte was sentenced to life and together with her two young daughters, was transported to Australia. It is suggested that William committed his crime in order to be with Charlotte and his daughters. (It is a fact that many of the best Australian citizens arrived here after committing offences specifically to obtain passage to an environment they perceived must be better than 19th century England. This had actually been documented in the trial of **Joseph Woolley** in 1786.) William claimed to be married to Charlotte but no evidence of this can be found apart from in their convict indents. He learned on arrival that she had died 9 months earlier in 17.6.1837 Sydney Hospital. I have not been able to find out what happened to the children.

He initially applied to marry **Eleanor Roberts**, a dairy maid from Bristol who had arrived the previous year but permission was withheld on 14 September 1841 until there was proof of Charlotte's death. Consent from the Governor was finally granted on 23 April 1842 and they were married on 28 May 1842 in the Parish of Petersham, County Cumberland. Witnesses were *Patrick Mann & Mrs Farquharson* of Cooks River. In 1843 William was assigned to *Rev. Joseph Kidd Walpole* and lived in a residence called '*Bagshot*' at Windsor.

He was given his Ticket of Leave in December 1843 and allowed to remain in the district of Windsor. This was altered to Bathurst on 31 July 1844, to Penrith on 17 September 1845 and then to Windsor again on 18 February 1847. His Ticket of Leave was torn up and a Conditional Pardon granted on 20 December 1848. He was allowed to drive the Cobb & Co mail between Penrith and Bathurst for 12 months on recommendation of the Windsor Bench. After becoming a free man he could never return to the British Isle. He worked for Cobb and Co and was the first man to drive a mail coach over the Blue Mountains. It is certain that William and Eleanor separated during the 1850's and that he joined **Bridget Hession** and their son **Alfred**. When William met Bridget is a speculative but evidence suggests that it may have been in Windsor in 1848 perhaps on one of his coach trips away. A son Alfred was born and in later life. Alfred maintained that Bridget was his natural mother - it can be assumed that she raised him with the **Hession** family at Windsor. The Hessions were free settlers from **Tuam, Galway** in Ireland and were a pioneering family in the **Nelson** area near Windsor.

William and Bridget later followed the gold rush to **Lambing Flat** (now Young) building up a thriving business in retail clothing, groceries and other prerequisites for the miners and were in the area at the time of the riots. Around 1861, William, Bridget and their 3 children moved to **Pejar** to what is now known at **Woodhouselee** where his brother **John White** was living. William took up land on the other side of the river and later an adjacent lot giving him 67 acres in all. More children were born and William and Bridget settled now into a long and arduous life together farming potatoes, oats, barley and wheat. From his seemingly motley earlier life of trouble, he finally became a respected citizen.

William died on 8 February 1891 and is buried in the idyllic setting of St Stephen's Church yard at **Pejar**. In his memory a kneeler embroidered with 'Cobb and Co' is kept in the old Church.

William and Bridget White were my Great, Great Grandparents.

Sharon Ingersole Member #1548

## **TWO MEN WHO 'BUILT' COFFS HARBOUR**

The town of Coffs Harbour began to show signs of rapid development in the early 1900's and when a former bank clerk turned businessman passed through in 1905, he decided to stay and for the next 32 years **Paddy MacNamara** played an important part in the progress of the town.

His long association with the Coffs Harbour Chamber of Commerce when it was the public forum of the town, was the driving force and inspiration that got things done. He took an active part in the affairs of the hospital, surf club, agricultural society and chamber of commerce.

Another newcomer about this time was **Charles Vost** who for some years, carried mail to the town from outside centres. It was a common sight to see 'Charlie' collect his bag of mail from a ship as soon as it anchored and set off for Bellingen at the canter. When tides were low he rode across the plain (aerodrome now), crossed Bonville and Boambee Creeks and made his way to the highway along Mailman's Track Road, then on to the Bellingen, which he crossed by punt and delivered his bag of mail for distribution before the post office closed.

Later he entered business in the town when he went into partnership with **Victor Smith** as an auctioneer and estate agent. During this period he made valuable contributions to the show society and its annual show, the hospital committee where he gave generously of his time and labour. The aerodrome, too, is a monument to the great efforts he made.

When he passed away, the townsmen decided to establish a fund to erect a worthwhile memorial to **Charles Vost**. About £150 was soon collected. At the time this was a considerable sum, but it so happened that the hospital was short of blankets and sheets so the money was diverted into buying these essentials and today **Charles Vost** is almost a forgotten man.

A similar fund was raised to honour **Paddy MacNamara** when he died, but the committee of the Park Beach Reserve was short of money to build a public hall and the funds were diverted towards building the present Park Beach Hall – surely a shabby tribute to one who gave so much to the town.

In 1904 a School of Arts building was erected in High Street and at last the town had a social centre. It carried a small library and provided a hall for meetings if the number of those who came along was fewer than 40.

The building of a large sawmill at **the jetty end** of town, saw a separate township grow up. The Jetty supporters could see no virtue in **the top town end** of the town. There were only two or three houses between the two centres and for many years there was keen rivalry between them.

The top town swimmers finally set up a separate surf club and developed Park Beach as their own particular playground, while for a long time the Jetty residents kept to their own Jetty Beach. The only common ground between the two centres was the efforts made for the local hospital and even then someone tried to have it built at the top town. The public school was a compromise in that it was placed nearly mid-way between the two groups in 1913.

The police station had already been placed in 1906 midway from the two centres of business but this was mainly because there was sufficient land available to run the police horses where the station had been placed.

As construction work started on the railway line and the harbour works there was a rapid expansion of shopping facilities to supply the workmen. For a long time after 1908 when **William Anderton** had opened his general store there had been little business activity at the jetty. The Pier Hotel handled the passengers for the regular ships calling at the port after 1906 but the only other activity was the British Australian Timber Company (BAT) which operated a large sawmill, sometimes for three shifts each day, on the site of the high school.

The navvies filled the area where Park Beach was later developed and their huts and tents extended along the foreshores of the harbour. They bought in a regular income and the local stores at the jetty expanded to a paper shop, bank, barber, baker and a large blacksmith's and carriage maker's workshop. A butter factory in 1910 handled cream from the district dairies. Even as late as 1945 there were only about a dozen shops along the road between the public school and the memorial hall. The homes themselves reflected the background timber industry of the district.

An unfortunate occurrence in about 1908 had resulted in one million feet of sawn timber being left near the jetty because ships were not available to ship it all. A sale by auction resulted in huge quantities of timber being available at eight pence per hundred feet. Many homes, were built of this timber in all sorted sizes and shapes and for many years afterwards the town carried many shacks and poorly built homes erected by owner-carpenters. Fibro was later introduced and ousted much of the timber from home building. By 1939 there was only one brick home in Elizabeth Street, in the whole town.

Water had always been a problem, even though the annual rainfall is more than 63 inches, four wells in the town did not give good, clear drinking water and the supply from roofs became unreliable in dry periods. The search for a supply of water at first took members of the chamber of commerce to examine the supply from the little gullies at the head of Coffs Creek, but when this source was found to be quite inadequate, parties of members went over the range to examine the headwaters of the Upper Orara. There were hopes that the supply from Friday's Creek could be made to supply power for operating an electric generator before it was fed by gravity to the town's water mains. (Sic)

This article was prepared by G Weatherspoon from the *Coffs Harbour Historical Society* and was published in the *Our History* section of *The Coffs Harbour Advocate* on Tuesday January, 8, 2002; page 13.

## WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS and EVENTS

23/6/2018 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Debbie Campbell, Member and Coffs Harbour Local Studies & Digitisation Librarian	<b>“Introduction to Writing Family Histories, and some tips on Managing Photographs”</b> . Debbie will guide us in putting our research into a format to publish or share and also talk about scanning photographs and file management.
28/7/2018 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Social afternoon	This will be an opportunity for Members to socialise and get to know each other. Bring along a plate of something to share for afternoon tea.
<b>1/8/2018 to 31/8/2018</b>	<b>NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH</b>	<b>Research Room will be open to Members and Visitors to do free research from 10am to 4pm on Tuesdays to Thursdays and Saturdays.</b> <b>Note:</b> Except closed Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Coffs Cup), close 1pm Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and closed Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> .
18/8/2018 10.00am–1pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street <b>NB: Third Saturday of August</b>	Kerry Farmer, Professional Genealogist, Genealogy Instructor, Writer and Speaker	<b>HALF DAY SEMINAR: “DNA including GEDmatch”;</b> and <b>“Finding Historical Photos Online”</b>
22/9/2017 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	CHDFHS Inc. President Rosie Doherty and Member/Monitor, Maggie Heffernan	<b>AGM followed by Workshop: “Griffith’s Valuation of Ireland” -</b> Find out what it is, what is included and how to use it.
27/10/2018 10am-4pm Cavanbah Hall, Harbour Dr.	Helen Smith, Researcher, Author and Speaker	<b>SEMINAR:</b> Four topics to be covered: “It’s Not All Online: Where Else Can I Look”; “Document Analysis: Getting the Most from your Research”; Help I am Stuck! Demolishing Brick Walls; and Government Inquiries: A Treasure Trove for Genealogists”.
24/11/2018 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Debbie Campbell, Member and Coffs Harbour Local Studies & Digitisation Librarian	<b>“Trove”:</b> Debbie will speak about National Library of Australia’s “treasure trove” of newspapers, NSW Government Gazettes, and much more and show us how to access the records.

Sharon Ingersole #1548

## MONITORS

If you are a member and would like to become a monitor, you will find not only do you meet and assist some great people but also, the experience is enjoyable and very interesting. If you can help please contact me by email at [c\\_spider@bigpond.com](mailto:c_spider@bigpond.com) or by phone 6652 6626 Christine Berridge, Monitor Coordinator #475

## GENEALOGY EVENTS – WHAT’S ON

17-19 Aug 2018: German-Australian Genealogy and History Alliance (GAGHA) Conference "Australisches Deutschtum: Reconnections - Recollections - Resilience", at the University of Adelaide. Registrations are open, more information can be found on the conference website or Google "Inaugural GAGHA Conference". This will be the first time researchers from across Australia will gather to network and discuss German-Australian history, heritage and culture.

14-16 Sep 2018: NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Conference 2018 'Sailing into History' at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. More information: <http://sailingintohistory.org.au/>

Our Workshops and Seminars are listed elsewhere in this journal as well as on our Website. For a listing of more events, go to <http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/events/all> If there are any other events you would like included in the next Journal please give the detail to Narelle Hoy, our Journal Editor.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



We give a warm welcome to the following new members and hope you will make yourselves at home and find us a friendly group. Don't be afraid to ask the Monitors on duty for help and they will do their best to steer you in the right direction with your research.

#1917 Lynda Corcoran	#1918 Joanne Lomas	#1919 Bronwyn Taylor
#1920 Jill Gill	#1921 Janelle Bengé	#1922 Kay Johnson
#1923 Viv Wolfenden	#1924 Tony Boulton	#1925 Paula Strong
#1926 Robyn Spooner		

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, CONTACT DETAILS, ETC

If a Membership Application/Renewal Form is included with this Journal, your membership is due for renewal before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. Cash and cheque payments may be made at the Society's rooms; cheque payments mailed to PO Box 2057, Coffs Harbour, 2450; or electronic funds transfer (EFT) to our bank account will be accepted (see **procedure on form**).

**IT IS ESSENTIAL that a form is completed for ALL membership renewals at the time you are paying your renewal.**

If you choose to pay by **direct deposit** into the Society's bank account as shown on the form **PLEASE EMAIL** a copy of the completed form to [coffsgenie@gmail.com](mailto:coffsgenie@gmail.com) so that both the Treasurer and Membership Secretary are aware of the deposit and your details can be updated. You can also use the form for changes to your contact details. When you have renewed your membership, your new card will be placed in the Card Box

on the Admin Desk in our Research Room for your collection, unless you attach a stamped addressed envelope when it will be mailed to you.

Marlene Gordon – Membership Secretary #1307

## ITEMS of INTEREST from EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Our Society subscribes to some journals and exchanges journals/newsletters with a large number of other societies and groups (family history and historical societies, etc.). Members are able to borrow 'exchange journals' from our research room. If you see an article listed below that you would like to read, feel free to borrow it on your next visit to our room. Also check the districts these journals are from and if there is an area not covered, let me know and we will do our best to track it down for you.

**NOTE: For those interested in researching their DNA, you will notice there are several articles listed below.**

### UK FAMILY TREE:

- **Mar 2018:** Page 32 Top 10 tools for Irish family history; Page 47 Become an online super sleuth! (top tips for effective web searching); and Page 70 Documenting Your Sources.
- **Apr 2018:** Page 24 Studying Records of Death; Page 28 Techy Tips for Family Historians; and Page 40 Researching French Records in 7 Steps.

**TRACES Dec 2017:** This magazine has filled the gap left following **INSIDE HISTORY** ceasing publication earlier in the year. It includes some interesting articles e.g. Page 34 Getting Started on Your Family Tree (by Helen Smith our October Seminar Speaker); Page 45 Dress Never Lies (dating photographs); and Page 60 Caring for your precious textiles.

### FAMILY HISTORY GROUPS, ETC.

**Cedar Log Mar 2018 Issue 135 (Richmond-Tweed Family History Society Inc.):** Page 31 5 Photos You Should Take at the Cemetery.

**Descent Mar 2018 Vol 48 Part 1 (Society of Australian Genealogists) - New A4 Format:** Page 15 3 Tips for FamilySearch (excellent detailed article on using the Catalogue, not just the Records).

**The Crossing Place Feb 2018 No 120 (Casino and District Family History Group Inc):** Page 3 Scottish History 80AD – 2007; and Page 13 Try These Sites for Headstones in Ireland Grave Yards.

#### **Deniliquin Genealogy Society Inc.:**

- **Jan-Jul 2017:** This is the first newsletter we have received from them and includes several pages on Early Landmarks of Deniliquin.
- **Jul-Dec 2017:** Page 9 What Inspired Me to Write a Book on the Air School in Deniliquin in WWI.

**History Mar 2018 No 135 (RAHS):** Page 30 Colonial Secretary's Letters 1826-1856 Now on Ancestry (tips on searching).

**Moruya and District Historical Society Inc. Journal Mar 2018 Vol 20 No 1:** Page 6 Drowned – by Accident or Despair Part 1 (lists names and details); and Page 13: The Children of Moruya to the Rescue.

**Newcastle Family History Society Inc. Mar 2018 No. 221:** Page 6 Researching Aboriginal Family History; Page 13 Go Online, DNA for Family History (1<sup>st</sup> of a series); and Page 14: The Newcastle Benevolent Asylum.

**The Chronicle Feb 2018 Vol 20 (Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc.)** Page 15: Trying to Unravel the Mystery of DNA Testing - a Personal Experience.

#### **The Hawkesbury Crier (Hawkesbury Family History Group):**

- Dec 2017: Page 15 Focus on Australian Dictionary of Biography.
- Mar 2018: Page 15 Call a Midwife: some local midwives; and Page 25 Telling Stones – cemeteries.

**The Mallee Stump Dec 2017 (Wyalong District Family History Group Inc.):** Page 6 Early Days of the Wyalong Goldfields.

**Time Traveller Apr 2018 Issue 116 (Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc):** Page 10 Guild of One-Name Studies Surname Retreat (includes useful tips for researching); and Page 17 Report on the Family History Seminar held in Nowra Feb 2018 (includes detailed summary of three presentations and useful resources, etc.)

**Tracks and Trails Mar 2018 Vol 20 No 1 (Maitland and Beyond Family History, Inc.:** Page 5 Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury – Recreating Ireland's Lost Records; Page 7 The Loss of Irish Records in 1922 – the Four Courts Fire; and Page 11 FamilySearch Website (a very detailed set of instructions).

**Family Ties Mar 2018 Vol 21 No 3 (Bundaberg Genealogical Assoc. Inc.):** Page 11 How I Found Some Genealogy Records for My German Ancestors; plus more on researching German on Pages 12-14; and Pages 14-19 detailed information from National Archives of Australia (NAA) and their website.

**The CQ Genie-ologist Mar 2018 Issue 127 (Central Queensland Family History Association Inc.):** Page 29 Colour-coded Genealogy Research Filing System. (CHDFHS Inc. member, Diane Smith uses this system.

**Kin Tracer Mar 2018 Year 25 Issue 3 (Genealogy Sunshine Coast):** Page 17 Dreadnought Scheme Part 3.

**Peninsula Past Times Feb 2018 No 149 (Mornington Peninsula Family History Soc. Inc.):** Page 14 Before You Do That Road Trip – Etiquette for Visiting or Accessing Collections.

**The South-West Genealogist Apr 2018 #283 (Warrnambool Family History Group Inc.):** Page 8 Transcription Common Errors.

**The South Australian Genealogist Feb 2018 Vol 45 No 1 (South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc.):** Page 3: From the President and Page 17: Do You Want Your Family to be Robbed, Harassed or Killed?

Both relate to the increasing availability of family information available online, what is copied, republished, etc. and the consequences, etc.

**The Skeleton Apr 2018 (Australind Family History Soc. WA):** Page 6 Convict Past (Swan River Colony).

**Western Ancestor Mar 2018 Vol 14 No 1 (WA Genealogical Society Inc.):** Page 16 Who's Your Ancient Mama? Exploring Mitochondrial DNA tests.

**Dunedin NZ Family History Group Newsletter:**

- **Jan 2018:** Page 5 Getting Acquainted with the Revised Version of Find-A-Grave; Page 7 Otago Daily Times Death Notices Jan-Dec 1866 A-G
- **Feb 2018:** Page 4 Waimate War Memorials; Page 11 Otago Daily Times Death Notices Jan-Dec 1866 H-P.
- **Mar 2018:** Page 5 Marriage Records from the Commencement of Civil Registration (worldwide); and Page 7 Otago Daily Times Death Notices Jan-Dec 1866 R-Z.
- **Apr 2018:** Page 4 DNA (detailed report); and Page 7 Otago Daily Times Death Notices Jan-Dec 1867.

**Glamorgan Family History Society Mar 2018 No. 129:** Page 6 The Old Poor Laws in Wales; and Pages 15-24 Llantrisant, Cardiff and Bridgend Workhouses.

**Irish Roots 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 Issue 105:** Page 6 Using US & Canadian Records for your Irish Research; Page 16 New Project to Digitally Recreate Seven Centuries of Ireland's History Destroyed in 1922 Four Courts Fire; and Page 18 Using DNA to Trace Your Birth Family.

Leonie Baker, Exchange Journals Officer #769

## USEFUL WEBSITES, ETC. FOR GENEALOGY

\* **State Records of NSW** live webinars are free and bookings can be made on their website. If you miss the live webinar, they are recorded and can be viewed anywhere, anytime. See <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars> and scroll down for Webinars coming up in June, August and October and scroll further down for recorded ones during 2017 and 2018.

\* **Swedish records now free online:** Since 1st February digitised records at the Swedish National Archives have been free online - you can find out more and search the records at <https://sok.riksarkivet.se/?Sprak=Engelska>

\* **Wales Parish Registers Not Published on Findmypast & FamilySearch:** Identifying the gaps in the publication of surviving Welsh parish registers is an ongoing project. For a list showing the status of the Registers, Google "Wales Parish Registers Not Published" and open the FamilySearch result or go to: [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales\\_Parish\\_Registers\\_Not\\_Published\\_on\\_Findmypast\\_%26\\_Family\\_Search](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales_Parish_Registers_Not_Published_on_Findmypast_%26_Family_Search)

\* **FreeBMD** (England and Wales) has again updated their website with more records. This is a great website. FreeBMD is a registered charity that aims to transcribe English and Welsh birth, marriage and death records. These official government records go back as far as 1837. The website currently has some 266.4 million records. Google 'FreeBMD' or go to: <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>

\* **The Gazette** holds millions of records that could help your family history research. It is an archive of over 350 years of digitised records, including awards for gallantry, state honours and awards, deceased estates, bankruptcy notices and much more. Go to: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/> and click on the 'About' tab to read more detail. The Gazette is the UK's official public record, and is comprised of three publications: The London Gazette (published every weekday), The Belfast Gazette (published on Fridays) and The Edinburgh Gazette (published on Tuesdays and Fridays).

\* **Remembering the Past Australia** is a site designed for the family historian and history lover, dedicated to providing copies of original articles and resources, with the aim of shedding new light on the lives of ordinary people as they made a life for themselves and their families in colonial Australia and beyond. This site provides free lists of names, along with articles and stories which provide a different perspective of our richly layered history that capture the human spirit, connecting us with the history of ourselves, our families, our communities and with our great country. <https://remembering-the-past-australia.blogspot.com.au/>

\* **New South Wales Mugshots 1870-1930**: Photographs and stories of nearly 50,000 people who were imprisoned in New South Wales between 1870 and 1930 are now available online, for free, at the **State Archives and Records NSW** website. Information available includes name, aliases, native place, year of birth, details of arrival in the colony if born overseas, trade or occupation, education, height, weight, eye colour, offence, sentence and more. The periods covered for each gaol do vary and not all prisoners were photographed. Gaols currently in the index are from all over the state including Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Berrima, Broken Hill, Darlinghurst, Dubbo, Goulburn, Grafton, Maitland, Parramatta, Trial Bay and more. Full details are available on the State Archives website at: <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/gaol-inmates-prisoners-photos-index>

### **SUBSCRIPTION SITES:**

**Ancestry** has added many new collections including: Casino, NSW Hospital Admissions and Burial Records 1913-1997; NSW Deceased Estate Files 1880-1923; **Victoria** Asylum Records 1853-1940; Historic **New Zealand** Police Gazettes 1878-1945.

**TheGenealogist** has also added many new collections including: **England** Hulk Prisoner Records.

**REMEMBER** to keep re-checking sites you have searched before as most are constantly adding new records especially the free National Library of Australia Trove Newspapers website.

**NOTE:** Our Society has subscriptions to Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist as well as BDA and BNA. *All links were checked and valid on 8 May 2018.*

Marlene Gordon Member # 1307

## **HISTORIC SURF CARNIVAL**

Sawtell Guardian (NSW: 1971 - 1975), Thursday 21 January 1971, page 4

‘A Sawtell resident, after reading our Surf Club notes kindly brought in the pamphlet for the Fifth Annual Surf Carnival, held on Sunday, December 27, 1936 on Sawtell Beach. A team of 26 men from Maroubra Club, Sydney, were competing against the local clubs, Woolgoolga, Coffs Harbour, Coffs Jetty, Nambucca Heads and Sawtell.

Advertisers on the pamphlet were:

**Sawtell Cabaret**, the all modern refreshment room, dancing, recreations, help you enjoy a dainty luncheon and refreshing drinks. **Tarry the Baker, Sawtell**, (the best "Loafer" in the district); **D. Kidd, draper**, Sawtell; **Sawtell Motor Service, Goodyear Tyres and Super Shell Motor Spirit**; **E. G. Gess - Newsagent and store**, Sawtell - ice drinks, fishing tackle, ice; **J. Beattie, Hairdresser and Tobacconist** - (sport of sports); **F. Tyson Imperial Hotel Sawtell** - a home away from home; **Brissetts Post Office Store**, will be glad 2 C U. What you want I have. Most of the places mentioned are still operating, but with other well-known names now in charge: Mr. Leitch of Walker's Drapery will have memories of D. Kidd draper, Sawtell and many others will also have pleasant memories of by-gone days. The Committee of the Surf Club in that year were: **G. Durie** President, **F. Tyson** Treasurer, **A. Hobbs** Secretary. More memories?’ (Sic)

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*Preserve your memories, keep them well, what you forget, you can never retell.*

*Louisa May Alcott*

## NEW RESOURCES

### BOOKS.

*Coffs Harbour Historic Cemetery.* Donated by Coffs Harbour Library  
*Borrooloola & Gulf District Deaths.*  
*Beechworth Gold Mining Leases, 1859-1866 Part 1; 1864-1869 Part2.*  
*Valley of the Crooked River.* Donated by Irene Gillespie  
*Broken Hill Streets Revised Edition 2016.* Donated by Dennis Aartsen  
*Trades & Professions - The Family Historians Guide.*  
*Writing Interesting Family Histories.* Donated by Debbie Campbell  
*Writing & Publishing Gripping Family Histories.* Donated by Debbie Campbell  
*Nana Glen Public School.* Donated by Nana Glen Public School  
*The Coona Girl.*  
*Shackled Female Convicts at Morton Bay 1826-1839*  
*St Stephen's Church Kurrajong Parish Register Vol 1936-1962*

### CDs

*George's Gold Mine.*  
*NSW Commonwealth Electoral Roll 1939.*  
*Family Tree Maker ENG Parish Record Set 1.*  
*Family Tree Maker SCT Parish Records Set 1*  
*Installation Family Finder Family Archives - Set 8 CDs.*  
*Index Court Records 1844-1850 Bathurst Court Circuit & Other Case Papers*

Thank you to the person who donated the following CDs – they are proving very useful:

*English Parish Records: Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Derbyshire.*

*Lancashire 1824-25 Baines Directory.*

*The Parish Register.*



### MAPS

*Coffs Harbour Topographic Map First Edition.* Donated by Maggie Heffernan

*Choosing new resources for our Society is often a difficult job for the Committee and we welcome input from our members. We try to choose resources that will be well used by many and cover a broad field. If you would like to offer suggestions please fill out the form which is in the Brown Folder on the Admin Desk in our rooms and place in the Resources Tray near the Admin Computer.*

Gloria Small – Resources Officer #435

### *'The COONA GIRL'*

There is a new book for borrowing on our Society's shelves: *'The Coona Girl'* written by Valerie J Griffiths - a former member of our Society. It tells the story of how a woman's search for her identity uncovers stories of early Australian pioneering and determination. On the way she discovers not only her parentage but also her Family History. Valerie's writing blurs the line between fiction and fact – evidenced from research in archives and libraries.



## MEMBER'S INTERESTS

ALBY GAMBLE: Member # 1915

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FAMILY NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	TIME PERIOD	CITY/TOWN	STATE	COUNTRY
GRANT	William	1887-1909	Bellingen	NSW	AUS
GRANT	Frances	1887-1909	Bellingen	NSW	AUS
GRANT	William	1918-1928	Coffs Harbour	NSW	AUS
GRANT	Frances	1918-1928	Coffs Harbour	NSW	AUS

### THE SAWTELL GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER IS ON TROVE

For all those who grew up in Sawtell in the 1970s, the ability to “go home” without leaving home is an engaging possibility; while those who have never experienced this village life before will enjoy the lively snapshots which Nancy Sanders recorded as she kept an eye on the life happening around her.

In the first half of the 1970s, an enterprising President of the Sawtell-Boambee Chamber of Commerce believed that the village needed its own newspaper and the *Sawtell Guardian* was launched. The President, Nancy Sanders, was its sole editor. This free newspaper was published almost every Thursday between 1971 and 1975 and gave a succinct four page snapshot of life both within and beyond local borders:

As a result of the collaboration between Coffs Harbour City Council’s History Services, the Sawtell Historical Society which has cared for the original print copies, the Sawtell Chamber of Commerce and the National Library to digitise it for posterity, the *Sawtell Guardian* is now available for all to read in online on Trove at <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/title/1346>.

As it was a weekly newspaper, it is possible to note which issues are missing by going to the information page on the above link and clicking through to each month.

More information can be seen in ‘Our stories Coffs Coast Heritage’ at <https://coffscoastheritage.wordpress.com/2018/05/03/back-to-sawtell-in-the-70s/>

**CAN YOU HELP:** Member Debbie Campbell, who is also Coffs Harbour City Council’s Local Studies & Digitisation Librarian tells us that the dates included in Trove are from 1971 to 1975 inclusive, although 1975 has a lot of missing issues. She has seen one issue from December 1970 but it has not been digitised. If anyone is able to provide Coffs Harbour City Council’s History Services with the missing issues, they can be digitised and added. The contact email for History Services is [museum@chcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:museum@chcc.nsw.gov.au).

### WHEN ARE WE OPEN FOR RESEARCH?

#### Library Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: 10am-4pm (closed 1pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).  
Saturday: 10am-4pm (except 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month).

## MEMBER ENTITLEMENTS

- Use of Society's resources including books, microfilms, microfiche, computer system, etc
- Receive quarterly Journal Genie-Allergy
- Attend meetings and monthly workshops
- Guidance with research in our library
- Resource borrowing scheme
- Free entries in Member's Interests Directory
- 2 hours free research per year for members who are resident 50km or more from Coffs Harbour.

### JOURNAL DEADLINES

# 1 <sup>st</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	March Issue
# 1 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	June Issue
# 1 <sup>st</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	September Issue
# 1 <sup>st</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	December Issue

Members are invited to submit stories of interest, enquiries re their research, or questions about research for inclusion in our Journal. Material needs to be received by the deadline as above to be included in the next available issue.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Pedigree Charts	20c ea.
Family Group Sheets, etc.	20c ea.
Printouts from Computer (Greyscale)	20c ea.
Photocopies A4 (Greyscale)	20c ea.
Brothers Keeper Family Tree CD	\$3.00 ea.
Legacy Family Tree Standard CD	\$3.00 ea.
Convict Research Booklet	\$2.00 ea.
Beginning Your Family History Booklet	\$1.00 ea.
Replacement Card Holders	50c ea
Seven Generation Charts A3	\$5.00 ea.

**MIDWIVES: Coffs Harbour District, Bellingen & Dorrigo, Nambucca Valley**

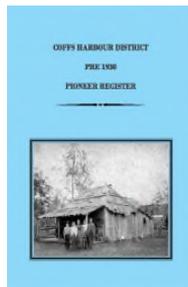
MIDWIVES



COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT  
BELLINGEN AND DORRIGO  
NAMBUCCA VALLEY

**\$20.00 each**  
Plus \$7.50 P&H

**COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT PRE 1930 PIONEER REGISTER**



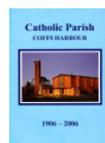
**\$20.00 each**  
Plus \$15.00 P&H

**COFFS HARBOUR AND DISTRICT WORLD WAR I VOLUNTEERS' LETTERS HOME** (as published in '*Coffs Harbour and Dorrigo Advocate*')

**COFFS HARBOUR AND DISTRICT WORLD WAR I HONOUR BOARDS**

**\$6.00 each**

**CATHOLIC PARISH, COFFS HARBOUR 1906-2006**



**\$10 each**

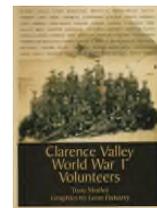


**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL COFFS HARBOUR 1913-2013**

**CORA NUM BOOK**

How Did They Get Here? Arrivals after 1924  
**\$10.00**

**CLARENCE VALLEY WORLD WAR I VOLUNTEERS**  
By Tony Morley



**\$30.00 each plus P&H**

A most informative record of those who served in WWI from the Clarence Valley area which encompasses quite a large part of NSW (includes Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, Dorrigo, Ebor, Gleniffer, etc).

It gives details of where units were sent, lists Gallipoli casualties, deaths and awards, chronological battle information and an alphabetical list of volunteers with a brief description of each.

*Writing Family History Templates and Guide*  
Dr Noeline Kyle 2009



**PRICE: \$10.00**  
(Book & CD)

**If you would like to purchase any of these items, please ask the Duty Monitor when in our Research Room or phone or email the Society**