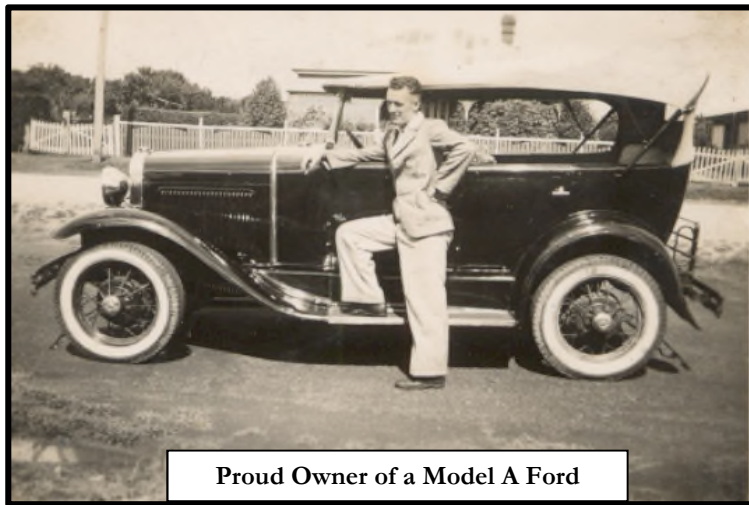


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all our new members who have recently joined the Society. DNA is very topical at this time with a number of members involved. In March the Society set up a DNA Special Interest Group for members who wanted to increase their understanding of results. The Convenors for this popular Group are Diane Smith and Maggie Heffernan and it meets on the first Monday of each month at the Curran Centre in Gordon Street.

Congratulations to our member, Diane Smith, who has been selected as an Ambassador for the 'DNA Down Under Roadshow' in Brisbane and Sydney in August. This is a great opportunity for Diane to learn more about DNA from world renowned speakers including Blaine Bettinger of 'Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy'.

Our Workshop Guest Speaker in March was Ken Hunt, organiser for Port Macquarie DNA Support group. The Workshop was very well attended with 50 people present to avail themselves of an excellent presentation. Ken did remind attendees that DNA does need to be combined with Genealogical research. He was quite surprised at the number of people at the Workshop who had already completed their DNA test.

Recently we had two visitors from Sydney who travelled to Coffs Harbour specifically to discover information on their relative **Oliver Thompson** whom they believed ran a General Store in the Jetty Strip during the 1920s and 1930s. A local identity remembered 'Thompson's Shop' as a young girl in the 1930s saying it was a couple of shops down from Pier Hotel and up from **Anderton's Store**. The Bank of Commerce shared an adjoining brick wall with it as this was recorded in a 1926 'Advocate' when there was a fire in Thompson's Store. Hopefully there may be someone who can perhaps remember the shop or has an old photo.

Several of our members are unwell at this time and we wish them a return to better health soon. Our July workshop will be a Social afternoon and members are asked to bring along family treasures they would like to speak about. Our AGM is in September and some Committee members will not be standing for re-election. We do need some members to step up and fill these important positions so the Society will continue to function. Happy researching.

Rosie Doherty, President, #396



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

MONITORS

My thanks to all monitors who have made my position very easy, especially those who make arrangements for a substitute to replace them when necessary, and to those who volunteer to do extra shifts when necessary.

Best wishes to one of our long time monitors, Gwen Myers who was involved in a car accident in March. Gwen is having some time off from being a monitor and we hope that she will return to her one Saturday morning of each month in 2020.

Maggie Heffernan #622 Monitor Co-ordinator

DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

In February our Society started a special interest group to help members learn more about their DNA results. 27 members have shown interest with 16 attending in February and 19 at the March meeting.

Genetic Genealogy has now become an additional tool for Family History research and our group provides a friendly and informal forum for asking questions about DNA. It can be a daunting experience trying to navigate your results and our meetings are designed to help members understand their results and then apply them to their own family tree research. We meet at the Curran Centre in Gordon St Coffs Harbour from 10am – 12 noon on the first Monday of each month. There is a small charge of \$3 per person to cover costs of room hire and morning tea.

Any Society member who has had their DNA tested is welcome to come along. Please bring your laptop, iPad or tablet so you can access your results during the session.

Diane Smith Member #1815, Maggie Heffernan Member #1622

DNA DOWN UNDER

During Family History month in August, Unlock the Past is holding a **DNA Down Under Roadshow** in 6 Australian cities. The nearest to us is Brisbane with a one day seminar on 14th August 2019. There is also a 3 day seminar in Sydney from 29th -31st August 2019. Blaine Bettinger, the author of *Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, will be the keynote speaker along with speakers from both Australia and New Zealand. For more information visit the DNA Down Under website at www.dnadownder.com

CONTACTING DNA COUSIN MATCHES

There are many reasons for having our DNA tested. Looking for ethnicity is often high on most people's list but I'm more interested in breaking down brick walls, connecting with cousins and confirming my Family Tree research.

My main reason for doing the test was to hopefully match with a descendant of my great grandfather who disappeared in 1914 and break down his brick wall. The only match I have with this side of the family is his brother's great granddaughter in Canada. The next step is to contact her and explain how we are related. Who knows what may result? My great grandfather may have gone to Canada to visit his brother as there are no records in Australia for him after 1914.

Since having my DNA tested and contacting matches I have discovered (through a cousin match in England) that my grandmother was named after her aunt who ran a Temperance Tea Room on the Coventry Rd in Small Heath. I have been able to put names to unknown persons in my mother's photo collection and one 4th cousin visited Waverley Cemetery and took photos of my 2x great grandparent's headstone. We had believed because of a newspaper article from 1893 that they were not buried together. Thanks to these photos and some detective work of a DNA match we now know differently. Mystery solved.

My husband and I recently caught up with a 4th cousin of his who gave him a family tree poster with photos of family members as far back as his 3x great grandparents. He hadn't seen any of these photos before.

These are just a few successes I have had with DNA cousin matching. Without contacting those cousins, some of whom are as far back as 4th and 5th, I would never have added these stories to my tree. So keep on messaging your cousins. Of course not everyone will respond but it's always worth sending a message. You never know what treasures you may be given.

Diane Smith Member #1815

THE MAGIC OF ANCESTRY AND DNA

For 71 years I thought my maiden name was James and over the last 20 odd years I have searched high and low trying to find a birth certificate for my father, **Ira James** who was tragically killed in 1957 when I was 10. My father's death certificate states he was feloniously slain and my last memory was seeing him tied to a hospital bed in a strait jacket. Once he was buried our family never spoke of it again.

I do remember a man who came to his funeral and said he was our grandfather. I liked him, he brought us presents. I remember a little raincoat and pretty hair ribbons. He stayed a few days then returned to his home in Gynea Bay. We had a holiday at his place when I was very young, my only memory is of a passionfruit vine growing on a trellis down the side of a white house. I have no memory of my grandmother **Beatrice** at all. My brother **Patrick** was older and said he could remember the house and that it was one or two blocks back from the Bay.

The grandfather asked me to write to him which I did once or twice but I was always confused as to why he was not a **James**. I remember writing to a *Henry Goya*. This stuck in my memory as there was a cosmetic company at the time called *Goya*. I don't remember getting a letter back. We never saw our grandfather again.

I visited Ireland in 2011 and felt a strong connection with Galway - possibly because I remember my father singing '*Watch the sun go down on Galway Bay.*' A friend we were staying with gave me all the pages from the phone book containing James surnames and I had every intention of phoning each and every one of them when I returned home. Instead I joined the Coffs Harbour Family History Society and spent a fair bit of time looking for the James family with the help of several members. I also went back to Ireland in 2018 with my daughter Sally but as it transpired I did not do any research over there as a significant development occurred in August 2018.

WE FIND MY GRANDFATHER

I did an Ancestry DNA test and was contacted by two second cousins Gail Buckingham and Wendy Brookes who lived quite close to me. My brother Patrick and I invited them to afternoon tea at my home in Coffs Harbour. They asked, "How do you think we are related?" I replied, "I really hope we are connected through the James family" and explained how I was coming to a dead end every time I tried to find my father.

Gail said, "We were hoping you were connected to the **Goymour** family." I immediately had the memory of my grandfather at our father's funeral. I told them I thought his name was

Goya and mentioned writing to him when I was 10. Gail asked me if I knew his Christian name and when I said Henry she looked at Wendy and said “I think we have found the black sheep of the family.”

She had a photo of my grandfather, **Henry Goymour** taken when he was about 20 and there was a definite likeness to my father’s Army photo. She also had his Army records as he had served in WWI. He had enlisted in 1915 under the name **Henry Douglas** with his next of kin as **Beatrice McIntosh**. I could not understand this until Gail showed me a copy of a letter written by **Henry Goymour** to the Army stating he had enlisted under an assumed name and wanted the records amended. I felt a huge sense of relief that we finally had a clue and something to work with.

WE FIND MY GRANDMOTHER

I had our father’s marriage certificate naming him as **Ira James** and marrying my mother, **Kathleen Proctor** in December 1940. He also said his father was **Henry James**, deceased and his mother was **Beatrice McCormack**. As we were to discover our grandfather was not deceased as he came to our father’s funeral and our grandmother Beatrice was not a McCormack. Our father had also enlisted in the Army in 1941 as **Ira James**.

Gail put her detective hat on again and by early evening she had found Beatrice living with **Henry Goymour** in Sydney until the 1940s. Henry moved to Gynea Bay and Gail searched and found the house on Google Earth. It appears that Beatrice never lived at Gynea Bay as our grandfather married a **Lizzie Dodd** in 1953 and they divorced in 1958. In 1963 he moved to Ettalong and married an **Eva Millson**. He died in 1965. Gail discovered all of this information on the day we met which was incredible!

WE FIND OUR FATHER

A few days later Gail, on a hunch, found a birth for **Henry G McIntosh** born illegitimate on 21 February 1915 with his mother listed as **Beatrice McIntosh** (maiden name of **Jeffery** from **Inverness, Scotland**). She asked a transcript agent if there was any connection to **Goymour** and he replied “You definitely need to get this one.”

So at last we are 99% sure that we have found our father. The certificate arrived naming the birth of **Henry Goymour McIntosh**. **Beatrice** was listed as coming from Inverness and we had always thought she had come from Ireland. Gail found a 1934 marriage of **Henry Macintosh** to an **Elsie McCormack** stating his mother as **Beatrice Healey** (maiden Name) and **B McIntosh** as a witness.

We still to this day do not know what happened to our grandmother as have not located a death certificate. A trip to England and Ireland in October 2018 resulted in no successful research as we thought Beatrice was from Scotland at this point. I met up with Gail on our return to Armidale and she gave me printed copies of all the **Goymour** history which was greatly appreciated.

THE SCOTTISH CONNECTION

In early 2019 we had another major breakthrough courtesy of Ancestry when I discovered another 2nd cousin, **Margaret Probert**, who had lots of **McIntosh** ancestors. We finally had

positive proof that our father was indeed **Henry Goymour McIntosh** as we found his mother, **Beatrice** in Scotland and marrying **Allan McIntosh** in 1898. Their first child **Duncan**, who was born in 1899, was Margaret's grandfather and our father's half-brother. **Allan and Beatrice** went on to have three more children before Beatrice left the family and came to Australia around 1911-1914. She gave birth to our father, **Henry Goymour McIntosh** in February, 1915. She is listed as deceased in all family events in Scotland from the time she left the family over there. What on earth happened to **Beatrice** to leave four children under 12 and move to the other side of the world? Her daughter **Jemima** died at age 13 without ever knowing what happened to her mother.

Margaret's Grandfather **Duncan McIntosh** (my father's half-brother) served in WWI and then came to Australia with the Merchant Navy where he jumped ship. He later sponsored his two brothers **Allan and Ernest** to immigrate to Australia when they were in their early 20's. The three sons of **Beatrice McIntosh** never knew their mother was in Australia which was sad as she was in Sydney and they settled in the Newcastle area.

Gail got her detective hat on again and found in the 1901 census **Beatrice** was living in **Inverness, Scotland** and her maiden name was **Healey**. **Allan** was head of family and **Duncan** was also listed. Gail also found the 1898 marriage certificate for Allan and Beatrice and the birth certificates for their four children. The marriage certificate states **Beatrice's** mother's maiden name as **Jeffery** (although for some reason on my father's birth certificate in Australia Beatrice has stated her maiden name as **Jefferys**). It also states **Beatrice** was born in **Ireland**. My brother had a memory from childhood of hearing that she was born in either Scotland or Ireland and lived in the country she wasn't born in. However he could never remember the order. He also remembers our father singing the Irish songs and of him speaking with an Irish accent when he was cranky.

So the pieces of our puzzle are finally coming together. We are so grateful to Ancestry DNA and especially to Gail for all her help. It is a lot to take in but at least we know now where we come from and whilst there are a few skeletons in our family closet it is great to have these facts. Maybe one day we may meet up some more cousins, we may even have a half sibling from my father's first marriage that we never knew about. You never know.

- In conclusion, we now know that our grandfather was **Henry Goymour** and his brother was Gail's grandfather.
- He had a de facto relationship with **Beatrice McIntosh** and they had a child **Henry Goymour McIntosh** (our father) born on 21st February 1915. There is evidence they lived together until the 1940's. Our grandfather had two more marriages before he died in 1965.
- **Beatrice** was born in Ireland as **Beatrice Healey** then moved to Scotland and married **Allan McIntosh** in 1898. The marriage certificate states her mother's maiden name was **Jeffrey**. They lived in **Inverness** and **Glasgow** and had four children: **Duncan, Allan, Ernest and Jemima**.
- **Beatrice** left the family and moved to Australia in 1911-1914 and her children were brought up by their grandparents in Inverness.
- Henry Goymour our grandfather enlisted as Henry Douglas and served overseas in WWI. He later requested the Army to right the records and change to **Henry Goymour**.

- Our father enlisted as **Ira James** in WW2 and married our mother **Kathleen Proctor** in 1940 as Ira James. It would appear that he previously married an **Elsie McCormack** in 1934 when he was 20, using his birth name of **Henry McIntosh** with his mother's maiden name of **Healey** stated and **Beatrice McIntosh** as a witness.
- We don't know what happened to **Elsie McCormack** at this stage (did she die or was our father a bigamist?)
- We don't know what happened to **Beatrice Healey/Macintosh/Jeffrey/Goymour** and have not found a death certificate.

Maureen Colling Member #1905

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



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

#1952 Lyn Maunsell	#1953 Grace Wasley	#1954 Fay Harvey
#1955 Shirley Harvey	#1956 Becky Deagan	#1957 Delia Gormley
#1958 Carol Axford	#1959 Sheryl Kimball	

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If a Membership Application/Renewal Form is included with this Journal, your membership is due for renewal before **1st September 2019**.

When renewing your Membership:

1. A completed membership form **MUST** be completed for all payments made. Be sure to complete Section 2 with your Membership type, how you would like to receive your quarterly journal, sign the form and show the method of payment. **Note:** The completed form is used to ensure our records are kept up to date and therefore it is vital we receive a form to cover all membership payments.
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 - (a) **Cash** is payable only in person at our Research Room.
 - (b) **Cheque** is payable in person at our Research Room or by mail to PO Box 2057, Coffs Harbour 2450.
 - (c) **EFT/Direct Deposit:** BSB, Account No., etc. as details on our membership form and **you must** quote your member number and/or name at the time of payment.
 - (i) **Online** through your financial institution; OR
 - (ii) **In Person** at a BCU branch (Bananacoast Credit Union).

Following payment by EFT/Direct Deposit, IT IS ESSENTIAL that a copy of the completed membership form be **emailed, mailed or delivered** to our Research Room.

Renewed membership cards will be placed in the Card Box on the Admin Desk in our Research Room for your collection if you haven't included a stamped addressed envelope with your renewal.

Marlene Gordon, Membership Secretary #1307

GENEALOGY EVENTS – WHAT’S ON

***14-30 Aug 2019 - ‘DNA Down Under Roadshow’ with Blaine Bettinger.** The roadshow will be held in Australian capital cities with an extended in-depth 3-day conference in Sydney. For more information or to register your interest: <http://www.dnadownder.com>

***7-Sept 2019 - The Dalwood Restoration Association Inc.** is comprised of descendants of the **Wyndham** family, and descendants of some of the convicts who were assigned to work for them on one of their properties.

A function is to be held at the Dalwood Estate Cellars, Branxton NSW, to bring together descendants of anyone who worked on one of the Wyndham properties between 1828 and 1900, including those descended from the convicts, Indigenous people, free settlers, colonial born, or German vine-dressers. The names of over 150 convicts have been identified so far and the challenge is to let their descendants know about this function, as we don't know who they are? Any advice you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Further information: secretary@dalwood.org.au

***11-13 Oct 2019 - 35th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies** will be at Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga, hosted by Ku-rin-gai Historical Society. You can find more on the conference:

<http://exploringthepast.khs.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.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS and EVENTS

Sharon Ingersole #1548

DATE/ TIME/VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
22/6/2019 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Mike Hayward, Glen Innes	“First Fleeter Convicts” . Mike will cover the history of ships in the First Fleet on a ship to ship basis, incl. the Convicts sentences, their trip and their first years in the Colony.
27/7/2019 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	Volunteering Members	“Treasure Trove - Social Afternoon” . Members are invited to talk about their treasures. If you have a treasure which means a lot to you and your family, please bring it to this workshop and tell us about it. It will also be a chance to get to know other members.
1/8/2019 to 31/8/2019	NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH	Research Room will be open to Members and Visitors to do free research from 10am to 4pm each Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday Note: Except closed Thursday 1st (Coffs Cup) and from 1pm on Tuesday 13 th .
24/8/2019 10am-4pm Our Research Room, at rear of 169-171 Rose Avenue.		Open Day – Our room will be open all day for members and visitors to drop in to see how we are able to help with their research, see what resources we have available and get help with any related queries they may have.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CHDFHS INC. MEMBER'S INTEREST GROUP?

You will see elsewhere in this issue of Genie Allergy that a DNA Group is meeting monthly. If you are interested in the formation of a Group relating to another area of research, the Committee will be pleased to hear from you - email **coffsgenie@gmail.com**. Possible Groups could be of a country (e.g. Irish), a particular family history software program (e.g. Legacy or Brother's Keeper), Convicts, FamilySearch, etc.

When the Society forms an Interest Group, a convenor or joint convenors will be appointed to the Group and each Group formed by popular demand would be for members only, meeting on a regular basis, time and place (possibly once a month), with the aim to help participants in that specific area of interest.

SCANNING SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

The Society is offering this 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 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** 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.

LETTER RETURNED TO FAMILY AFTER SEVEN DECADES

Taranaki Daily News Apr 20 2015

A letter written by a New Zealand soldier on his way to war in 1940 has finally been delivered. Hawera man, **Goulburn Frederick Whalen**, or *Goldie* as he was known, scribbled a letter to his mother and father as he waited for his troop ship the *Dominion Monarch*, to leave Auckland in December, 1940. He threw the letter into the crowd on the dock. The letter was addressed to his mother in Kapuni. Across the front of the envelope, he wrote "please post" in the hope someone in the crowd would find it.

Mr **Max Catlin** was helping a friend clean out his Auckland house when they came across the misplaced letter. Intrigued by the letter, Catlin started a search to find a Whalen family member in Taranaki. In his search, Catlin was able to find Whalen's daughter, Jenny who lives in Hawera.

"I got a phone call from one of my cousins in Waitara who said she had got a call from a man who had a letter written by my father," she said. "I was quite shocked that he threw it overboard not knowing if someone had picked it up and posted it as it could have gone into the sea." Jenny said her father loved Anzac Day. "He would always have his suit and medals laid out the night before and he'd say something if we didn't have a poppy," she said. "The grandkids always asked him for stories about the war and he did tell, but nothing gruesome."

Max Catlin was delighted the letter had finally made it home.

"I thought somebody would like it with Anzac Day coming up. It's great to know the family finally got the letter," he said.

Dear Mum and Dad

Here we are on board the Dominion Monarch. We are supposed to pull out Overseas at 1pm any minute now. There is a great crowd on the wharf. I am going to throw this note over on the wharf so I hope someone posts it. Our first stop is Fremantle. It looks like Christmas on board. We have wonderful cabins, top deck. 1600 are on this boat. A lot of cargo.

Cheerio will write later on

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USEFUL WEBSITES, ETC. FOR GENEALOGY

A couple of websites suggested by members:

- * **Welsh Newspapers Online:** Search 15 million Welsh newspaper articles from the National Library of Wales – for FREE at <https://newspapers.library.wales/home>. Thanks Jeannie Egan.
- * **Italian BDM Records from 1871:** Thanks Sergio Spagnolo for this information. The Italian archives have been opened up for BDMs from 1871. The Home page link is in English but records are in Italian at <http://www.antenati.san.beniculturali.it/?lang=en>.
- * **Northern Cemeteries** consists of five unique sites located on Crown land situated throughout the north shore of Sydney and the Newcastle region of NSW. Each location has its own distinct personality catering to diverse communities with individual cultural, traditional and religious needs. The locations are Macquarie Park (North Ryde), Frenchs Forest (Davidson), Field of Mars (Ryde), Gore Hill (St. Leonards) and Sandgate (Newcastle). Click on an individual site, then on *Deceased Search* heading on the next line to locate the person you are looking for on the form which will appear below. Go to: <https://northerncemeteries.com.au/>
- * **Metropolitan Cemeteries Board** (Index for Karrakatta, Fremantle, Guildford, Midland and Pinaroo Cemeteries, WA): Name search is available at <http://www2.mcb.wa.gov.au/NameSearch/search.php>
- * **Bendigo Family History Group** has a lot of indexes available on their website at <https://www.bendigofamilyhistory.org/freeindexsearch.htm> Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Admission Registers Index 1860-1941 has been added - click on the link at the top of the page. Scroll down for other indexes.
- * **Encyclopaedia of Australian Science** is a gateway to the history of Australian science, technology, engineering & medicine. Go to: <http://www.eoas.info/home.html> - this could be a source of biographical information on a relative.
- * **Hampshire parish records:** Over 2 million entries were added to **FamilySearch** at the end of January, though you won't be able to view the original register pages unless you are in a FamilySearch affiliated library (such as our Society). **Findmypast** has more than 3 million transcribed **Hampshire parish records**, and the register images for more than 50 parishes in Portsmouth and the surrounding area are available online. It is recommended searching at both sites even if they both cover the same parishes as there are likely to be differences in the transcriptions.
- * **Highland & Island Emigration Society:** The Highland Potato Famine, which began in 1846 led to starvation comparable with the Irish Potato Famine, though on a much smaller scale. This Society (HIES) was amongst the charitable initiatives set up to assist the 200,000 people at risk and helped around 5000 people to emigrate from western Scotland to Australia between 1852-57 although many other emigrants went to Canada (could be reached more cheaply) and a few may have travelled at their own expense, but most received some form of support, often from their landlords. The records of the HIES have survived and are free to view at ScotlandsPeople. Go to: <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> then click on *Advanced people search*, select “*Poor relief and migration records*”, then at *Please select record type* choose “*Highland and Island Emigration*” and follow the prompts to login (you will need to login but can do this without buying credits) and a couple of random names searched included images.
- * **The Calendars of Wills and Administrations:** Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), the official of Northern Ireland includes many links which could help in your research at on their website at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>. One such item is the Will Calendars indexes for the District Probate Registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry, 1858-1922 and from this Index you can view images.
- * **The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)** is a world-renowned research, collections and publishing organisation which promotes knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, traditions, languages and stories, past and present. To organise Indigenous family history research and use their Toolkit for worksheets and checklists, go to: <https://aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family/research-step-step/toolkit>

- * **England and Wales births/deaths:** While the General Register Officer (GRO) in the UK increased its fees slightly (now £11 including postage), the good news is that the pilot PDF project they've been running for a while is now a permanent service costing £7. This allows you to obtain images in PDF format of English and Welsh births 1837-1918 and deaths 1837-1957 by ordering online and providing the GRO index reference. You'll find more details at www.gro.gov.uk. The GRO's new **online indexes** are much better than the old ones. Given names are transcribed in full (not just initials) and birth indexes from 1837 onwards show the mother's maiden surname. Death indexes from 1837 onwards show the age at death (but they can be misleading - '13' could be 13 years or 13 months!).
- * **1921 Census contract goes to Findmypast:** It is now known that Findmypast have won the contract to digitise the 1921 Census for England & Wales and it will be available online in January 2022. It is doubtful though that it will be included as part of a standard subscription - when the 1911 Census was released a decade ago it was originally available only through a dedicated pay-per-view website, and the 1939 Register was also pay-per-view for the first few months. You may also recall that in both cases the cost of subscriptions rose when the records were incorporated - so be careful what you wish for!
- * **Foreign language word lists for genealogists:** Researchers regularly come across terms that are unfamiliar or in a foreign language. **FamilySearch** has put together on its '**wiki**' a wide range of word lists which give the meanings of about 900 key terms in different languages as well as other vocabulary from genealogical documents. So if you have uncovered records in another language it might be worth starting here where you can find word lists in languages ranging from Afrikaans to Ukrainian. There is also a general list of abbreviations found in genealogy records such as names, dates, Latin and other general terms. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Word_List
- * **New Zealand Society of Genealogists** has produced a series of video resources on their website at <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/>. If you are new to genealogy or want to refresh your research skills, scroll down on the home page and click on the '*Getting it Right*' link. Each video has a set of notes which can be downloaded.
- * **NSW State Archives & Records Webinars:** Their program of free webinars focuses on the wonderful resources of the NSW State Archives collection and how to access them. You can register to 'attend' a live webinar below and you'll receive an email with a link that you click on at the appointed time. Go to their website at <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>. All webinars are recorded and past webinars appear in the library so you can view them at a time convenient to you.

SUBSCRIPTION SITES: Our Society has subscriptions to Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist as well as BDA and BNA and we are an Affiliated Library of FamilySearch. All of these sites add new records and/or update existing collections constantly so it is always advisable to check their listings of new 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 website (incl. Trove) and also The Ryerson Index. All links were checked and valid on 2 May 2019.

Marlene Gordon Member # 1307

WWII JAPANESE MAP OF SOLITARY ISLANDS AND APPROACHES

Does anyone know anything about this map which was kindly donated by a Mr Spinks to the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum? Where was it found? Who is Mr Spinks?

It was produced in 1940 by The Emperor's Imperial Forces of Nippon using Intelligence taken from maps of 1864, 1927 and 1935 and included very detailed tidal and topography information of Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga.

Please email: geoffreywatts47@gmail.com if you can help.

MEMBER'S INTEREST – Barbara Higoe Member No. 1408

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FAMILY NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	TIME PERIOD	CITY/TOWN	COUNTY	COUNTRY
HARLAND		Pre 1700	Lindfield	SSX	ENG
DAVIS		Pre 1700	Braunstone	LEI	ENG
SPANSWICK		Pre 1500	Lambourn	WIL	ENG
FRASER		Pre 1600	Inverness	INV	SCT
ROCHE		Pre 1800	Killarney	KER	IRL

Members' Interests received by the Society are now being added to our website at <https://www.coffsharbourfamilyhistory.com>

To check the current listing, hover on the Membership tab, click on Members' Interests in the dropdown list and you will be able to open the Full Name listing for submissions received. All financial members are welcome to have their Interests included in Genie Allergy and on in this database by completing the necessary form and possibly receive feedback from others with the same Interests. Please collect a form from our Research Room or contact the Membership Secretary to have one emailed to you, then return the completed form attached to an email to coffs genie@gmail.com or put in in the Membership Secretary's tray in our room.

NEW RESOURCES

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 #43

A CANON FICHE READER and MICROFICHE can be yours

Carolyn Hutchings Member #497 has a Canon Fiche 250LH Reader and Microfiche on offer. A full list of available fiche is on our Notice Board. The titles include: Baptisms pre 1856 and Births 1856-1899; Deaths pre 1856-1905; Marriages pre 1856-1905; NSW Pioneers Index 1889-1918; NSW between the Wars 1919-1945; IGI England, Ireland and Scotland; SAG Rookwood Bicentennial Project; Melbourne Argus Index to Birth Notices 1914-1920; Dorset Poll Book etc. (approx. 21 in total).

Carolyn suggests a donation of say \$50 to the Society would secure the lot and she could deliver (within reason!) or make an offer. Phone Carolyn: (02) 6655 1897 if interested.

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 st February	1 st Quarter	March Issue
# 1 st May	2 nd Quarter	June Issue
# 1 st August	3 rd Quarter	September Issue
# 1 st November	4 th 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.
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Seven Generation Charts A3	\$5.00 ea.

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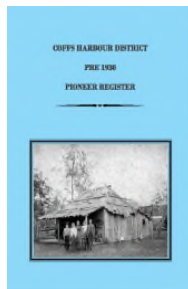
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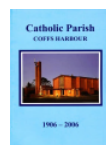
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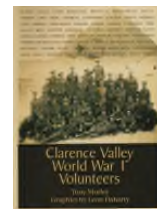


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1913-2013

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