

# GENIE ALLERGY



## Journal of Coffs Harbour District Family History Society Inc.



The Mahogany Chest

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Family History Society's Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday 22 September in Coffs Harbour Community Village commencing at 1.30 pm and will be followed by a Workshop on some Irish Records. I would like to encourage all members to come along to support the Society in its work. It would also be excellent if there were some members who would like to be elected on to the Committee to help it function effectively.

The Society's Social afternoon in July was a most enjoyable afternoon with a great roll up. Members were able to meet each other and enjoy each other's company. Some varied "Treasures" were brought along including historic photographs of original homes and people, old Bibles with family information, a War diary, an early Union badge, wallets, a small wooden chest, an old Patheorama and an old photograph album. The informative talk by each "Treasure" owner was very interesting. Thank you to all involved and for all the help in setting up the Room and helping with afternoon tea, which all added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

Our June Workshop given by member, Debbie Campbell, on an "Introduction to Writing Family Histories and some Tips on Managing Photographs" was very well attended. It was a very informative workshop from Debbie sharing with us her vast knowledge and experience in these areas. A special thank you to Debbie for always being so willing to present Workshops for the Society.

It has been good to see visitors who have availed themselves of the opportunity to come and use the Society's Resources for free in August which is National Family History Month. It has been quite a busy time in the Family History Rooms but that is always good to see such interest.

Rosie Doherty, President #396



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

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

The Notice for the AGM and Statement of Receipts & Payments for the last financial year is included in this Journal. Only financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM. Any financial member may be nominated for election to the Committee by any other two financial members. Nomination forms are available from our Research Room or a copy can be emailed (contact the Secretary). Closing date for nominations is 4pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Completed forms should be placed in the drawer marked "Secretary" above the Admin Desk.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT:  
<https://www.coffsharbourfamilyhistory.com>**

### USEFUL RECIPE for HAPPINESS – from a very old cookbook

Two heaped cups of patience,  
One heartful of love,  
Two handfuls of generosity,  
One headful of understanding,  
A dash of humour,  
Sprinkle with kindness, add plenty of faith and mix well.  
Spread over a period of a lifetime, and serve to everyone you meet.

**The MAHOGANY CHEST of MARGARET GRELIS (nee MURRAY)  
Dublin 1860 to Coffs Harbour 2018**

**Margaret Murray**, was born in 1841 at Harold's Cross near Dublin, the daughter of **Martin Murray** and **Mary Kelly**. Martin Murray was a boatman on the Barges on the Grand Canal which connected Dublin on the River Liffey with the River Shannon.

In 1860 Margaret Murray at the age of 18 left Dublin and firstly travelled to Liverpool in England. On April 5, 1860, Margaret sailed from Liverpool on the 'Young America Carlisle' to the Colony of Victoria arriving in Melbourne on July 3, 1860. **Margaret Murray had with her a small Mahogany Chest with her clothes and belongings for the journey across the seas from Dublin, Ireland to Melbourne, Colony of Victoria.**

On her arrival she was first employed as a Domestic at **Castlemaine**. In 1862 she married **Constable Thomas Grelis** at St Francis Catholic Church, Melbourne. The chest was then carried to the different **Goldfield Police Camps at Daylesford, Glenlyon and Strathfieldsaye in Victoria.**

On Thomas's early death in 1875, Margaret at the age of 34 was left with seven children whose ages ranged from 11 years to one year. She moved into nearby **Bendigo** and in **1876** became the **Licensee of the Junction Hotel in Williamston Street**. For over 45 years she held **Hotel Licenses** at either **The Newmarket Hotel** on the corner of Nolan and Charleston Streets near the Saleyards, Bendigo, or **The Builders' Arms Hotel** in Mitchell Street, Bendigo.

Margaret retired in the early 1920s and died at the family home in **Myers Street** in 1926 aged 84 years. She could neither read nor write but according to Mr Quinn, an old Bendigonian who delivered goods to her hotel "*Woe betide any man who tried to diddle her of a penny as she could add up all the prices in her head.*"

The **Mahogany Chest** then became the property of two of her unmarried daughters, **Annie and Nellie Grelis**, who lived in the family home at Myers Street, Bendigo. Annie died in 1955 at age 91. Before Nellie's death in 1966 at age 92 the chest was given to her niece, **Mavis Grelis**, who was then residing at Bethlehem Home, Golden Square, Bendigo.

In 1977, **Mavis Grelis**, then aged 77 years, sent the chest to her niece **Rosemary Doherty** (nee Slattery), the daughter of her sister, Margaret. Rosemary and family had moved to Coffs Harbour in early 1977. Fortunately the chest was delivered to her by a Coffs Harbour Removalist, who noticed it sitting at a Removalist Warehouse in Sydney just addressed to '**Rosemary Doherty, Coffs Harbour**'. At this time in 2018 the **Mahogany Chest** after 158 years of travel is in Coffs Harbour, at the home of its grateful custodian, Rosemary Doherty, a great grand-daughter of Margaret Grelis nee Murray from Dublin, Ireland.

**References:** *Victorian Police Records of Appointments, Conduct and Service: 1856-1875.*

*Liquor Licensing Commission, Victoria*

*Electoral Rolls and Bendigo Rates, Goldfields Library, Bendigo. Microfiche*

Rosie Doherty #396

**TROVE TREASURE**

My 3xGGrandmother-in-Law, **Ellenor Seymour**, arrived in Victoria in March 1857 and married **William Reid Fitton** the following year. William died in 1871, leaving Ellenor with their five surviving children, four boys and one girl, aged between 2 and 12 years.

1873 must have been a tumultuous year for Ellenor. On 7<sup>th</sup> April she married **George Keyzer**, a widower with three children aged 7 to 14 years. On 10<sup>th</sup> April Ellenor applied for Letters of Administration on William's estate, which was granted 29<sup>th</sup> July. By 2<sup>nd</sup> September Ellenor had given birth to a son and was not married. **Seymour Sinclair Fitton Seymour** died 23 days later.

27<sup>th</sup> October saw the two youngest children placed in care; the third followed on 27<sup>th</sup> November and each record stated "*Father dead*". The fourth child was admitted on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1874 with the notation "*Mother dead*". The eldest boy is said to have absconded from the orphanage but no record has been found.

By 1878, all the children had left the orphanages, one had employment and the others were listed as having been '*removed by friends*'. These '*friends*' were **Uncle James Fitton** and maiden **Aunt Jane Fitton**. It is fair to assume that Ellenor had died but no record has been found.

Recently a Trove item caught my eye. It was a Family Notice referring to Ellenor's daughter, **Ellenor Martha Fitton**, who had married James **Hamilton Walker** "*at the bride's parent's residence, Bloomfield-street, Surrey Hills, Sydney*". To cut a long story short, I obtained the Marriage Transcription which indicated that **Ellenor Smith**, mother of the Bride, gave consent to the marriage. Witnesses were **Albert & Lucy Seymour**, Ellenor's brother and sister-in-law. Ellenor was not lost at all.

Further time spent on Trove elicited information that Ellenor was the wife of Henry Smith and that she had died in 1916. **Henry Smith**, residing at 'Seymour', Hanover Road, Hurstville, had died a year earlier. Ellenor's sons, William and Henry, lived in Sydney with their families and Funeral Notices for Henry Smith listed him as their father, which may have been a tribute to the man. I wonder too if the house name 'Seymour' was a tribute to Ellenor.

Is it fair to assume that Ellenor finally found happiness?

PS: The different spellings for **Ellenor Snr** and **Ellenor Jnr** are as in the records.

Diane Fitton, Member #294

## WHAT HAS CHANGED in 111 years?

Coffs Harbour Advocate (NSW: 1907 - 1942; 1946 - 1954), Tuesday 12 February 1907, page 2

### ‘EDITORIAL PARS:

“Progress” is always a good watchword, and if we were always satisfied with things “as they are,” we should never have any improvement. This way of putting it, we may say, is the end and aim of our ambitions in putting this journal before the public of this district. The public spirited amongst the inhabitants - those who are imbued with the “push” which means “business” are, of course, the cogs in the wheel of progress, and upon whose enterprise the future advance of the Coffs Harbour district will mainly depend. We are simply the chronicler of their doings, and it will be our part to see that the light of publicity shines in no uncertain manner on their efforts.

There is every indication that the future advancement of this fine district depends only on the manner in which its affairs are handled, and it will be our pleasure and pride to assist in every practical way a newspaper can to further its claims to such Government assistance and recognition as it undoubtedly deserves.

One of the most pressing questions requiring ventilation is that of landing passengers at the jetty. The present mode is barbarous and unsafe - a reflection on the steam-ship management and a disgrace to the Government. An authority which would sanction the erection of a jetty not sufficiently substantial to moor small steamers like those of the N.C.S.N. Co. must be wanting in discernment. The remedy is to take the bull by the horns and widen the jetty by at least one half. This would strengthen it and provide a safe roadway for pedestrian traffic. As at present, passengers landing risk their lives traversing the long distance, often in the dark, which is unavoidable. A shelter shed, too, is imperatively required, and should be erected at once, pending necessary alterations. This sounds urgent, but as Coffs Harbour residents know to their cost, the state of affairs is not overdrawn.

A substantial, steam launch in the meantime would be an easy solution to the difficulty. It is no joke for delicate women and children to be slung ashore in a basket, and it is only presuming on people's good nature to force them to submit to such treatment. It is not enough for the N.C.S.N. Co. to urge that this is unavoidable, and it is positively unfair to virtually intimidate people from coming here, which is actually the case. Besides, why should such an admittedly growing district be handicapped by a niggardly policy?

In the matter of mail communication, too, unsatisfactory happenings are not infrequent. As Marryat's character said, "it is precarious and not at all permanent." In fact, at times, we could cheerfully emulate the old bosom's expletives ourselves. This is not a bar harbour, in any sense, and our troubles are caused altogether by zealous parsimony, which inevitably brings, into play the Reform policy with its precious plea of retrenchment. One of the most acceptable forms of saving cash would be to retrench the House. They only work half-time, anyhow; but take all sorts of care not to forego their salaries. In 1905 the House sat three days during the first six months - 95 members drew £14,250 for three days work, and to make all square Mr. Carruthers "retrenched" necessary work, and the poorer-paid temporary hands were dispensed with. 1906 saw the same state of things, only more so, and now we find Ministers buttering one another and singing mutual pains of praise to celebrate their glorious achievements.

There is one piece of callous carelessness in connection with this slinging of passengers ashore, which passengers themselves are utterly unaware of until it is too late, and then it is touch or go whether there is not a serious accident. There is not even a safety hook to the line which is used to sling the basket. The public are treated on the basis of mere goods, where a jerk of the rope or a jar of the jib might land them in eternity. It is not right for a Government wharf to be thus handled. A private firm would be under inspection, and forced to provide a safety hook. A fatal accident may occur at any time, and after this warning, if such a preventable accident occurs, those in charge are to blame.' (Sic)

## FACTS AND RUMOURS

Coffs Harbour Advocate (NSW: 1907 - 1942; 1946 - 1954), Saturday 2 August 1913, page 2

- \* The Tennis Club social will be held on Friday next.
- \* **Mr. J. Hodges** has taken over **Mr. A. Tobin's** Billiard saloon.
- \* The Board of Health inspector was in Coff's Harbour during the week.
- \* A meeting of the Agricultural Society will be held this afternoon.
- \* The latest attacked small-pox patients exhibit the disease in a more virulent form.
- \* A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight (Friday), at the School of Arts.
- \* All accounts owing to the firm of **R. J. Smith and Co.** must be paid without delay to **W Seccombe.**
- \* The rain prevented the Band from playing a programme in Fitzroy Park on Sunday afternoon last.
- \* The first meeting of the new committee of the School of Arts will be held on Wednesday night next.
- \* We believe a football match is to be played on the Coff's Harbour ground to-day. Local teams will be engaged.

- \* Central Bucca Tennis Club announce their grand concert and dance at the Lower Bucca School of Arts on Wednesday, Aug. 6.
- \* The district band will play a selection of music in Moonie-street (sic) tonight (Saturday), commencing at Bray's corner at 7.45 p.m.
- \* **Mr. P. J. MacNamara** will hold an auction sale of land at Upper Orara, at his auction mart, on Sat., August 9. See advt.
- \* It is the intention of the **Salvation Army** to open a branch at Coff's within a very short period. Two lady officers are to be stationed here.
- \* A perfect avalanche of weddings are to take place in Coff's Harbour between this and Christmastide. We know of at least five that are sure to eventuate.
- \* It is practically certain that **Mr. Briner** will have both Liberal and Labor opposition at the forthcoming State elections. It would be hard to prophesy the result.
- \* The new Federal Postmaster General characterises the day labor system as a "fiddling" one, and states that any future works will be carried out by contract.
- \* A boy on a Sydney street car had the following legend on his right arm: "Don't touch me, I have just been vaccinated; try Joe Gardiner's for your boots. How's that for advertising?"
- \* **W. H. Clutton**, Liberal Organiser, will address a meeting of ladies on Monday next at the School of Arts under the auspices of the Coff's Harbour branch of the Women's Liberal League.
- \* **Mr. Burnett** received a chatty note from **Randell Mann** at Belfast, Ireland. He tells of an enjoyable trip on the Continent, and a motor trip through England, Scotland and Ireland.
- \* There was almost a panic among the huge-crowd waiting to be vaccinated at the Sydney Town Hall on Monday. It took half-a-dozen policemen to keep back the crowd. A number of women fainted.
- \* **Dr. Wood** announces that having received a limited supply of lymph from the Government those who wish to avail themselves of free vaccination can be treated at his surgery at 3 p.m. on Mondays.
- \* The winning numbers of Westmead Art Union are published in our business columns. As a large number of tickets were sold in this district holders should look at the numbers they hold and see if they are among the lucky ones.
- \* **Bill Sonter's** next engagement is with **Jim Sullivan**, middleweight champion of England. The 'Argus' credits Sullivan with having gone 18 rounds with **Billy Papke**; if our memory serves us correctly he went 8 rounds with the Thunderbolt.
- \* An hilarious drunk was perambulating Grafton-street on Wednesday night loudly proclaiming "I won't go 'ome till mornin'. Just then the "long arm" clutched him and he didn't "go 'ome till mornin"; in fact he brought a "quid" 'next mornin'.
- \* On Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m. the band will render the following programme (postponed from last Sunday) in Fitzroy Park: March "Gladiator's Farewell," selection "Songs of Sunday," gavotte 'Hearts and Flowers,' fantasia, "La Belle Savage," anthem, "Jerusalem My Glorious Home," march, "Liberty Bell," "God Save the King." A collection will be made for the Hammond relief fund.
- \* The unusual rains and the mild weather so far prevailing this season may be looked upon as rather an ominous sign for the summer. A wet winter is frequently followed by a series of cold snaps right up to Christmas, and unless we get a month of showery weather then, the outlook for winter grass is a very poor one. The indications should warrant our preparing to hand-feed: we should grow sufficient for dry stock as well as for milking cows. (Sic)

## VIV'S STORY

Our Society has a very lively member, **Viv Wolfenden** who was born in Tamworth in 1926 (also known as 'Viv the Morse-Code man'). You may have seen Viv around town playing beautiful music on his keyboard, sometimes at shopping centres or at various Nursing Homes. His skill using Morse code is amazing. He is great company and regularly entertains the researchers and monitors at the Family History Society in Rose Avenue with his stories. He wanted to share this story with you:

'Fourteen years ago in 2004 I visited a polling booth in Tahmoor and was informed that I was not listed on the roll. This was a great surprise as I had never requested removal from such. A short time later I tried to adjust this by phoning and asking why I was taken off the roll. The person attending my call was quite rude and replied "You are deceased" and hung up in my ear! Recently I decided to do some research on my Family Tree and came across some very surprising information: I was

deceased and my death had occurred on 24/8/2004. I got in touch with the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages and a staff member called Shannon treated me with the utmost respect. She advised me to write a letter explaining my predicament and requesting information about the person who supplied this information. She also advised asking for the records to be adjusted as I was still living and I could produce a Doctor's Certificate to prove it.'

Arthur Vivian Wolfenden #1923

### 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 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.

### WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS and EVENTS

DATE/ TIME/VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
22/9/2018 1.30pm Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street	CHDFHS Inc. President Rosie Doherty	<b>AGM</b> followed by Workshop: <b>"Irish Records"</b> . Rosie will speak about 'Baptisms, Marriages & Deaths'; "Dublin Workhouse Admission Registers 1839-1922"; "Irish Prison Records 1826-1854"; and "Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1847-1864".
27/10/2018 10am-4pm Cavanbah Hall, Harbour Dr.	Helen Smith, Researcher, Dragon Genealogy, Author and Speaker	<b>SEMINAR: "Finding Your Ancestors"</b> . Helen will speak on four topics: "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". <b>Registration required.</b>
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 as well as give guidance on the website



## 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

**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/>

**19-20 Oct 2018: “Exploring Family & Local History 2018”** in Brisbane. More information at <http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/events/exploring-family-local-history-brisbane-2018>

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

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



A warm welcome to the following new members and 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.

#1927 Nerida Brown	#1928 Peter Bodiam	#1929 Garrie Carman
#1930 Paul Mulcahy	#1931 Lorenne Yates	#1932 Lyn Brotherton
#1933 Jeanette Powell	#1934 Ron Harris	#1935 Lyn Harris
#1936 Yvonne Power		

## 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> December 2018. Cash and cheque payments may be made at the Society's rooms; cheque payments should be mailed to PO Box 2057, Coffs Harbour, 2450; or a direct deposit into our bank account will be accepted online or at a Bananacoast Credit Union Branch (**see procedure on form**).

**IT IS ESSENTIAL that a form is completed for ALL membership renewals.**

If you choose to pay by direct deposit into the Society's account, **PLEASE EMAIL** a copy of the completed form to [coffsgenie@gmail.com](mailto:coffsgenie@gmail.com) as shown on the form 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, or if you attach a stamped addressed envelope 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.

### UK FAMILY TREE:

- **Jun 2018:** Page 12 Beyond the Official Record – rediscovering lost family papers; Page 42 Finding Irish Church Records; Page 67 A Treasure Trove of Army records (Irish Soldiers' Records); and Page 74 Techy tips for family historians.
- **Jul 2018:** Page 44 Techy Tips for Family Historians; Page 47 Celebrating Centuries of Women; and Page 70 The Real EastEnders: sharing women's history.

**TRACES Vol 2, 2018:** Page 15 Ask an Expert – Shauna Hicks on NSW Mental Health Facilities; Page 30 Going Back to School (school records are a treasure trove for genealogists); Page 34 Convict Tattoos; and Page 38 Reading Old Hand Writing (by Marilyn Rowan).

### FAMILY HISTORY GROUPS, ETC.:

**Royal Australian Historical Society Journal Jun 2018 Vol 104 Part 1:** Page 7 'At all events on the through lines': the century-long journal to Australia's rail gauge unification; Page 62 James Ralfe and the Early Surveys at Port Macquarie; and Page 83 Crime Pays: women transported for forged bank notes.

**Family Ties Jun-Jul 2018 Vol 3 Issue 3 (Colo Shire Family History Group):** The article on Page 1 about The Grasshopper lawnmower could be of interest to the "boys" in our Society.

**Kuring-Gai Historical Society Inc. May 2018 Vol 36 No 3:** Page 3 Genealogy Corner – Consumer DNA Tests, Pros and Cons.

**Lithgow Pioneer Press Jun 2018 Vol 33 No 1 (Lithgow & District Family History Society Inc.):** Page 7 Faces behind the Facades (history of individuals who operated business in Lithgow)

**Links 'N' Chains Jun 2018 No 119 (Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc.):** Includes some stories about members and their family's arrival in Australia.

**Missing Link May 2018 No 42 (Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical & Historical Research Group Inc.):** Page 6 Voting Equality for Women and the Suffragettes – 100 years.

**Mosman Historical Society Newsletter Feb 2018:** Page 2 Mosman's Migrant Hostel.

**The Patrick Plains Gazette Apr 2018 Vol 35 No 1 (Family History Society Singleton Inc.):** Pages 6 and 7 We Remember Those Who Died in 1917 and 1918 (incl. detailed lists for each year).

**Tracks and Trails Jul 2018 Vol 20 No 2 (Maitland and Beyond Family History, Inc.):** Page 5 The UK 1939 Register (compares Ancestry & FMP results); Page 6 Did Your Ancestor Arrive in Australia with the British Army; and Page 12 Searching Qld Government Website for BDMs.

**Tree of Life May 2018 Vol 35 No 2 (Wyang Family History Group Inc.):** Page 10 Checking the Wills of Distant Relatives; and Page 17 Is Your Family Tree Ever Finished?

**The CQ Genie-ologist Jun 2018 Issue 128 (Central Queensland Family History Association Inc.):** Page 29 Ancestry – Incorrect Tree Solution (worth reading if you are frustrated about incorrect information being copied from your tree).

**The Gazette Jul 2018 Vol 31 No 2 (Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Soc. Inc.):** from Pages 8 to 20 Articles relating to a number of people and their families.

**Peninsula Past Times May 2018 No 150 (Morningside Peninsula Family History Soc. Inc.):** Page 6 The Ryerson Index (an excellent report on a guest speaker's presentation – also highlights additional information you can get from the Ryerson Index and the means of getting it).

**The Grapeline Jun 2018 Vol 19 No 1 (Mildura & District Genealogical Society Inc.):** Page 16 Honour Roll – Mildura 1914 to 1918.

### **Dunedin NZ Family History Group Newsletter:**

- **May 2018:** Page 3 Report of Our April Meeting (Researching Allied Prisoners of War in Europe during the Second World War); and Page 7 Otago Daily Times Death Notices Jan-Dec 1867 F-L.
- **Jun 2018:** Page 3 Photographing Headstones; Page 4 A Brief History of Some of Dunedin's Cemeteries; and Page 8 Otago Daily Times Death Notices Jan-Dec 1867 M-Z.
- **Jul 2018:** Page 7 Otago Daily Times Death Notices Jan-Dec 1868 A-E.

Leonie Baker, Exchange Journals Officer #769

## USEFUL WEBSITES, ETC. FOR GENEALOGY

- \* **NSW State Archives and Records** have added 46,000 new images to its online collection taken from Gaol Photographic Description Books of 20 NSW Prisons. The records can be accessed for free at their website at [www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au). Each entry contains information about prisoners who passed through NSW prisons between 1870 and 1930 and includes extremely detailed information.
- \* **Databases & Web Sites for NSW Family History Research:** Research and explore your NSW genealogy and family history online. Many of the databases, indexes and digitised records collections are free! The following links lead to birth, death, marriage and cemetery records for Sydney and other locations around NSW plus census records, incoming passenger lists, convict records and more. Check out New South Wales Genealogy online at <https://www.thoughtco.com/new-south-wales-genealogy-online-1421658>
- \* **Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.** There could be some indexes worth checking on WAGS website. Open the link and hover on the DATA tab to see a drop down list of what is available (some are restricted for members' only access).  
<https://membership.wags.org.au/component/content/article/31-homepage-content/352-wags-homepage>
- \* **Queensland BDM Service** has been upgraded with several improvements being made to the online service provided. When searching for historic events the search results now include the precise date. Whilst the cost of a Qld digital image at \$21.40 makes the PDFs in England & Wales seem cheap by comparison there's no waiting. An interesting new feature is that instead of purchasing a digital certificate, researchers can get an image of the original registration form completed by the informant at a similar cost. Search at: <https://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au/>
- \* **Victorian Midwives and Nurses** (from "Spreading Branches" at Narre Warren's Journal): If you have any nurses or midwives in your family and would you like to find out where they trained, when they were registered and where they lived, you can find all this information in the Victorian Government Gazettes. While the gazettes are available online and are partially indexed at <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>, they are not searchable but Susie Zada has identified the issues of the gazette where lists of midwives and nurses were published and made them searchable at: <https://justlovehistory.com/?s=midwives&search=Go>
- \* **Anglo-German Family History Society** is a self-help group with considerable expertise and resources and welcomes all those who are interested in researching the genealogy or family history of people from the German-speaking parts of Europe who have emigrated over the centuries and settled in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland (North and South), and the neighbouring islands. New members are always welcome at: <http://www.agfhs.org>
- \* **FamilySearch** has added many new records and images as well as indexing additional records including: additional 135 million new Records for **Denmark, Finland and Sweden** (church records, incl. birth, marriage and death records, confirmations, moving-in and moving-out records; court; tax lists; examination books and more; and an additional 29 million new historical records from **the Netherlands** incl. birth, baptism, marriage, death, church, notarial, army service and passenger list records and population registers.

### SUBSCRIPTION SITES:

- \* **Ancestry** has added many new collections including **Norfolk, England** Transcripts of Church of England Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, 1600-1935; and they have added additional records to many of collections which were already available.
- \* **Findmypast** additions include over 64,000 newly opened records in a **UK 1939 Register** Update; Lancashire UK Archives records incl. Baptisms, Banns and Marriages, Burials and Parish Registers; and PDF images of **Scottish** records incl. Edinburgh Marriages 1595-1800; and much more including many from **Australia**.

**NOTE:** Our Society has subscriptions to Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist also BDA and BNA.

**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.

*All links were checked and valid on 2 August 2018*

Marlene Gordon Member # 1307

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT:  
<https://www.coffsharbourfamilyhistory.com>**

## MEMBER'S INTERESTS

### JILL GILL Member No. 1920

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FAMILY NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	TIME PERIOD	CITY/TOWN	STATE	COUNTRY
GILL	Edmund John	1846-1922	Holborn	MDX	ENG
CLARE	Jane	1845-1905	Berkhampsted	HRT	ENG
WALKER	George	1815-1885	Clayton	SSX	ENG
CARTER	Charlotte	1820-1890	Falmer	SSX	ENG
ORCHARD	Carlotta May	1878-1919	Woolminstone	SOM	ENG
ORCHARD	Henry (Carlotta's father)	Unknown	Woolminstone?	SOM?	ENG

### MAGGIE HEFFERNAN Member No. 1622

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FAMILY NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	TIME PERIOD	CITY/TOWN	STATE	COUNTRY
BUCKLEY	Michael	1857-1910	Pyramid Hill	VIC	AUS
CLARK(E)	William	1777-1844	Glemsford	SFK	ENG
BUTCHER	Rachel	1754-1800	Stanstead	SFK	ENG
HEFFERNAN	Daniel	1800-1817	Tipperary	TIP	IRL
HERRICK	John	1798-1851	Lorrha	TIP	IRL
MALONE	John	1788-1890	Youghalarra	TIP	IRL
SEYMOUR	John	1854-1890	Pymont	NSW	AUS
O'BRIEN	Martin	1854-1893	Pymont	NSW	AUS
LORDAN	Jeremiah	1800-1841	Desertserges	COR	IRL
MILLS	William	1621-1685	Lavenham	SFK	ENG
MOWER	Jeffery	1745	Thorpe Morieux	SFK	ENG
HILL	William	1848	South Creek	NSW	AUS
HUGHES	Thomas	1818-1834	St Asaph	FLN	WLS
ROYSE	Elizabeth	1745	Thorpe Morieux	SFK	ENG
OWEN	Elizabeth	1789-1818	Chester City	CHS	ENG
KEELY	Patrick	1832-1892	Lobinstown	MEA	IRL

### 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)

## NEW RESOURCES:

### BOOKS:

- \* Memoirs of Early Coffs Harbour by Walter G Jordan (Donated by Gloria Small)
- \* The Genealogy Handbook: Complete Guide to Tracing Your Family Tree (Donated by Debbie Campbell)
- \* West Of The Jetty: Easy-to-Read History of Coffs Harbour (Donated by Rosie Doherty)
- \* Sarah Jane Stringer - William Wake & Their Descendants (Donated by author, Leon Stringer)
- \* Port Macquarie - Hastings Cemetery Trail
- \* Mary Reibey - Molly Incognita 1777-1855 (Donated Patricia & Graham Lovegrove)

**CD:** Greek and Souris Family Data Collection (Donated by Robert Le Andrews, compiler)

*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

## WE ARE THE CHOSEN

My feelings are in each family we are called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before.

We are the story tellers of the tribe. We have been called as it were by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves.

How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors you have a wonderful family, you would be proud of us? How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am and why I do the things I do? It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it.

It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up. Their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are us.

So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy. And that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones.

[Author: Della M. Cumming ca 1943.]

## 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**

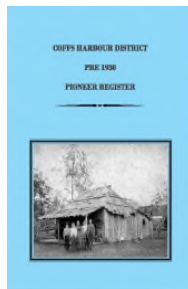
MIDWIVES



COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT  
BELLINGEN AND DORRIGO  
NAMBUCCA VALLEY

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

**COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT PRE 1930 PIONEER REGISTER**



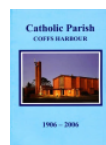
**\$5.00 each (special)**  
Plus \$15.00 P&H

**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**

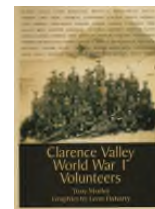


**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL COFFS HARBOUR**  
1913-2013

**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**