

DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



Newsletter 29 & 30 – March-April-May-June 2017

Location: Ground floor – Two storey Community Arts Building Western Plains Gallery, Cnr. Gipps and Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo.

Opening hours: Tuesday 1.00-4pm, Thursday 2.00-6.00pm, Friday 10.00-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00-4.00pm

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Newsletter

Management Committee Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am in DDFHS Library. Members are welcome to attend these meetings, or simply contact any of the committee listed above if you have anything you would like discussed at the meeting.

Newsletter Information The Newsletter is usually sent every 8-10 weeks with the next one due out in early August 2017. Due to my absence for six weeks, I have combined two issues into the one. **Please share** any interesting information, news of an interesting website or maybe a breakthrough with your family history, with other members. Contact Kathy on Ph.68825533/0427 971 232, or email kathyfurney47@gmail.com if you have anything that can be shared. We would love to print your item as it is exciting to hear about our members' research. Thank you to those people who have passed on information to me for publication.

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Website and Facebook Make sure you check out the website and Facebook for our society. Regular updates, with information for our members, are being made to both, and don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page.

Society News

Membership fees for 2017 are now overdue! The Annual fee for current single membership remains at \$40.00, while joint membership fee is \$45.00 and family membership \$48.00. You can post your renewal to PO Box 868, Dubbo or you can still pay in person at the DDFH rooms if you so desire. For those who prefer to pay online, banking particulars for paying are as follow:

Bank – Westpac, BSB 032 646, account no 581832

Please ensure you enter YOUR **NAME and Membership Number** (if known) in the appropriate box. If required, receipts and membership cards can be picked up in the DDFHS Library.

Please note that if you have not renewed your membership, we will be unable to supply you with a copy of our newsletter.

Scanning and Editing Digital Images – A Course for beginners will be held on **Saturday 29th July 2017, 10.00am to 1.00pm**. Dubbo & District Family History Group is pleased to offer this course which will be presented by **Danny O'Neill** who organizes the Education & Events for the Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra. Danny will show how you can make scans of your precious images and demonstrate how to edit those images using Lightroom. He will also cover how to organize, edit, enhance and catalogue your files and scans for different uses. Check out our flyer (which is available on line in the post regarding this course) for more information on Lightroom. You can also obtain the flyer from our Family History rooms.

This informative session will be held on **Saturday 29th July 2017 from 10am to 1pm**. For the small sum of **\$20 for members** and **\$30 for non-members** you can be part of his course to be held at the Community Arts Centre, where our Family History Rooms are based. **Numbers will be limited** so you will need to **register and pay** as soon as possible. The cost includes morning tea and the chance to speak to Danny. You will need to complete the **Registration Form** (which is available on line in the post regarding this course) and **return it with your payment**. Why not download the form, scan and email back, and make your payment online. The registration form will also be available in the Family History rooms. For further information on this course you can contact Robyn Allan on 0477 127700 or Linda Barnes on 6887 8284.

British Historical Newspapers Online The **January 2017** issue of the **United Kingdom Family Tree Magazine** has a comprehensive article on this subject. Ruth A Symes has put together a broad list of newspapers that are now available online, together with information about the site.

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Irish Family History Research If you are researching your Irish family history you need to check out the **March 2017** issue of the **United Kingdom Family Tree Magazine** which is filed in our journals section. Ask your librarian to show you these magazines when you are next in our family history rooms. There is an interesting and informative article by Steven Smyrl which may help you find what you are looking for.

Top 5 Websites (for beginners) In the same magazine you can find a summary of the top five websites that might be able to help you. It also gives you information on researching Scottish, Welsh or Irish ancestors.

Ancestors in Wales Another article in the same issue which may help you with your research into your ancestors in Wales.

Many other journals are available in the family history rooms. Have a browse through some of them, you never know what you will find that may help you in your research.

Share Your Story The next Share Your Story for 2017 will be on **Friday 16th June**, commencing at **2pm**. Our presenter will be **Lyn Sykes** who will share her interesting life with us. Remember you **must book** to attend, so RSVP by Tuesday, **13th June** to June Wilson at juniwil1943@gmail.com or phone 0417 690 495. The presentation will be followed by a light afternoon tea for which there is a cost of \$3.

Save the Date for 2017 The Orange Family History Group is hosting the **2017 NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference** with the theme of: *Your family story: telling recording and preserving*. The conference will be held over three days **22-24 September** in the city's cultural precinct. What a golden opportunity for anyone from Dubbo to attend a conference relating to family history. People are already booking accommodation to attend this conference, so if you are interested in attending, make sure you get in early. Have a look at the Orange Family History website or the NSWACTFHS website for more information on the conference, particularly information on "early bird" registration specials. Several Dubbo members have already booked to attend.

.Dubbo Wool Carbonising Works Does anyone remember or have any information on these works which were apparently operating in Dubbo in the 1930's and 40's. One of our members is very keen to find out more information on these works which were apparently very successful in their time. You might have someone in your family who worked there, or you may know where the works were located in Dubbo. If you are not sure what wool carbonising is it is the initial cleaning of the wool after shearing. Chris has obtained a lot of information from her search of Trove but is looking for a more personal angle on the works. Please contact Kathy Furney at Dubbo Family History or email Chris Lloyd at pezoporus@bigpond.com if you have any knowledge of this.

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Local Dubbo History Helen Bale from far north Queensland shared some of her family history with our society recently. She was researching her grandfather, Henry Kingston. The original 'Henry Kingston Grocery Store' was built on the west side of Darling Street in South Dubbo, where a few shops are still located. Later he built a new and larger store across the street at 180 Darling Street - see photo. While the verandah has now gone and the signs have been painted over, the facade is essentially the same as in Henry Kingston's day. Today the business is called the Little Darling Cafe. The new owners have lovingly renovated and refurbished the store and in keeping with the history of the building, a framed photograph of Henry Kingston hangs on the wall. Next time you find yourself on Darling Street, call into the Little Darling Cafe and soak up some of Dubbo's early history.



*Thanks to **Helen Bale** for sharing her history with us. I am sure many of us remember this store which is on the corner of Bishop and Darling Streets, Dubbo. In my younger days (1950-60's) it was called Burns' Store and was run by a family of that name. As stated there are still shops on the western side of Darling Street, which include a Butcher and Health Food Shop. Have a look at our Facebook page for more photos.*

New Social Network for Family History 'LifeTimes' is different from traditional family history websites. It enables people to contribute to a single, global family tree. Members collaborate in a voting dialogue to resolve factual inconsistencies about historical data. On 'LifeTimes Timeline' members can record the events in their lives and the lives of their family members. And 'LifeTimes Map' view shows the locations that have been important in the lives of members' families.

It's easy to get started. Members can load a GEDCOM file if they have one, or someone new to family history can start with their story. Privacy settings allow you to control who sees what information. And it's free. No joining fee. No monthly subscription.

To find out more information about 'LifeTimes' visit www.LifeTimes.co

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN OUR ROOMS OR AT SOME OF THE EVENTS HOSTED BY DDFHS