

DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



Newsletter 19 May-June 2015

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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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 sent every 8-10 weeks with the next one due out in mid-August. Anyone with interesting information, news of an interesting website, or maybe a breakthrough with their family history, please contact Kathy Ph.68825533 or email johnnkathy7@bigpond.com. We would love to print your item as it is exciting to hear about our member's research.

Feedback on the Newsletter is always welcome, or if you have an idea on how it can be improved, contact Kathy so that the suggestions can be taken to the monthly meeting. The Newsletter is normally on the Society's website www.dubbofamilyhistory.org.au soon after publication. Those without email addresses will receive the Newsletter by post.

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Note: If changing your email address, or connecting to the Internet: Please advise Ken Fuller. (See address above).

Your annual renewal subscription (\$40) can be paid online, or you can still pay in person at the DDFH rooms if you so desire. Particulars for paying on line are as follow:

Bank – Westpac, BSB 032 646, account no 581832

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

* There is a sliding scale for new members, so cost reduces each month.

Society News

New Website, new website!! The biggest news for our society in a long time is our new website is now up and running. Please take the time to have a look at it and let us know what you think. We are looking for feedback.

New format for our Newsletter As can be seen, work is ongoing in an effort to make our newsletter look more attractive and easier to read. It is a work in progress, so please bear with us.

Think Tank Group We are happy to inform our members that our **Think Tank Group** has been reformed. The core group of June Wilson, Jenny Bruce and Robyn Allan would love to have other people join them in this monthly gathering. It is an opportunity to discuss your research with likeminded people, find out about how to use the various websites for family research, where to look if you hit a brick wall, and utilise the resources available in our rooms. The group commenced in April and will meet in the family history rooms on the **first Wednesday** of each month, so the next meeting will be the 3rd June, followed by 1st July. For more information contact June Wilson on 68825366 or email her at juniwil@clearmail.com.au

New entry door Many members may not be aware that a new entry door with a glass panel in it, has been installed at our rooms in the cultural precinct. This has been installed for the security of librarians who maybe in the rooms on their own.

Family History Journals (by Carol Korn) Our library receives an extensive range of journals and newsletter from other Family History Societies in Australia and overseas. Some arrive in print whilst others arrive by email. Those arriving by email are as follow: Sunshine Coast, Central Coast, Richmond Tweed, Monaro, Port Macquarie, Cowra, Kuringai, Cairns, Ipswich, Coffs Harbour, Young, Manning, Wallamba, Royal Australian Historical Society, Lane Cove, Federation of Family History Societies, North Queensland, Bathurst, Australian Federation of Family History Organisations, Manly Warringah & Pittwater, History Detective, Inverell, North Shore, Toowoomba & Darling Downs, Port Stephens, Gladstone and Kiama. These are contained on a labelled USB stick which hangs near the door closest to the

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photocopier.

Don't forget these newsletters are valuable research documents. Choose an area you are interested in and if time is short, simply use *Find* to locate something of interest. Eg by inserting *Dubbo*, The Bathurst newsletter of July- September, 2014 had an article, *Book Once Owned by Rev. Julian Edmund Tenison Woods*, which contained: *Following his ordination by Bishop Matthew Quinn on 14th August, 1881, at Bathurst, Rev. Father Curran was posted to Dubbo in 1881 and appointed Inspector of Schools for the Bathurst Diocese. In 1884 his paper on 'Fossil plants from Dubbo' was published in Sydney.* In the April- June, 2014 edition of the Bathurst newsletter was an article by elder Bill Allen entitled *Wiradjuri Country*. The Federation of Family History Societies journal in January 2014 had an article on *Families in British India Society* and there have recently been articles on *Convicts of the AA Company* in the Port Stephen newsletters. For those interested in World War 1, many journals and newsletters in 2014 contained articles on World War 1 soldiers. No doubt this will continue in 2015. Remember, if you write an article on your family research for our newsletter, people all over Australia will be able to access it, and perhaps that brick wall will crumble.

World War 1 With the focus fully on the Anzac anniversary, members are reminded of the journal held in our rooms called "Digger". This is published by a group called the Families and Friends of the First AIF Inc. It has a local flavour being edited by a Dubbo resident. If you are at all interested in stories of the First World War, you must have a look at these journals

General information

Annual Family History Conference A reminder to everyone that the Annual Family History Conference will be held from **11th-13th September 2015**. The conference this year will be hosted by the Port Macquarie & District Family History Society. This is a great forum for learning more about family history research, and maybe an opportunity to have a break at the Coast. It would be good if we could get some representatives to attend this conference. Check out the Port Macquarie website for more information.

My Data & Ancestry.com (by Ben Mercer, of Ancestry.com.au) taken from The Journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists, (SAG) March 2015 issue. Following on from the article by Carol Korn about our journals, I noticed the subject information when flicking through this journal. The article is a particularly interesting one if you have loaded your family tree onto Ancestry. It answers questions relating to such things as ownership, access, and copyright.

The Journal is available in our rooms to all members for reading, so why not come in and have a look for yourself.

Using DNA with your family history research We are hearing more and more about using DNA in your family tree research. Another article in the same Journal from SAG gives a

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good insight into this latest form of research. Again check it out in the Journal. Just to show how popular this is becoming there was an article in the Sun Herald of the 31st May 2015, headed "Who are you? DNA test provides the answer".

Convict Women and Orphan Girls The society recently received an email relating to series recently broadcast on the History channel. It may be of interest to some of our members.

"We hear that many people are asking how they can get a DVD of the series **Convict Women and Orphan Girls**, which has recently been broadcast on the History channel in Australia & New Zealand. As the Irish filmmakers of this documentary series we would be grateful if you could pass on this message/copy this email with the link www.convictwomenandorphangirls to your members and associates so they can contact us if they so wish.

The series tells the story of the over 25,000 women, more than half of whom were Irish, who were transported as convicts between 1787 and 1853, and of the over 4000 young orphan girls who were taken under the Earl Grey Scheme 1848-1850 from the Irish workhouses to the colonies where men outnumbered women by 9 to 1 in the outback.

We set out in making the series to rescue these women and girls from obscurity and restore their historical importance in building the modern Australian nation.

We are delighted that the series has been highly acclaimed; it is a testament to the women's stories, struggles, achievements and legacy.

Barrie Dowdall & Siobhán Lynam Email: barriedowdall@gmail.com
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New South Wales Probate Notices Online Until 2013, New South Wales Probate Notices were required to be published in the newspapers. This is no longer the case, however the Supreme Court of New South Wales does require that Probate Notices appear

on their website. It is easy to search for a Probate Notice appearing after 21 January 2013 on <https://onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/content/probate-notices>.

Biggest Digitization of Irish Genealogy Records to Begin The National Library of Ireland (NLI) is to digitise more than 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilm and publish them online for free. In what is being described as the most significant ever digitisation project for Irish genealogy, the microfilms will be available online for free from the NLI by the end of 2015. These records are considered to be the single most important source of Irish family history prior to the 1901 census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s they cover 1,091 parishes throughout Ireland, and consist mainly of baptismal and marriage records. Details can be found at <http://goo.gl/JYSTG6>.

From Illawarra Branches journal for March 2015. Posted by Dick Eastman Dec 2014
www.blog.eogn.com

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Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) has launched another new database to add to those already found on its website www.irishancestors.ie The Early Irish Birth Index (EIBI) aims to bring to the attention of Irish genealogists the myriad of alternative sources noting birth information in Ireland. The EIBI holds over 5,000 records of alternatives sources for births in Ireland, ranging from early Irish census records, Registry of Deeds' memorials, newspapers, gravestone inscriptions, diaries and letters. There are in excess of 10,400 names mentioned. This second database joins a similar source, The Early Irish Marriage Index for marriage records in Ireland which was created in 2012 and now holds over 47,000 names of brides, grooms and relatives.

From Illawarra Branches journal for March 2015. Posted by Dick Eastman Feb.16 2015 – www.blog.eogn.com

Book Notes Two books have recently been published which relate to places in our area. The first one is called "*In the line of fire: Gunnedah and District's role in the Great War*". It was written by Ron McLean and published by the Gunnedah & District Historical Society Inc. Gunnedah was a community with less than 3000 people when war broke out, but 500 of the young men enlisted to fight. Copies are available from the publisher.

The second book is called "*News from Mudgee: a chronological history of Mudgee 1821-1921*". This was written by Peter Johnson. It would be a must for anyone with an interest in the Mudgee area. Copies are available from the author: pjohnsonx2@gmail.com

Can you help section?

We have had enquiries relating to the following. If you can help out at all please make contact as shown with each enquiry.

PARKINS Edward b c1852 London, d 1920 Petersham, bur Dubbo; m (1) 1872 Amy BROCK; m (2) Maria TABOR. Children: George H, Matilda A, Rosina, May D, Ivy E, Percy, Edward.

Edward was a cabinet maker & upholsterer. Rosina's child, Maria grew up in Leeton.

Contact Ms Judith Nolan 336 Petersham Rd Leeton NSW 2705
Ph.: 02 69533170 or Email judith.nolan@bigpond.com

BREWSTER John Gray, b1824 Dublin(?) where his father had a legal business; arrived Australia 1840 aged c16; m Qld 1851 Rosina Herbert MURPHY (she died 1875 Woollahra). In 1848 he had "Rosevale" Moreton Bay. Bought Cumbooglecumbong & Cullenburrewang 1857; retired to England

Contact Beverley Deane 32 Woodstock Rd Tamworth NSW 2340 Email bev99@hotmail.com

MOSTYN Harriet Rosina b c1825; m (1) 1846 Thomas SMITH; m (2) Charles Henry MASSART; d 1913 Dubbo; Ten children with Thomas Smith and 4 with Charles Massart. Thomas was a convict on "Bengal Merchant" in 1834 aged c 15. He died 1853

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aged 32, buried Wellington Pioneer Cemetery.

Contact Christopher Madden 31 Wallace St Wauchope NSW 2446

Ph. 02 65860764 or Email alexmadden@bigpond.com

MULLEN John b1820 Ireland; m 1853 Adelaide to Mary Kelly; d 1890 Kapunda SA 7+ children

MILLS William Whitfield b1844 UK; m 1879 Kapunda to Mary Mullen; d 1916 WA 2 children

Contact Janice Stanford 379 Macquarie St Dubbo NSW 2830

Ph. 02 68840073 or Email terraview@hotmail.com

GOOLEY Haddock Catherine Ann b1875 Gulgong; m1898 Michael Gooley; Michael d1935 Redfern 6 children

Contact Mary Hughes 56 Forth Street Adamstown NSW 2289

Ph. 0404110026 or Email maryeh1941@gmail.com

Parramatta Female Factory If you have any interest in this area of research this would be a good group to contact or even join. They have set up a website <https://parramattafemalefactories.wordpress.com> and can be contacted at parramattafemalefactoryfriends@gmail.com or Box 1358, Parramatta. 2150. They are publishing a newsletter bimonthly, with the first issue coming out recently.

Notice of Family Reunion Descendants of Robert **Hobbs** (Active 1791) & Bridget **Eslin** (Sugar Cane 1793) are invited to attend the **225th** Wedding Anniversary of their marriage to be held at the Richmond School of Arts 26 West Market Street, Richmond NSW on Saturday 31st October 2015 10 am to 3 pm. \$5 entry (children free) Light Refreshments & drinks available

Please join with us to remember the sacrifices and hardships endured by this couple and to say Thank You.

Bring along your family, bring along your research. All are invited to write a short page of their memories of the Hobbs Millions stories as handed down through their family.

RSVP – ASAP bevwoodman46@gmail.com

Phone: 0438 494 684 / 02 49468491

The venue is within easy walking distance from the train station. For accommodation information please contact Bev or check out the information on the Hobbs Family Reunion Facebook page. Robert Hobbs'

gold legal seals will be on display at the Windsor Library prior to and after the weekend. Stay awhile and enjoy the home towns of our ancestors – visit the Hawkesbury Information Centre at Clarendon to pick up your information package of places to visit.