



Bully Tin

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

No.161

President: Hazel Magann
(02) 8807 0169

Secretary: Sue Breeze
(02) 4735 1818

Treasurer: Judy McLeod
(02) 4733 1631

**Library
Co-ordinator:** Sue Breeze
(02) 4735 1818

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - 5 - 8pm

Tuesday 10am - 2pm -

Wednesday 10am - 2pm -

Thursday 10am - 2pm 7 - 9pm

Saturday 2 - 5pm -

Closed Fridays, Sundays and Public Holidays

Address:
Old School Residence
Great Western Highway, off Lawson Street
Emu Plains NSW

Postal Address:
P.O. Box 81
Emu Plains NSW 2750

Telephone:
(02) 4735 3798

Meetings:
First Saturday of each month (except January)
1.30p.m. at the Library

Internet Address:
www.nepeanfhs.org.au

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 3rd December. There will be no General Meeting that day.

Members are invited to attend and bring a guest if they wish. Come along and enjoy the festivities, the fun, the food and the chance to win prizes!

Date: Saturday 3rd December 2011

Venue: The Old School Hall, Emu Plains
(adjacent to our library)

Time: 6pm for 6.30pm

It is essential for catering purposes that we know how many members will be attending. Please RSVP by 30th November to:-

Sue Breeze 02 4735 1818
suebreeze@optusnet.com.au
Rose Greene 02 4735 8374
rosegreene@optusnet.com.au

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The Nepean FHS Library will close for the Christmas period from 5pm Saturday 17th December, 2011 and re-open 5pm Monday 10th January, 2012

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle is a much needed fundraiser for the Society. The draw will be made on Saturday 3rd December at the Christmas party.

Don't forget to send your tickets in. We hope all our members will participate.

You've got to be in it to win it!!!

Society News

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2012

Once again, the Committee has decided that there will be no increase in membership fees for 2012.

As the 2011 membership year is drawing to a close, renewals will soon be due for 2012 and can be paid at any time from now on.

Your renewal form is included with this issue of Bully Tin. Please return it with your payment by cash, cheque or money order, either at the Library during opening hours or by post to:-

NFHS Memberships
PO Box 81, Emu Plains NSW 2750

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

LAST REMINDER

The updated list of Members' Interests is almost ready to put up onto the website. If you have not yet provided your interests and wish to do so, please complete the form and return it as soon as possible.

You can collect the form from the Library or you can request it to be emailed to you. Please print the form and deliver it to the Library or post it to:

NFHS Members Interests
PO Box 81, Emu Plains NSW 2750
membership@nepeanfhs.org.au

TIMESPAN

The Timespan editor needs articles for the December issue.

It's that time of year again folks. I am looking for Christmas stories if possible, or maybe a Christmas poem or favourite Christmas recipe. If not, an article about your childhood memories, family history research, news or anything that would be of interest to our readers.

The deadline for the December issue is 15th November. If you have something you would like to contribute please send it on disk or hard copy to:-

Timespan Editor
PO Box 81, Emu Plains 2750
rosegreene@optusnet.com.au

NEW NFHS PUBLICATION

Our latest publication is the **1913 State Electoral Roll** covering the Penrith area as follows:-

Camden: Bringelly, Erskine Park, Exeter Farms, Kingswood, Luddenham, St. Marys, Wallacia.

Hawkesbury: Agnes Banks, Castlereagh, Cranebrook, Emu, Glenbrook, Jamison Town, Llandilo, Mulgoa, Penrith, Upper Castlereagh.

This is in book form and contains over 4,800 names. **Price \$15.00** plus p&p. Available from:

NFHS Publications
PO Box 81, Emu Plains NSW 2750
publications@nepeanfhs.org.au

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Due to various reasons, some of our library assistants are unable to continue doing library duty. We are looking for volunteers to fill the gaps. Becoming a library assistant is a great way to get to know what records are kept in which room etc, and how best to help other members to do their research (as well as your own). If you have a few hours a month to spare please contact

Joy Harper 02 4739 3382

INTERNET

The Society's Committee is looking at the possibility of getting the Internet installed at the Library. We are looking at the various options available to us for both hardware and funding. If any member has the appropriate skills and is interested in assisting, please contact:

Judy McLeod 02 4733 1631
publications@nepeanfhs.org.au

NEW ACCESSIONS

Books

- Discover Scottish Church Records
- DNA For Genealogists
- Sewerage Records
- All unit Histories of the Great War 1914 – 1918
- Death Certificates and Archaic Medical Terms

Cemeteries

- Glen Innes Cemetery Records
- Glen Innes District Cemetery Records

Fiche

- Leone Index – Italians in 19th century Victoria

REUNIONS/SEMINARS

Murphy – Ditton – Goodfellow & related families, descendants of John Gannon **MURPHY** and Jessie **DITTON**, are planning to hold a family reunion at Easter 2012 in Casino, NSW. This date will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Keith Murphy, son of John and Jessie, which is actually on 30th March. As yet we are in the early stages of planning. This letter is to claim the date and to seek contact with as many family members as possible to add to our contact list. For further information and to indicate your interest, please contact:

Eileen Thompson 02 6551 7674
20 Stevenson Street, Taree NSW, 2430
davis.reunion@bigpond.com

The descendants of the **SOLOMON** Family are holding a family reunion on 1 - 12 March 2012 at Melbourne, Australia.

Associated surnames include Alexander, Barnett, Cohen, Isaacs, Marks, Moss, Myers, Phillips. There will be local and international speakers. Further details from:-

Jenny and Katrina
katrina.jenny@bigpond.com

A reunion is to be held in April 2012 for the descendants of Joseph Thorpe **TAYLOR** and Lydia **LITTLE** who arrived in Tasmania aboard the *Essex* in January 1873. Please contact:

Jenny Bissell
12 Waterfall Rd. Heathcote, NSW 2233
pjbiss@optusnet.com.au

SEWELL REUNION The descendants of **George SEWELL** are invited to gather in the Southern Highlands of NSW on the weekend commencing 5th November 2011 at Mittagong RSL Club. George SEWELL came from Beverley in Yorkshire and arrived in Sydney as a convict in 1814. His wife, Ellen, and their children arrived soon after. Following his seven year sentence, George was granted land by the Governor and, in 1828, settled in Sutton Forest near Moss Vale.

Stan Gordon 02 6658 7955
8 Linden Ave, Toormina NSW 2452
pops.patch@bigpond.com

State Records Open Day - Friday 28th October
10am-4pm.

- Go behind the scenes to where the archives are stored
- View hidden treasures from the collection (including Governor Phillip's 1792 map of Sydney, original convict records, the *Register of Bodies Received* (at the Sydney Morgue), watercolour sketches for the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and Jørn Utzon's original Competition drawings for the Sydney Opera House)
- Stop by conservation to see our conservators at work, preserving our cultural heritage.

There are limited spaces available in some workshops so make sure you book early.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/open-day>

Mount Druitt Historical Society is holding an open day at "The Manse", The Avenue, Mt. Druitt, on Saturday 22nd October, 10am-4pm.

Sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas, various stalls, tour of "The Manse". **Speaker – Judith Dunn.** Gold coin donation.

The Society of Australian Genealogists Parramatta Heritage Centre Tour, Tuesday 15th November, 346a Church St., Parramatta.

10.30am – 12.30pm. Join Gay Hendrickson for a tour of their unique collection. Learn how those resources are used to research the subjects featured in their wonderful exhibitions such as "Women Transported: Life in Australia's Female Convict Factories", etc. Assemble at the centre at 10.30am for the tour. \$15 Members \$20 non-members. Bookings essential. Further details at:

www.sag.org.au

Sydney Architecture Festival - Celebrating Architecture in Penrith City – a special event.

Celebrate the stories behind the buildings in Penrith on Saturday 22nd October. This is a free day to hear some great speakers give their thoughts on the architectural changes to our city. Afterwards, a bus will take a group on a tour of Penrith Lakes, including Hadley House. This is a rare and **FREE** opportunity. To register, please ring Penrith Council 02 4732 8034.

http://www.sydneyarchitecturefestival.org/component/option,com_events/Itemid,109/agid,55/task,view_detail/

OVERSEAS JOURNALS

FH Society NZ Inc

Vol.42.No.2 .Aug/Nov 2011

- Pioneers of the Plains
- Ashburton and its Early Days
- A Vanished Custom

Oxfordshire FHS

Vol.25.No.2. August 2011

- News from the Churchyards
- News from Berkshire Record Office
- Murder at the White House

The Lancashire FH & Heraldry Soc

Vol.33. No.3. August 2011

- Irish Ancestry
- Lancashire Church Records
- Captured Memories 1900-1918
- Across the Threshold of War

NZ Soc of Genealogist Inc

Vol.42. No.330. July/August 2011

- Maori Prisoners from South
- Taranaki
- The Wrath of God
- The story of the Sarah Ann

AUSTRALIAN JOURNALS

Tamworth & Dist FH Group Inc

July 2011

- Extract – Journal of Rev. JFR Whinfield
- Extracts from Maitland Mercury
- Who was Who on Liverpool Plains

Cowra FH Group Inc

Vol.29.No.2. April 2011

- Problems with online family tree databases
- The London Gazette

Central Coast FHS Inc

No.103. August 2011

- Harriet's Story
- Finding Jack
- In the absence of an official Birth Certificate

Burwood & Dist FH Group

Vol.24.No.2. July 2011

- Newington Asylum: The History, Matrons and Inmates
- Those Strange German Given Names

Queensland FHS Inc

Vol.32.No.3. August 2011

- In The Hands Of God
- Mapping Queensland 1859-2000
- 1911 Census Records for Scotland go online for the first time

FH Assoc of North Qld Inc

Vol.30.No.2. July 2011

- Girls at Townsville Grammar School, 1893-1914
- North Queensland Legal Practitioners Data Base 1861-1964

NEWSPAPERS ON LINE

Seven Hawkesbury newspapers are now available on line. They are:-

- Australian, Windsor, Richmond & Hawkesbury Advertiser 1873-1899
- Hawkesbury Chronicle & Farmer's Advocate 1881-1888
- Hawkesbury Courier & Agricultural & General Advertiser 1845-1846
- Hawkesbury Advocate 1899-1900
- Hawkesbury Herald 1902-1945
- Windsor & Richmond Gazette 1888-1921
- Windsor Express & Richmond Advertiser 1843-1844

Access to the above newspapers is via:

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

WEB SITES

Voices from the Past - A relatively new site with only a couple of entries that are biographical stories of ancestors. Submissions are requested from genealogists for genealogists.

www.voicesfromthepast.com.au

Australian Royalty - A site celebrating convict ancestors, Australia's own "royalty", and their descendants. At last count it consisted of 49,700 individual names.

www.easystreetretreat.com.au/australianroyalty

COMING EVENTS

Saturday November 5th – General Meeting
Speakers: Sandra Campbell & Robert Croft – Graves of some of Australia's important Government officials.

Saturday December 3rd – Christmas Party

Saturday January 7th – No meeting

Saturday February 4th – General Meeting
Speaker: Patrick Callahan – Re-interments from Balmain Cemetery