Maitland & Beyond Family History Society Inc.

Newsletter for April 2017

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General and Committee Meetings.
The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 April at 10 am please come along and support your Society.

Opening Hours
The opening hours are:-
- Wednesdays 9:30 am. to 3 pm.
- Saturdays 9:30 am. to 3 pm.

Note – The Barracks will be closed on Saturday 15 April – Easter Saturday

Membership
A big welcome to the following who have joined or re-joined since the last newsletter:- Margaret Gibbs, Alison Rix, Eileen Rule, Roger Seymour.

Fundraising
BBQ at Bunnings
Our last Bunnings BBQs in March raised a total of $527.50 and Donations $9.25 for the Society.

Table Magnifier
The Society has only one Table Magnifier left for sale. The magnifier have a magnification of 3.5 and LED lighting. The cost is $25.00. When sold out, we will be out of stock until more become available again.

Mugs
The Society has the above mugs with the society’s new logo for sale. The cost is $10.00

USB Drives
The Society also has for sale 8GB USB Drives for $9.00.

These above items are available from the office.

Future fund raising
In future we are considering the following as fund raising items - Aprons, Max shopping bags, tea towels, bucket hats all with our logo on. Any other fund raising suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Website
Have you visited our new website? Our website has been up and running for a while now and Kerry Farley is doing a great job, so stop by and have a look. www.mbfh.org.au

BDA-online & Findmypast
As well as Ancestry we now have subscriptions to BDA-online and Findmypast. Access to these are available at the Barracks free as part of your membership.

Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples
Library
The books in the library are available to all members to read in the library or to take out on loan. Some special reference books are restricted.

Upcoming Events

**BBQ Bunnings**
Friday 12 May 2017
Friday 9 June 2017
Friday 14 July 2017
Friday 11 August 2017
Friday 8 September 2017
Friday 13 October 2017
Friday 10 November 2017
Friday 8 December 2017

*If you can assist with any of the upcoming BBQs please advise the Society.*

**Guest Speaker**
During the next coming months the society has organised the following guest speaker.

**Heritage Projects in Maitland**
**Wednesday 3rd May, 2017**
**Clare James** from Maitland City Council is presenting an information talk about her ‘ROLE in HERITAGE PROJECTS’.
Clare will speak from 10am to 10.30am. Following her talk she will be available for any questions you may have.

**Cost** for non-member will be $5.00

Please contact the Society to book a seat or enter your name in the Booking Folder when you next attend the Barracks.

**Researching Convicts in Australia**
May 9 2017 6pm – 7:30pm
June 20 2017 6pm – 7:30pm
Researching a convict from the time they arrive in Australia. Most of what you need to research your convict ancestors is available at MBFHS.

Please contact the Society to book a seat or enter your name in the Booking Folder when you next attend the Barracks.

**Jewish Cemetery**
August 20 2017 10am – 12pm
Jewish Cemetery off Louth Park Road

Open day and walk around the cemetery

**Windows into Wartime**
State Records have an exhibition of Windows into Wartime: Home front insights through the lens of NSW Government photographers.

This exhibition is free at the Western Sydney Records Centre until 9 September 2017.

**Congress 2018**
The Society of Australian Genealogists is hosting the next Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry in 2018 at the International Convention Centre Darling Harbour Sydney.

Further information can be obtained at [www.congress2018.org.au](http://www.congress2018.org.au)

**Research Requests**
As from this newsletter there will be a list of research requests that we have received during the month. If you have information on any of the requests please contact Chris Barrett via an email to the society.

A number of research requests have also been received by our Cemetery officer requesting burial locations

**William Spencer** 1800-1855 and **Elizabeth Glendenning** 1800-1874 lived at Bolwarra (information requested re family, land holdings etc)

**Kieran & Catherine Rigney**, buried Singleton Catholic Cemetery (details of family, where did they live and why buried at Singleton)
William Patrick Kelly & Annie Florence O’Neill married in Gunnedah 1888
(request to identify parents of William and when he died and where buried)
Ann White - buried Campbell’s Hill Cemetery
(requested exact location of grave)

William Bartley – buried Hiland Crescent
(requested exact location of grave)

Robert Judd, convict arrived 1836 on Bengal Merchant (Where did he go and when did he die?)

Albert Henry Jury and Hannah Margaret Jury
– had a butcher shop in Maitland (Any information of their time in Maitland)

John Thomas Mawbey (Descendant information)

Con Irwin (request for the address of his barber shop in High Street, Maitland)

Edward Donaghy and Ann Feirclough (Faircloth) -(Descendant information)

Margaret Elizabeth Smith who married Robert Dawson Campbell in Adelong in 1871
(Family and descendant information)

Lawrence Keith Green (Parents names and any family history)

Catherine & Jacob Trunk, both buried Campbell’s Hill - Information requested re headstone and exact location of graves)

William Farlow Osborn - (Where and when he taught as a schoolmaster – was also a member of the Mounted Police)

Lionel Harry Barden - (Juvenile Justice Records)

Tales of the Terrace

Raymond Terrace Historical Society is holding an open day on Sunday 23 April at Sketchley Pioneer Cottage.
HEAR FASCINATING STORIES FROM OUR PAST LOCAL AND INDIGENOUS RESIDENTS WHICH WILL BRING TO LIFE THE REALITIES OF LIVING 100 YEARS AGO IN OUR RURAL HUNTER, AND SERVING IN THE BOER & 1st WORLD WARS
REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL
rsvp: phone LARAIN 0419 547682 ROBYN 49876333

Reunions, Gatherings etc.

Hill End Family History Weekend
The Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, and Hill End Family History have combined forces and resources to present two and a half days of research in Hill End over the weekend of 5 - 7 May 2017.

The full details, bookings and program are available on our website at Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group

Johnston and Henderson Reunion
Descendants of WILLIAM and ISABELLA (nee Cunningham) JOHNSTON from Whitsome, Scotland, and William’s friend Michael Henderson, who arrived in Australia in 1817 and settled in the Bathurst and Wingham districts are invited to a reunion to celebrate 200 years since their arrival in Australia, 5-6 August 2017 at Wingham Golf Club, Wingham, NSW.
Enquiries to Margaret Chaffer – margaretchaffer@bigpond.com

Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... I seek!
**Dixon Family Reunion**
The Descendants of Frederick Horatio and Jane (Nee Eckford) Dixon are holding a family reunion at Maitland on 25 November 2017 to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Fred arriving in Australia.

Some of the associated families are Baker, Bell, Black, Capp, Cliff, Coward, Eckford, Gallen, Hills, Mitchell, Muirhead, Paterson, Suters, Tait, Volmer and Walters.

Contact Allan Shepherd  0419 601 226 or email  alshep724@gmail.com

**Duckenfield House**
The design, building and ultimate disappearance of the once grand Duckenfield House, home of the Eales family, is a story of colonial prosperity, ambition and the rise and fall of a family pastoral dynasty.

Join David Brouwer, author of *John Eales of Duckenfield*, as he recounts the compelling story of John Eales and the succeeding generations of the Eales family, whose Duckenfield House once stood as a dazzling monument to their wealth and social standing but is now sadly lost forever.

**Thursday 20 April**
6.00pm - 7.30pm
East Maitland Library
Free
This is the link to book a seat for the talk

**Discover Your Convicts Ancestors With UTAS**

Convict, prison and court records can provide rich, if sometimes disturbing evidence, of the lives led by past ancestors. This course will draw upon the expertise of leading historians of crime, the law and convict transportation to help you navigate and piece together stories from the vast records of our criminal justice system.

The “Convict Ancestors” course is a **FREE** online course held by the University of Tasmanian (UTAS). This course runs from Monday **24th April 2017** through until Friday **16th June 2017**, and includes a two week break. **The last date to register for this course is Friday, 21 April 2017.**

On successful completion of this unit you will be:

- Familiar with the wide range of historic records available to locate individual convicts transported to the Australian penal colonies and to trace their life course experiences.
- Able to read, transcribe, and understand key material presented within convict records.
- Able to situate the experiences of individual convicts within a relevant wider context and convey this information to a wider audience.

For further information and register, visit the UTAS website :-
www.utas.edu.au/arts-law/study/convict-ancestors

**Book and CD Launchings**

**Coalmining Related Deaths Hunter Valley, NSW 1951 - 1975**
The Newcastle Family History Society is holding a book launch of the above book at their meeting room 68 Elder St Lambton NSW on Tuesday April 11 at 2pm.

Guest speaker is Grahame Kelly, Northern District Secretary CFMEU.

Afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion of the launch. For more information contact NFHS at Email: nfhsinc@gmail.com
Remembrance – Newcastle’s First World War Memorials

The Newcastle Family History Society is holding a CD launch of the above CD at Wallsend Diggers Club on April 11 at 10:30 am for an 11 am start.

RSVP by April 15 to mailto:kenandmaree@gmail.com

Note, Please bring identification such as driver’s licence for entry into the club.